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PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Wednesday, 15th April, as follows:

'I have been made aware that unfortunately some of the self-shielding letters issued by Welsh Government to people most vulnerable were mistakenly sent to the wrong addresses. The Health Minister Vaughan Gething said the letters had now been re-sent "so people should receive them within the next day or two".

'I am very aware that front-line staff across our county are working hard to support our communities and people who need assistance with shopping, care provision and general wellbeing – thanks to you all.

'While at home why not consider taking the time to do that jigsaw gathering dust, read a book or do some knitting or another craft to keep you occupied.

'Please pick up the phone and say hello to a neighbour, family member or friend. It is important that we all keep in touch. A simple phone call and a greeting can help another person get through the day.

'If you are lonely or need day-to-day help please do not think you are a nuisance, pick up the phone to talk to someone. We are all here to support each other.

'On the subject of community support, we have launched today "Nominate your Community Champion."

'Councillor Tessa Hodgson, Pembrokeshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Social Services, said: "We'd love to hear about your Community Champions. Please get involved and nominate people who are going the extra mile and doing lovely things to help others.

"We'd love to hear about the simple, small things that make all the difference as well as the large scale initiatives that are cropping up.

"Send us details, nominations, pictures, videos - anything that showcases the amazing people, groups and services in our county who are doing wonderful things to help."

'To get in touch and nominate your Community Champion, message via the Facebook page or email: communitychampions@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'The Community Hub contact details are 01437 776301 or email: communitycovid19@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'Again, please remember: stay at home. Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if is not reasonably practicable to work from home); stay two metres (6 foot) away from other people and wash your hands as soon as you get home.

'Anyone can spread the virus so stay safe.

'Press releases issued since my last update are:

- Nominate Your Community Champion: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/nominate-your-community-champion
- Food Boxes For People Who Are Shielding: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/food-boxes-for-people-who-are-shielding-and-have-no-support
- School Consultation Extended: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/crymych-welsh-medium-consultation-to-continue

'Public Health Wales is updating and adding to their resources regularly. Please find all assets here: https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-resources/

'Also, please keep an eye on our newsroom at: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom

And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at:

https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'Remember: stay strong, stay at home and stay safe. Thank you.'

Useful links:

- www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
- www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws

- https://phw.nhs.wales/
- <u>lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Coronafeirws Newydd (COVID-19)</u>
 <u>- Cyngor hunan-ynysu</u>
- https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-quidance

For the latest advice and press releases relating to coronavirus, please view: www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
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