

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DAILY INFORMATION UPDATE



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## Benefits of volunteering

There are many personal benefits to volunteering. It's a great way to contribute and learn more about your local community and the people that make Glasgow whilst also having the opportunity to develop and enhance your skills.

Volunteering can also help to improve your mental health by relieving anxiety and stress – giving something back to support others. It can also help to reduce loneliness and enhance your physical health too by getting you out and about to meet and support others in your community.

**Shout out!** If you would like to shout out and say thank-you to a colleague who has been volunteering during the pandemic please email [Insider@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Insider@glasgow.gov.uk)

## Our Lord Provost praises volunteers

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“This is **National Volunteers Week** and I’m delighted as Lord Provost to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who has volunteered over the last 12 months.

You may be surprised to know one in five people in Glasgow volunteers. On behalf of the city and everyone you help you have our immense gratitude. Those who volunteer have diverse skills and experiences working with charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups; or perhaps just looking out for a neighbour and lending them some assistance during lockdown.

No matter how you’ve chosen to spend your time or how much time you’ve given. We know it makes a positive difference across our communities. After all, People Make Glasgow!

I am also aware Government guidelines have prevented some from carrying out their volunteering activities. I know countless organisations and staff are working hard to ensure that, when it is safe, you will be welcomed back with open arms.

I too, have been supporting voluntary groups during lockdown and I know how rewarding voluntary work is. I also know how amazing Glaswegians are and that many of you signed up to volunteer for the First Minister’s *Scotland Cares* campaign. You may not have been called upon yet. However, rest assured the city appreciates your goodwill.

Stay safe and thank you again, for all you do as we shine a light on the value of volunteering during National Volunteer’s Week. Keep up the good work!”

[Watch the video here.](#)

**Meet Kenny – a volunteer superhero**

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**Kenny Phillips is usually an Events Officer with Neighbourhoods and Sustainability** based in Exchange House. During Covid-19 Kenny has stepped forward as a volunteer to help out across three very different temporary roles within the organisation. Including feeding livestock at Pollok Country Park, supporting our Resilience Unit in case of major incidents in the city and latterly as part of the management team that runs the temporary mortuary in Hillington.

**As Kenny explains:** “I have worked for the council for over 25 years and have had the opportunity to be involved in some amazing events like the 2014 Games and the WW1 centenary celebrations. I have also unfortunately experienced great sadness with two heart breaking events our city had to deal with. When staff were asked to step forward to volunteer – I didn’t hesitate. I just wanted to be able to help the organisation and our city to get through this very unusual time. My current volunteer role has shown me first-hand the valuable support we are all providing to each other. In each role I have met some incredible colleagues and got to experience another side of the organisation. I have learnt that being flexible and carrying out tasks with compassion and integrity are really important.

“I was fully supported to carry out each role and I feel really proud to be part of the council family delivering for our city. My experiences have shown me that People really do Make Glasgow.”

**Paul Brannan, Pollok Estate Manager** said: “Kenny stepped forward to help out at Pollok Country Park as we were experiencing a reduction in our existing workforce due to shielding. Animal welfare is an important aspect of our livestock work and Kenny quickly became a valuable member of the team helping to feed and care for our animals. Thanks to Kenny and his transferable skills and bags of enthusiasm, we were able to maintain our daily feeding and livestock management routines with no disruption or concern for animal welfare.”

**Thank you Kenny for being an incredible volunteer hero who doesn’t wear a cape!**

**Shout out to our volunteers – thank a colleague**

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## Pupils at school hubs get creative



Pupils at our **School Hubs** have been putting their artistic talents to great use, creating these fantastic shields to represent their schools.

## Lynn is making the most of her local park



**Lynn Norwood FCIPD, Senior Strategic Human Resources Manager, Chief Executive's Department** is making good use of the city's parks during lockdown to help her get her daily exercise and help her to destress.

**Lynn** said: "As part of my regular exercise routine I walk round my local park, Knightswood Park.

"I can't believe how lucky we are to live in a city with such fantastic parks and open spaces and an abundance of wildlife. I've been enjoying keeping an eye on a family of Swans and Cootes and their new cygnets and ducklings."

**Lynn** added: "Our parks teams at Neighbourhoods and Sustainability are doing a great job looking after the park and also keeping a watchful eye on the park's wildlife.

"It's very reassuring to know that in the current pandemic, new life and growth are all around us."

**Enjoying our city parks.**

[Share your story with us](#)





**We know you're all proud to play your part for the city** – so we would love to hear from you about how you and your colleagues are supporting the city at this challenging time.

You could:

- Give a shout out to a colleague who is going above and beyond to deliver a service
- Tell us if you are volunteering to help deliver an essential service
- Share what your team is doing to keep services running for our citizens.

Email a couple of lines and a mobile phone picture, if you have one, to [Insider@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Insider@glasgow.gov.uk) so that we can share your story with colleagues across the council family.

**Thank you for making a difference.**

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**Keep up the great work – what we're hearing on Twitter**

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**Springburn Park** @SpringburnPF · May 24

Big Thank you to @GlasgowCC for attending to the grounds and grass around the full park this week. The Park is looking lovely 🌻🌻🌻



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