

## **NHS COVID-19 QR codes in the Village Hall & Westlake Room**

A new and free NHS COVID-19 app has been launched as part of the NHS Test and Trace service.

The app will be used alongside traditional contact tracing to help trace individuals who may have come into contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus.

The app allows people to check into venues by scanning a QR code. No personal details will be shared with third parties during the process. It also provides them with an alert if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, and helps them check if they have symptoms and book a test.

From Thursday 24 September, it became a legal requirement for all designated venues; this includes **Balsall Common Village Hall**, to display an official NHS QR poster.

Notices with a QR code are now on display at the entrances to the Village Hall & Westlake Room.

Anyone with a Smartphone with the NHS COVID-19 App on it, who uses these rooms should scan this code on arrival. The venue will then be added to the app's "digital diary" of places the user has visited.

The app recognises only QR codes related to the check-in scheme, to which the venue is registered.

U3A coordinators should still keep a record of members attending the meetings held within the Village Hall for Test and Trace.

### **NHS COVID-19 Smartphone App**

Everybody with a Smartphone is recommended by the NHS to download the app. It is available from the App Store (I phones) or Google Play Store (Androids).

It only works on the later models of Smartphone: I-phones must have iOS 13.5 or later, Android 6.0 or later.

It is not available for Smartwatche or tablets.

For more details follow this link:

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/download-the-nhs-covid-19-app-today/>