

HAWKHURST COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Helping the community beat the virus

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On 12 January we sent out a call to all current and former volunteers registered with HCSG to assist as marshals at the vaccination sites then being brought into operation at Headcorn.

We have now received the following communication from the local NHS representative, expressing her appreciation of our response and enclosing a congratulatory letter from the local M.P.s.

Dear Clerks and the Hawkhurst Community Support Group,

The [attached letter] has been shared by Dr. Faye Hinsley and I need to share with you all - as you are all contributors and supporters who deserve all the thanks expressed within this letter.

Without your support and sharing requests for volunteers to contact me and any other requests that have come along both prior and after, I am extremely grateful.

The Hawkhurst Community Support Group directed a large number of volunteers my way to marshal at the Aerodrome site. Many still remain with us and will receive direct thanks from the site team. But I wanted to share both Dr. Hinsley's and my thanks, as CD, and myself, as Chair of the PCN Chair's Group - for supporting the efforts and the calls for support for the Covid Vac-Sites.

You are all such a relevant part of this thank-you.

With Gratitude

Michelle

Michelle Gardener
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16 February 2021

Dr Faye Hinsley
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Dear Faye

We just wanted to thank you, and all of the team that you have led – your GP colleagues, practice and PCN staff, pharmacists and volunteers – for all the work that you have done over these last few weeks.

We are so grateful to you for having stepped up to ensure that elderly and vulnerable patients in the Weald did not miss out on getting their vaccinations on time. To have administered a vaccine to virtually everyone over the age of 70 and people who are clinically extremely vulnerable in our area, as well as residents of care homes and those who work there, on top of vaccinating the same number again of your own patients across the Ridge practices, is quite outstanding.

We both know the amazing effort you and the team have made – being agile and innovative in establishing systems, venues and organisations - at pace, and navigating setbacks and obstacles.

It is an amazing thing to reflect that for most of the people you have vaccinated so far, one in ten would have lost their life if they contracted Covid. Now you have vaccinated them, they will soon be substantially safe and our whole community much safer too.

Please give our thanks to the whole team, and gratitude in anticipation of the continuing work during the weeks ahead. Please let us know whenever there is anything we can do to help.

With thanks & best wishes

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP

Helen Grant MP

The Annual General Meeting of the Hawkhurst Community Support Group will take place by Zoom videoconferencing at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10th March 2021. HCSG volunteers and members of the public are welcome to attend.

To register for attendance, please email us at: hawkhurstcommunity@gmail.com. Log in details and the agenda for the meeting will be sent to everyone who has registered to attend by 5.0 p.m. on Tuesday 9th March.