

# Connect Me: Supporting the Community



## **Statement from Simon Crowcroft, Constable of St Helier**

The Parishes have a long-established role in supporting their local communities and there has not been a more important time in modern history for us all to pull together and help our neighbours.

For some, that simply means staying at home to protect islanders who are most at risk.

For others, it means going to the supermarket and getting not only your own shopping but shopping for a friend or neighbour who is not able to get out.

We continue to encourage those who can get to the supermarkets to do so, albeit as infrequently as possible, to free up home delivery slots for those who cannot leave the house and are dependent on these services.

We are very fortunate that we have so many islanders who are raising their hand, offering to support others they have never met during this difficult period.

All the Parishes welcome volunteers new and old at this time.

Even if you need to be in isolation yourself, if you are well and want to, there are ways you can help.

From simply telephoning someone living alone and in need of conversation, to walking the dog of an islander who cannot leave the house.

The priority remains to keep everyone safe and whether you are shopping, exercising or volunteering, it is essential that you adhere to the two-metre social distancing advice from the Government.

If you are in any way unsure about this, information is available in a number of different languages on [gov.je/coronavirus](http://gov.je/coronavirus).

Sadly, we know that the current situation will put extra strain on people in various ways.

The Government's commitment to Putting Children First remains front and centre, which is why the Children and Families Hub was created to provide support but also as a crisis line for anyone with concerns about the welfare of the child.

This hub can be contacted by telephoning 519000.

Helping the Government to match up the support available from volunteers with the needs of the Island, we are very fortunate to have Malcolm Ferey on the Community Taskforce.

Malcolm brings a wealth of experience from his role as Chief Executive of Citizen's Advice Jersey and he will explain more about how we're working together to ensure islanders have the help they need.

Statements from Deputy Judy Martin and Malcolm Ferey can be read [here](#)