

# BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL

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### **BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL AND LIONS CLUB JOIN FORCES**

The Covid19 Emergency Fund of £10,000 established by Burgess Hill Town Council has received a generous matching contribution from the Burgess Hill District Lions Club bringing the total amount available to £20,000. The fund has been established to assist local groups reacting to the effects of Covid19 on the local community.

While groups such as the Food Bank are coping with current demand, as the effects become more apparent so more demand on resources is expected. The Town Council in collaboration with various local groups is drawing up contingency plans to try and address the effects of the lockdown on the community. These may include an increase in food parcels and delivery of these to the most vulnerable.

A larger central depot for the Foodbank is being investigated as is the possibility of providing frozen meals. To this end freezers and chillers are being sourced as well as a supply chain for food. Cllr Robert Eggleston, Leader of the Town Council acknowledged the generosity of the Lions and the good works of volunteers and groups such as the Food Bank, Neighbourly Care and Age UK. He said the way that various groups and residents across Burgess Hill are pulling together during these

difficult times is very humbling. "I think I speak for everyone on Burgess Hill Town Council when I say how grateful we are to Burgess Hill Lions for their generous donation and to all the hard work of key workers and volunteers who are doing so much to look after the vulnerable in the town. We will be doing a whole lot more in the days and weeks ahead."

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