

This has certainly been an unprecedented year and one we hopefully will never have to repeat. Covid-19 has impacted on all our lives and will probably continue to do so for many months to come and for some, for much longer. Many local neighbourhood volunteer groups have provided fantastic support for vulnerable residents, supporting them with food and medicine deliveries and providing befriending services to those isolated residents unable to be supported by family or friends during this difficult time. Going forward the county council needs to build on this community effort as well as ensuring that the right services are in place to help all our residents recover from this unprecedented pandemic. We now have the prospect of a vaccine on the horizon, so hopefully we can look forward to some slow return to life as we knew it, and hope is certainly what we all need to get us through this second lock-down and beyond. The county council has re-opened the Coronavirus community fund, which provides financial support for community groups supporting local residents. It can be accessed through the Coronavirus Community Support Hub on the contact details below.

You can call **0300 500 80 80** or get in touch at – <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/coronavirus/nottinghamshire-coronavirus-community-support-hub>

Staff in our local schools have worked tirelessly to remain open and to keep pupils and staff safe in the classroom under very difficult circumstances. Lady Bay school has had much needed improvements made to the mobile foundation stage classroom, outdoor play area and improvements to the perimeter fencing.

The crucial county council issue this year has been the leading group's administration's push for unitary status for Nottinghamshire, for a second time. This has again been unsuccessful, but local government reform is undoubtedly an issue that will return in some form or other when the more pressing issue of the Coronavirus epidemic has been resolved. Future issues in the Lady Bay area are the POSSIBILITY of house building on Regatta Way, put forward in the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and the POSSIBLE new build of Lady Bay Primary school and a new secondary school on county council land in Lady Bay. The county council has commissioned a feasibility study on the schools issue, which is due to be completed shortly and will report back to the county council.

If I can help in any way please contact me on the contact details below.

Stay safe and well,

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Lady Bay Festive Give.

Kindness and care to be brought to life in Lady Bay in the run up to Christmas.

A group of Lady Bay residents has come together to make this difficult year have a festive time where we all feel more connected and together in the run up to Christmas.

We will be working with all of the residential units, businesses, The Lady Bay pub and the school to bring this to fruition. We also hope to include most of the established groups from scouts and brownies and knit and natter to other community groups who have been invaluable during the two periods of lockdown and beyond.

Notices and discussions will be coming out shortly via our **Facebook** page “**Lady Bay Festive Give**”, join us please. All events will be Covid safe, fun and allow everyone, young and older to work together over this festive time.

Fiona Boyd on behalf of The Lady Bay Big Festive give.

