

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Bulletin 92 – 10 September 2021

Situation report

- Nationally, there are 7,132,072 cases, an increase of 952,566 since the last bulletin on 13 August.
- In Gloucestershire, there are 2,250 cases, an increase of 405 since the last bulletin. The rate per 100,000 is 351.
- In Tewkesbury, there are 286 cases, a decrease of 376 since the last bulletin. The rate per 100,000 is 296.
- Across Gloucestershire:
 - 23 patients have been admitted to hospital in the last seven days.
 - 113 new patients are being treated at home in virtual wards - 92 of these have been fully vaccinated.
 - Two people have lost their lives to Covid in the last seven days.
 - The highest number of outbreaks (17) has occurred in adult social care settings.
- The R-rate is between 1.0 and 1.4 which is higher than last week.

Service delivery

- Ubico are continuing to deliver services effectively despite the national driver shortage. They have recently recruited two additional drivers.

Environmental health:

- Officers are continuing to deal with a large number of events including many temporary event notices.
- Officers are successfully managing outbreak control by liaising with businesses and health protection.
- Officers are working with health protection to arrange for more mobile vaccination and testing centres in order to improve take-up for specific groups.
- A training programme to be delivered to businesses on health and safety and risk assessments is being developed.
- We are extending the contracts for Covid Community Protection Officers (CPOs) until the end of March 2022. This extension is funded from the Covid Outbreak Management Fund from the County Council. They will now be given additional responsibility to support environmental crime work. CPOs have been very well received by residents and businesses, and have done excellent engagement work delivering advice on Covid safety.

Community

- Summer Grants - work is in progress to develop a scheme to support vulnerable families with young people. This will involve providing food vouchers funded through Gloucestershire County Council. Once the scheme is confirmed, the information will be shared in more detail with members.
- Holiday Activity Fund – Young Gloucestershire were commissioned to provide activities and food parcels - at a number of locations across the borough - for many young people during the summer. This was also funded through Gloucestershire County Council. When more data is available it will be shared with members.
- Covid-19 Community Grants – applications continue to be submitted on a regular basis. 139 applications have been funded, at a total of £114,079.
- Barnwood Trust – an event was held on Thursday, 9 September following a study on the work of the voluntary community sector and community response during the pandemic. The outcomes are attached.
- High Street Heritage Action Zone – on Saturday, 18 September, in line with Heritage Open Days, there will be a 'Regenerate our High Street' event for the Heritage Action Zone. Promotional poster attached.