



ROBERTSBRIDGE & SALEHURST

HELPING HANDS



Christmas is almost upon us. At the start of December we had a sprinkling of snow and, as if by magic, Christmas trees went up on houses, then willow sculptures and lanterns appeared lit up outside houses, and decorations on lamp posts. **Thank you to all the volunteers who helped this happen, it is a wonderful sight.** The Darvell Bruderhof Community have also treated local families to a truly magical Christmas Drive Thru. We know that Christmas will be different this year, but we hope these community efforts bring some seasonal cheer.

In light of the announcement that we move into Tier 3 on Saturday 19th December, along with the whole of Rother and Hastings, we appeal to everyone to:

- Continue to keep to the strict social distancing guidelines.
- Limit your social contact over the festive period for the safety of yourself, your family and the wider community.
- Not leave home if you or someone you live with has either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough or loss/change to sense of smell or taste.

We can reassure everyone that the Parish Council and Helping Hands continue to work in partnership to support everyone in our community. We know that many of you help out your neighbours, thank you.

If you or anyone you know still needs help of whatever kind:

- Please contact your Street Champion or Helping Hands on 07726 592739. This phonenumber is available throughout the festive period.
- Robertsbridge Foodbank is available to those in need, please call the Community Church on 07941 381207 in confidence if you need to use it.
- Helping Hands have produced an online directory of local shops, businesses and support available which you can find at www.robertsbridgehelpinghands.co.uk

We encourage all our residents to support local businesses at Christmas and beyond. Some of you will already be aware of '[Shop Robertsbridge](#)', a new Parish Council initiative to encourage all of us to use our local shops and businesses who need our support more than ever. Please shop local.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year, we are here if you need us.

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