



Mrs Philip Tolhurst
Lord-Lieutenant of Essex

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Dear Volunteer,

I wanted, as Her Majesty the Queen's personal representative in the County, to write to you as one of the huge army of volunteers in Essex who have stepped forward to help your communities in this very difficult and unprecedented time. I want to say thank you for the exceptional work you are doing and to say how much it is appreciated at every level throughout the County.

There are always many challenges for volunteers, but they have become more extreme in recent weeks; financial problems, mental health, the provision of food and prescriptions, and ensuring that children are safe and keeping up with their schoolwork to name but a few. I want to offer my support and encouragement for all the work you are doing and to applaud the quite outstanding contribution made by you, the community support volunteers, who have worked so imaginatively from a standing start to ensure that people are cared for in their communities.

I have been privileged to be able to help the Danbury Volunteers in a small way manning a telephone for a few hours a week and so I have been able to see in my village, an example of what is being done throughout the county with kindness and good humour, and it is very impressive.

I hope that I will be able to honour and celebrate in some way, the work that is being achieved and the sacrifices that are being made by so many in our great County when we are out of the woods.

Thank you again for your quite wonderful contribution, it is hugely appreciated.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Tolhurst
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex