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I'm writing to write to thank you for all you are doing in your local community and offer my support. The coronavirus is an unprecedented challenge for us all. Whilst this is a hugely uncertain and worrying time, it's heartening that so many people have stepped up to help our community through it.

Please get in contact if you would like me to represent you to the Government or Wandsworth Council – the changes are fast-moving and can be influenced with examples of the impact they are having on us, on businesses, community organisations and on our health. I have been raising concerns about support vulnerable people, for employed and self-employed people, about provision of testing and protective equipment and ventilators, about support for our local community organisations, education changes and bringing local residents home from abroad.

Wandsworth council has launched a volunteer hub and the helpline **0208 871 6555**. If you're able to publicise this, please do. They're working with community organisations including Age UK Wandsworth to ensure everyone has access to food and medicine through periods of self-isolation. You can find more details here: [Wandsworth Hub](#)

Today I'm launching an appeal for the NHS workers at St George's and Queen Mary's hospitals. The St George's charity is providing safety equipment, warm meals and accommodation. I'm running 5k at 10am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April to raise money. You can be the first to donate [here](#). Get involved by running a socially distanced 5k and encourage your friends and family to join in too.

I've set up a Facebook group – [Putney Coronavirus Mutual Support Group](#) - so that people can connect and offer help to one and other during this difficult time. There is also information on my website [fleuranderson.co.uk](http://fleuranderson.co.uk)

It is still possible to safely deliver shopping to neighbours or to make friendly phone calls to those who may be isolated. If you're in good health and keen to volunteer, you can combine it with your daily activities to minimise the risk to yourself and the risk of you spreading the virus further.

Some other useful contacts are:

[Putney and Wandsworth COVID Mutual Aid Facebook group](#) – with a network of Whats App groups in every area

[Southfields Grid Alliance](#)

[Roehampton Coronavirus group](#) Facebook page

[Positively Putney – shops that are open](#)

[Positively Putney – restaurants and cafes that deliver](#)

Wandsworth's foodbanks are under huge strain. If you are able to, please donate. You can find out how here <https://wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>.

[Age UK Wandsworth](#) need donations on-line or of dried food are tins and are based at the Wandsworth Town Hall Civic Suite now, delivering regular supply packages.

[Regenerate-Rise](#) are also in need of regular donations for their food deliveries for isolated older people at the Platt Centre on Felsham Road, Putney.

Current government advice on coronavirus regarding your accommodation and self- isolation can be found [here](#).

Thank you very much again for all the work you're doing to help – it really is inspiring how the community is staying at home to save lives and is pulling together.

Kind regards,

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