

Well done for picking this up – it was the best thing to hit Broughton since corona virus, a very generous offer from Derek which lifted everyone’s spirits, so although hard work it is well worth the effort. And it all happened within 24 hours!

- I emailed the whole village using our village email, explaining the offer and asking for one representative for each road, street, lane and close in the village. I got more than I needed! I asked them to double check how many houses they reckoned they would deliver to.
- I got a village map and highlighted each road, street, lane and close with the name of the person covering it, until the village was complete. Most people were delivering to about 20-30 households, some significantly fewer.
- I allocated them each a 30 minute time slot, from 9am to 6pm and created a database with their name, email address, area and time slot. I circulated this to them all so they could liaise with each other regarding any queries (for example where a house could be on the corner of two roads).
- Pollyann and Rosie delivered 4 van loads of plants, the first one at 9am. My daughter and I helped take the trays off the trolleys and laid them out in front of our village pub (this was the bit where we really needed to remind ourselves about social distancing).
- Pollyann and Rosie went back to Kirton Farm, loaded up and returned – their turnaround time was about 1 to 1.5 hours.
- Once they had left, Louisa and I organised the trays into groups and labelled them with an A5 sheet for the deliverer with the name of the street, the name of the deliverer and a note asking them to return the trays to the pub (each tray holds 12 plants and each household gets 6). This meant that we could go home between delivery slots to aid social distancing.
- Pollyann gave us an explanatory note to tuck into each group of 6 pots.
- The deliverers turned up at their allocated time and had enough time to return if they didn’t have space in their cars for all the trays.

I think that’s about it! It was good physical exercise unloading the trays, but the reward of people’s happy faces and all the wonderful emails we have had made it the most worthwhile thing I have undertaken in a long time.

Good luck!