Mask Tree

Community Mask Tree here at The Gables, Taits Hill, Mondays – Fridays 2 – 6pm.

End of Lockdown – Should we be worried?

We in Stinchcombe and Gloucestershire have on the whole been lucky with COVID-19 and shown admirable sense, but we should not relax our vigilance at all until the numbers fall further.

Stinchcombe in Lockdown

The past three months of “Lockdown” with the corona virus pandemic have been memorable for many reasons but what stands out most to you?

Face coverings are to be

compulsory on public transport

Face coverings are to be compulsory on public transport to control the spread of coronavirus, from June 15th.

Verify the call is from Test and Trace

This is how you can verify you are actually being contacted by the government's Test and Trace service

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Face Mask or not? Update

I wrote a piece about face masks back on 6th April, remember it? If not it's here
At the time advice from The British Government was a **NO**, which now seems to have become **YES**, **but only if you want to!!** At the time I did comment about the lack of availability to buy and how to make them.

I recently had an email from New Zealand.. (Well **SOMEONE** reads the website!)

> *My name is Jen and I'm an Editor at Jen Reviews. I was doing research on DIY face masks and just finished reading your wonderful piece:*

> *In that article, I noticed that you cited a solid post that I've read in the past:*
> *We just published an updated, comprehensive guide on how to make five types of DIY face masks at home on our sister site, Happy DIY Home. It is completely free and you can find it here: https://happydiyhome.com/diy-face-mask/*
> *If you like the piece we'd be humbled if you cited us in your article. Of course, we will also share your article with our 100k newsletter subscribers and followers across our social platforms.*
> *Either way, keep up the great work!*
> *Warmly,*
> *Jen*

So, I'm happy to share the link to Jen's website in New Zealand, with this small caveat,

The current Government advice of **YES**, **but only if you want to!!** Like a lot of the advice from the Government seems to miss the point of wearing the face mask completely. The purpose of anyone wearing a non surgical N95 type mask is to protect others from you coughing when you are contagious. Wearing a mask will not protect you if no-one else does….It's an everyone or no-one case..

Maybe these people in the SAGE group should see the WHO website!…or even the BBC!

Mobile Covid-19 testing site

A new drive-through mobile testing unit (MTU) for coronavirus is being set up in Gloucestershire.