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What do you do when you're not helping out at church?

Activities at the moment involve cycling, dog walking, gardening, general household maintenance, reading and feeding my wife with tea and coffee as she is working from home sitting in the office so I am relegated to the kitchen table. When not in lockdown I also enjoy sailing and golf. I am also involved in running Minstead Social club, though there is not a lot to do there at the moment.

What made you want to help?

Although I am not a regular attendee but I love the building and graveyard. The Church has always been part of my life and our church here in Minstead is no exception. Apart from being a place for contemplation and prayer it is steeped in history and I always come away feeling more at peace. It is also very much part of the village and having already lost our shop the loss of the church would be devastating. My children were christened here and I hope to have my ashes interred here, in these times that has come more to the fore in our thinking. I am also a bell ringer so the church is also crucial for that.

Is there anything you have enjoyed during Lockdown?

While missing the human interaction it has been great have the forest more to ourselves and to be able to walk and cycle on the roads without diving into the hedge every 10 seconds.

What one thing would you like to see happen, in light of the changes from Lockdown?

I am not sure I can answer this one yet, there are several things that would be nice but so much depends on how we are allowed to come out of this which is not likely to happen fully till we have a vaccine.