

With "working together" central to what we do we have been working closely together with our local businesses and community during the current coronavirus pandemic we find ourselves in and pleased to share with you some of the help and support we have offered and will continue to offer during these times.

As of lunchtime on April 7<sup>th</sup> over 50 fresh and fruit and vegetable boxes have been ordered to be delivered to Sidcup's most vulnerable and in need including the elderly, those considered high risk and keyworkers currently working tirelessly during the coronavirus pandemic. The feedback and gratitude have been overwhelming. "What a wonderful idea, this means so much, thank you" "This is so kind and gratefully received" "You have made me so happy and put a smile on my face." Sidcup Partners are proud to be supporting the local community during these challenging and unpredictable times.



These boxes will be delivered on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April across Sidcup and will include a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables and eggs supplied and delivered by Sidcup locals including Mark from The Hackney Carriage in Sidcup who are keen to also give back at this time.

Sidcup Partners chairperson Sue Petty delivered 100 facemasks supplied at cost from Aspire Chemist Sidcup to the keyworkers of Waitrose, Sidcup as a thank you for their continued hard work. Upon sharing this on our social media pages we received such wonderful feedback from the customers of Waitrose who praised the keyworkers in the store for their hard work saying "I am so thankful to the Sidcup Waitrose for how they have handled this situation, thanks to all the kind and pleasant staff"



Continuing to show our support to the keyworkers within our community we have also ordered ready for delivery 100 hand creams for NHS Staff working at our local Queen Marys Hospital, these will be delivered during the week on 14<sup>th</sup> April. We thank them for their continued dedication and tireless efforts.



We were disappointed to have to cancel our upcoming event Sidcup-asaurus event and had already purchased the Easter eggs for the event. Not wanting them to go to waste we donated them to local food banks and hospitals where they were gratefully received. We hope to reschedule our event for later in the year.



We have been overwhelmed with the offer of voluntary work and support from the local community and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued offer of support. We recommend that you contact Bexley Council at <a href="https://www.bvsc.co.uk/covid-19">www.bvsc.co.uk/covid-19</a> if you are interested in volunteering.

Please keep up to date with the latest work of Sidcup Partners by following us across our social media pages including Facebook. Twitter and Instagram or through our website <a href="www.sidcuppartners.co.uk">www.sidcuppartners.co.uk</a>. We have been working tirelessly to keep our website up to date not only with our latest support and help offered to the community but also for businesses including information relating to available grants.

In the meantime if you know of any other ways in which we can help businesses or the local community please do not hesitate to get in touch, we are always happy to answer any questions or simply chat to those feeling vulnerable or lonely at this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Stay Home, Stay Safe and look after eachother.