

## Delivery of literature during COVID-19

As Liberal Democrats we believe in the ongoing participation in the democratic process. Our ongoing purpose is to support the citizens of Royston and surrounding areas by engaging residents, communicating the work of Liberal Democrat councillors where elected and holding officials to account where we do not. We believe this to be especially true in the context of the pandemic when it is more important than ever to hold those in power to account.

Our values support our response to the COVID 19 pandemic. We have supported businesses and organisations commercially, engaged residents politically, and always adhered to the spirit and letter of the law.

It is in keeping with these values that we have continued to, and will continue to, distribute literature during the COVID pandemic in a manner which upholds the law.

It is also in accordance with our values to be open and transparent with the residents of Royston, that we seek to clarify how we have conducted ourselves during the pandemic.

- **Throughout the pandemic, we have distributed literature to the people of Royston and surrounding areas in accordance with the law of the United Kingdom.**
- **We use paid deliverers and, where available and permissible, volunteer deliverers.**
- **We have sought to support local businesses and organisations, by honouring ongoing commercial relationships to distribute Liberal Democrat materials.**
- **We are proud to have taken advantage of the services offered by King James Academy Royston and privileged to be able to support them in their fundraising efforts to experience Malawi. This service is commercially available, and several local businesses have also commissioned them to deliver literature locally.**
- **We will continue to engage voters and are grateful to the residents of Royston who have provided feedback, often valuing the ongoing communication from their Liberal Democrat councillors.**
- **We have never, and will never, endanger our volunteers or local community. All volunteers have been issued with guidance to ensure COVID secure delivery of any literature where this has been permissible.**
- **We observe that our distribution practice is in line with other political parties who also use paid delivery.**