

Sutton on Trent Buddy Scheme

Welcome to the Sutton on Trent Buddy scheme. Thank you so much for volunteering to be part of the team.

You may be asked to help members of our village community by shopping for essentials, collecting prescriptions or other routine tasks that are difficult in the current situation. You should not undertake any task that you are not comfortable doing.

Please note the following essential requirements

- your own health and well-being is always the most important consideration
- you should at all times follow the Nottinghamshire County Council guidelines for volunteers - <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/coronavirus/nottinghamshire-community-support-and-volunteering-hub/guidelines-for-coronavirus-volunteers>
- this guidance is likely to change regularly so you must check for updates every time you volunteer
- if there is any conflict between Sutton Buddy scheme instructions and the NCC guidelines, then the NCC guidelines take precedence
- please note the NCC guidance on safeguarding, and any concerns you may have about those you are asked to help
- you should be under 70 years of age and in good health.
- Other important information is provided at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Process

We will allocate you neighbours/friends who contact the buddy scheme, we will have told them who will be contacting them.

Please do not disclose to anyone else who you are buddying.

Please ring them before you go to their home, so they know you are on the way. We need to make sure they do not become a victim of malicious callers.

If buying supplies, we are only buying essentials to keep costs to a minimum. Please knock and leave the goods on the doorstep and back off at least two metres if they need to talk. If no answer, phone them and if there still no answer, please take away goods and try again until contact is established.

Prescriptions: if prescriptions need to be collected the resident needs to let the dispensary know you will be collecting on their behalf.

Sutton Buddy scheme is managed on behalf of Sutton on Trent Parish Council with the support of Sutton Village Festival Fund

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