

Who are we?

Barton Volunteer Network is a group (supported by the Parish Council, ESBC and Staffordshire County Council) to help our vulnerable 'At Risk' neighbours and friends in Barton under Needwood during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

The aim is to help them maintain their social distance in the crisis and not to leave them on their own. The volunteers will be their neighbours and friends or will be known to their neighbours or friends. We also have the support of some key resources in the village such as Barton Family Practice, Mercer Farming, Well Pharmacy and the Co-op.

What are we here to do?

The BVN is here to support them with several things:

- Arranging for somebody to get some shopping for them.
- Arranging for somebody to collect their prescription.
- Arranging for somebody to call them for a friendly chat, linking them with other people in the same situation.
- Making sure anybody who offers them help has identification from us.
- Seeking general advice – but note **this is not a coronavirus helpline**. For such contact the NHS 111 service <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>.

How do I volunteer?

If you would be interested in supporting this initiative, please contact us using the details below. We are trying to get cover throughout the village. We will ask you to take an identification card from us so we can protect residents from potential scams. We are already in contact with a number of volunteers who have stepped forward and we are really grateful to them for everything they are doing.

How do you contact us?

- phone on our dedicated number **07931 526723** which will be manned 24 hours a day – you will reach a parish councillor or borough councillor.
- e-mail bunvn2020@gmail.com.

