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VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHEME HIGHLIGHTED AS IT SUPPORTS LOCAL RESIDENTS

A volunteer scheme in North Pembrokeshire has been highlighted on S4C's Heno programme as an example of how village communities are supporting each other during the lockdown.

Set up by Cllr John Davies with the support of over 60 volunteers, the scheme centres on Siop y Pentre - the village shop and post office run by Nia Morris.

"Before the lockdown, we issued 1,200 leaflets to the community to let them know about the shop's new home delivery service and giving them a single point of contact," said John.

"Volunteers work on a rota to deliver groceries and newspapers to between 40 and 50 residents a day, seven days a week. There's also a biker prescription delivery group in Cardigan who we've linked up with, and residents looking out for other people's welfare.

"People are worried and understandably so. We're hoping to reduce this worry by being there for them, bringing them their groceries and newspapers, supporting and listening to them, and I have to say the response has been amazing."

He said the scheme is one of many in Pembrokeshire set up in various communities, and praised all those involved in setting them up and volunteering to support them.

To see the Heno film, view

<https://www.facebook.com/HenoS4C/videos/1579579448866304/>

* If you need details about schemes in your local area, the Community Coordination Hub, run by Pembrokeshire County Council, PAVS and Delta Wellbeing staff, acts as a central point to access support, information and practical help. Information on the Community Coordination Hub can be found at

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-community-information/community-hub>

The details are updated regularly and now includes searchable directories of support available at a community, Pembrokeshire and national level. The Hub can also be contacted on 01437 776301 or emailing communitycovid19@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

The Hub is open Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm and 10am-2pm at weekends.

* A Community Champions page has been set up on Facebook to recognise the amazing efforts of volunteers, individuals and groups. Examples of Pembrokeshire community spirit are being highlighted and celebrated at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityChampPembs/>

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