

Message in a Bottle - important medical facts to help the emergency services help you.

The Lions Message in a Bottle scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage people to keep their personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location - the Fridge. It's a national program run and funded by the Lions and used by our paramedics and their patients all over the country. Whilst it is focused on the more vulnerable people in our community, anyone can have an accident at home, so this scheme can benefit anyone, including you. If you know of an elderly person or relative, particularly if they are on their own, then please consider getting them a message in a bottle to keep at home. It could be a life saver in cases of illness.

How does the scheme work? As the name suggests, the personal information is kept in a small plastic bottle. The bottle has a push-fit lid and is big enough to hold the necessary information. The bottle is then kept in the fridge, where the emergency services will expect to look for it in the event of being called to your home. They will be alerted to your membership of the scheme by two 'green cross' labels that are provided. One is fixed to the back of the front door (or the door most used to access the premises), the second is attached to the door of the fridge.

Where can I get a Bottle from? Your Parish Council has supplies of the bottles and forms and they are available from the Information Hub in the High Street. They will also be available in some other venues, which we will publicise shortly. The bottles are free of charge.

What information is needed? The information you need to provide is quite straight forward:

- Your full name and brief physical description
- Your doctors name and the surgery address & telephone number
- A brief description of any medical conditions you are suffering from - your doctor or carer will help if you are uncertain
- The names, addresses and telephone numbers of two persons who may be contacted in the event of an emergency - sudden illness or accident
- Details of any pets which may be on the premises and need to be cared for
- Are YOU a Carer? If so, for whom and where do they live?

In addition, we strongly recommend that you also include your repeat prescription list. This is produced every time a repeat prescription is ordered, and this information is of great value to the Ambulance Service. (Paramedics are able to administer drugs, but need to know of any you are already taking to eliminate the risk of drug interaction).

If you know of any individual or couple who would benefit from this programme, please the Parish Council.

LITTER ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Recently there have been comments on FB about litter left on the playing field. There have also been reports of dog faeces being left there too. Please respect the privilege that we have with this facility in the village. Clean up after your dog and pick up your litter, there are bins around the field that you can deposit it all in.

NEW INFORMATION HUB

The telephone kiosk in the High Street has now been re-launched as the Dilton Marsh Information Hub.

The kiosk provides a wide variety of information and signposting – please do visit!

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 19th May at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall – all welcome to attend. Annual Council Meeting to follow. Please come along and hear about the work of the PC during 2021/22.

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