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VE Day 75th Anniversary – public commemorations to be held online





To mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, @LegionScotland and @poppyscotland will broadcast a virtual Facebook service on their pages tomorrow **Friday 8 May at 10.40am with a two minute silence at 11am.**

Lord Provost Philip Braat said: "On this day,75 years ago, the guns fell silent across Europe. It was Victory in Europe Day. On the 8th May 1945, Churchill said in a radio broadcast: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget for a moment the toils and efforts that lie ahead". For, although the war had ended in Europe, fighting would still rage on in the Far East for several more months.

"As we mark the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in a way we could never have imagined because of the pandemic, today remains a day to reflect and remember a generation that sacrificed for the greater good and to whom we owe so much. A sacrifice that must never be forgotten.

"Just as the Second World War was that generation's greatest challenge, likewise, the current pandemic is our generation's biggest challenge. We, too, owe so much to this generation of men and women on the frontline in all sectors, who are working so hard to keep us safe and in some unfortunate cases making the ultimate sacrifice. "However, I am convinced that with the same community-spirit and solidarity as shown by our ancestors 75 years ago, we also shall overcome."

You can hear more from the Lord Provost tomorrow at twitter.com/glasgowcc

Links for more information

https://www.gov.scot/news/ve-day-75th-anniversary-1/ https://www.legionscotland.org.uk/event/ve-day-75th-anniversary/ https://www.poppyscotland.org.uk/ve-day-75th-anniversary/

Delivering prescriptions to people who are shielding



Willie Campbell, ASL bus driver with the NS Transport team, delivering a prescription.

Volunteer staff manning the new 'shielding helpline' are playing a vital role getting much needed prescriptions to vulnerable people in the city who are shielding.

Citizens who contact the helpline are passed to a co-ordinating team led by Kerstin Connor from Corporate Services. The team includes volunteer staff from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the council.

Kerstin said: "Many pharmacies around the city had prescription delivery programmes in place. With the increased demand as a result of lockdown, they couldn't deliver to everyone so we've stepped in to support this vital service.

"As part of the Shielding programme we have worked with pharmacies in the city and colleagues in the Glasgow City HSCP. We're also working with colleagues at Neighbourhoods and Sustainability who have allocated drivers to collect and deliver prescriptions around the city.

"The people we are delivering are really grateful for this service. I get lots of calls and texts back from citizens thanking the delivery teams for their professionalism, courtesy and friendly approach from a safe social distancing, especially at such short notice. Some are close to tears for the support they have received."

John Sherry, Transformation Manager said: "We know that second to food the delivery of prescriptions is the biggest concern which shielding people have. These teams are doing a fantastic job supporting hundreds of people around the city, keeping them safe and well."

Working to shield our vulnerable citizens.



Virtual outdoor education at Blairvadach



Outdoor activities at Blairvadach Outdoor Learning Centre – before lockdown.

The team at the council's Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre in Rhu have produced an online workbook which could help parents and children to learn about outdoor education during lockdown.

The centre normally hosts a five day outdoor education residential for pupils from across the city, providing outdoor learning opportunities for young people using activities including hillwalking, canoeing, rock climbing and more.

Katie Mackay an Outdoor Education Instructor from Blairvadach said: "Because of Covid-19 and lockdown many schools are missing out on their planned trip which is a big disappointment for the pupils.

"It's very difficult to do outdoor education when you can't go outside. But we've worked with Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre in Lochgoilhead to produce a workbook that can be done at home.

"The workbook offers outdoor-inside activities and could provide fun learning for children - with the help of parents or carers.

"We'd be delighted to hear from the children who, if they have permission from their parent or carer, can contact us through Twitter, Facebook or Instagram."

You can access the workbook on the Blairvadach website.





At this challenging time – we would love to hear about what you are doing to help support the city.

• Have you volunteered in another section to help deliver an essential task?

- Are you particularly proud of your team or a colleague and the work they are doing to keep services running to our citizens?
- Have you seen a colleague go above and beyond to help deliver a service?

We would love to share your stories with your colleagues across the council – so please get in touch. Email a couple of lines and a mobile phone picture (if you have one) to lnsider@glasgow.gov.uk

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Kevin Kane @K_D_Kane May 2, 2020 - 11:03am • View Post

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