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Here is my report which is a summary of the Mendip District Council Parish Briefing this week:

1. Recycling centres re-opened yesterday; please visit for essential reasons only and switch off engines while waiting.
2. Please do not light bonfires this bank holiday weekend, and be considerate to residents in view of the possible aggravation of symptoms due to the virus.
3. Businesses should be aware that there is a danger of Legionnaire's disease due to hot water and heating systems being dormant for a while. Please consult the Mendip.gov.uk website for more information.
4. Spark have launched an info pack for volunteers to be found at sparksomerset.org.uk
5. Heart of the Southwest are offering free digital skills courses for all at theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/#sw
6. Information for charities and community groups who require help with funding may be found at sparksomerset.org.uk
7. Somerset Corona Virus Helpline: 0300 790 6275 8am - 6pm daily
8. Somerset Corona Virus Appeal has raised £600K of which around £300K has been allocated. This is administered by Somerset Community Foundation: somersetcf.org.uk; you can also donate at this website.

My district councillor duties have now moved to Zoom online meetings; I have attended Cabinet on 11 May, where the question has been raised re. visitors and travellers to the town and how this may be managed in view of lockdown rules. This is particularly relevant to Glastonbury as a globally renowned tourist and pilgrim destination. I will be reporting back on this. Planning Board meetings continue online and members of the public may join and comment or just attend as usual. Please see the mendip.gov.uk website for further details.