



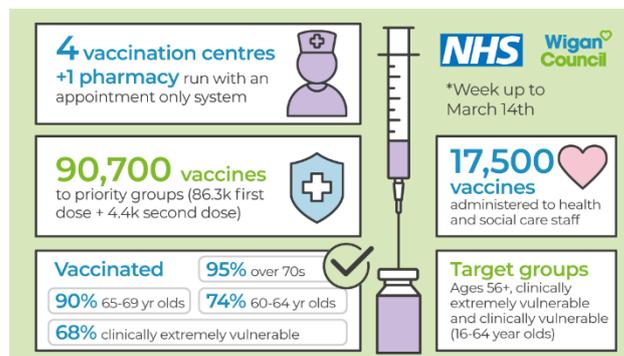
A year since lockdown

A national day of reflection will be held next Tuesday 23 March to mark the anniversary of the UK's first Covid lockdown. To mark the event we want to share people's stories and photographs of the last 12 months.

If you would like to contribute, please email us at: ourtown@wigan.gov.uk



Vaccination update



This week's vaccination figures have been published and you will see that the borough's health teams are now providing second dose jabs, as well as working their way through the age groups for the first jabs.

Census 2021

Census Day is on Sunday and from Monday, March 22, Wigan and Leigh Life Centres will be available for residents to drop in to complete the Census form online using a public access computer, access to a computer will be limited to completing the Census form only, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

The help pages at census.gov.uk <https://census.gov.uk/> also explain how you can get help. These include general guidance, language assistance and a wide range of accessible formats including video and audio guides (English and Welsh). You can also phone the contact centre on 0800 141 2021 or visit one of our support centres offering assistance.

As part of the national initiative, we will also be lighting up Leigh Town Hall purple to mark Census Day this weekend.



Operation Bluefin

This week saw the multi-agency Operation Blue Fin continue tackling youth ASB in known hotspots across the borough.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Targeted Youth Support Services (TYSS) have patrolled the following locations over the past 7 days:

A further 32 contact cards have been issued in the last 7 days, taking the total up to 82 since Op Bluefin started on the 1st March.

A further 7 warning letters (total now 41) and a further 6 home visits (total 10). Three 1/2/1 support referrals have been made to TYSS..

Off road bikes have been seized, a dispersal order granted and dozens of police contacted cards issued during a multi-agency operation targeting anti-social behaviour in Wigan.

Under Operation Bluefin, police have been working alongside the council to crackdown on ASB and youth crime in hotspot areas across the borough. Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Wigan Council's Targeted Youth Support Services (TYSS) have boosted their patrols as part of the Place and Community Safety Partnership operation.



Leigh SRF Consultation Extended

This week the deadline for residents to give their view on the future of Leigh town centre was extended by an extra week to allow more time for comment in particular from schools and colleges.

The consultation asks residents and businesses for their view on the Leigh Strategic Regeneration Framework – a long-term plan for the town, setting out the roadmap to a new and varied offer that attracts investment.

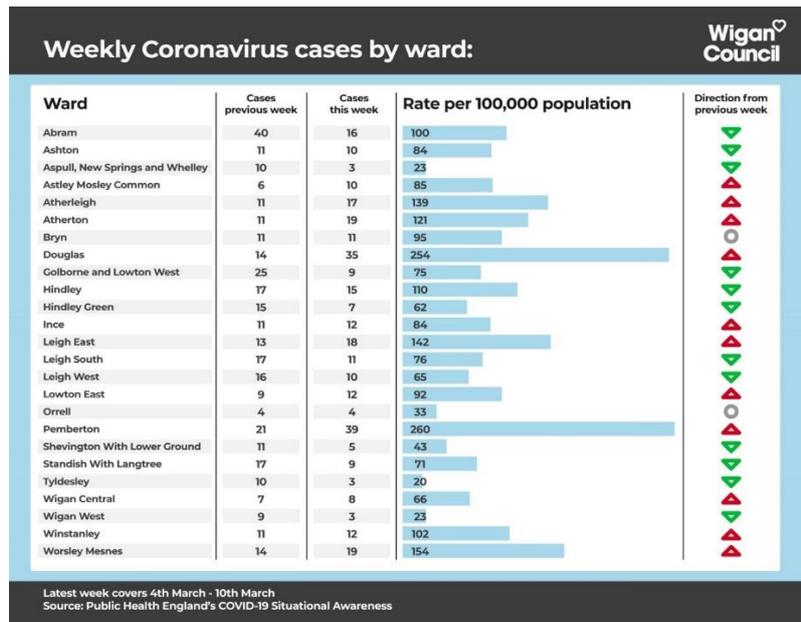
Views can be given at www.leightowncentre.commonplace.is

Covid-19 tracker

This week's Covid-19 tracker has been published. It shows:

- The rate of new cases is similar to the rate for GM as a whole but is higher than regional and national rates.
- As of 16th March, there were 23 COVID-positive patients in WWL hospitals – lower than this time last week
- There have been 6 COVID–19 deaths registered in Wigan so far in the latest week - a decrease from the previous week
- Rates have further decreased In Golborne and Lowton West and slightly risen in Lowton East but are still low.

View the full tracker: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-residents-FAQs.aspx>



The Big Clean-up has continued in Golborne and Lowton.

This week Yvonne worked with residents on Edge Green Lane and more work is planned by residents around Helen Street next week. Residents have been fantastic and so many pictures around Leigh of children helping.



Have your say on the Golborne and Lowton Infrastructure funding

We had a great meeting on Wednesday about the S106 funding infrastructure consultation. This was an opportunity for residents rather than councillors to have their say and we were very keen to hear their views.

There was an extension to the meeting to ensure everyone was able to express their views. The next steps are to see what the wider community thinks when all the consultations come in. As councillors we will support the overall views of the community.

You can still have your say. Go on the Wigan site to respond to the consultation. Do it this week!

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/.../Standish-Golborne-Lowton...>



Best Wishes

Councillor Gena Merrett

Councillor Yvonne Klieve

Councillor Susan Gambles

Do you or anyone you know need help, advice or support?



Yvonne, Susan, and Gena.

Councillors for Golborne and Lowton West

We are not doing face to face surgeries during the pandemic but we are still here to help you.

If you need advice, information, support or some help please contact us.

We post information every day on our Facebook Page [@GWLcouncillors](#).

You can send us a direct private message to the page.

Or contact us by email or phone to our contact addresses below.

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