

## Coronavirus Situation - Updated 27 July 2021

### POSTPONING LARGE FACE TO FACE EVENTS

HCCN the charity has made the difficult decision to postpone, or cancel our involvement in, large social gatherings for the time being for COVID related reasons. Whilst we appreciate everyone is excited about the new 'freedom' measures, Coronavirus remains a serious health risk. We need to stay cautious to help protect ourselves and others.

Locally, COVID cases are rising again, and many people are testing positive and having to isolate. Covid-related staff absences at Hinchingsbrooke are causing additional pressures throughout the organisation. The potential risk to attendees is an equally important factor in our thinking and we do not want people to be deterred from taking part in activities due to any risk to health.

The trustees and the celebrant of the Memorial Celebration have reluctantly taken the decision to postpone the service until Spring 2022, and the nurses will not be representing HCCN at the Buckfest music festival in August.

We are gradually reopening our face-to-face groups, where the safety of our members is our overriding priority and we have control over most aspects. To prevent the spread of the coronavirus and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our users, we have introduced strict rules and procedures. Sadly, these cannot be imposed in more public settings.

With this in mind we are currently unable to continue with classes that include people from outside of our charity activities. This includes the Art Group and the follow-on standing Tai Chi classes as they involve members of the public that don't follow our rules.

We are very sorry to disappoint you but we hope that you understand the issues that have led us to take this approach.

Sallie Crawley | Jan Davis | Gill Monsell | Amanda Orchard  
**Trustees**

Dated: 27 July 2021