

## **Kim weekly video script 22.07.20**

Hi, it's Kim here, with this week's update. I hope you are safe and well.

The impact of this pandemic has been felt by us all and as the school holidays begin, I realise that this may bring more difficulties for working parents and carers who must work outside their homes. For those looking after children during the holidays there are lots of lovely green spaces in our town such as Alexandra Park and St Leonards Gardens and all our playgrounds are open again with information signs advising how to use them safely.

Many of us will visit the beach this summer and the safest place to swim is where the RNLI lifeguards are- Pelham beach and in St Leonards. On the first day the RNLI were back at St Leonards, one of the lifeguards, Oliver, rescued a struggling swimmer. Thank you, Oliver, and thank you to all the team-we are so glad that you are here.

The Active Hastings team have been running online classes and activities since the beginning of lockdown, and as well as continuing these the team will be running free outdoor activities for children through 'Street Bites on Tour'. Social distancing and following the COVID-secure guidelines will be a priority. You can find out more on our website.

Our museum and art gallery have done an incredible job of creating #HastingsDigitalMuseum and they will continue to provide all their daily digital activities throughout the summer. All the information is on their Facebook page.

This year's Old Town Carnival will be held virtually! It will take place on the August 8<sup>th</sup> and the theme is 'Stories for Children'. There's plenty of time left to get involved and you can find out how by looking at their social media channels.

Just a reminder about the community hub-it is still here if you need it: call 01424 451019 if you need urgent help and please go to our website to find out more.

You may have heard that there was a mobile testing unit here last weekend, and this was organised by Public Health through the Local Resilience Forum and run by the military.

These units have been designed to be used in town centre areas to enable people to have access to local testing.

We understand that around 140 people were tested and the latest figures we have been given show two positive results. Many key workers and other people have been reassured about their health status and can safely return to work and their normal lives. Testing is very important.

We still need to be careful and keep social distancing, washing our hands regularly, and wearing a face covering when social distancing is difficult. We must of course all wear face coverings in shops as well as on public transport now. We will all get used to this and let's be kind to those who are reminding us to do so or enforcing the rules.

Please stay safe and look out for each other. Thanks, see you next week.