

Cloch Maelor

Coedpoeth & Minera

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Covid 19 (Coronavirus)

In these frightening times, I have suspended the normal Cloch Maelor and will instead, offer my thoughts on how people have reacted to the current emergency.

Now that the United Kingdom is in lockdown, we must **ALL**, each and everyone of us, stick rigidly to the 'stay at home' instruction from central and local government. **Stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives!**

This is as serious as it gets people, yet last weekend we all saw the complete stupidity of the Great British public - albeit, a small minority that headed to the coast, the Lake District and Snowdon to name just a few. This was certainly in my opinion, a display of complete irresponsibility, a complete disregard for the health and well-being of the greater population and contributed nothing whatsoever to preventing the spread of this virus!

It had clearly not gone unnoticed by the Prime Minister, which obviously prompted his decision earlier this week to take the unprecedented steps of placing the UK in lockdown. Common sense appears to have gone out of the window with the minority of the public, the message could not be clearer - **Stay home, protect the NHS and SAVE LIVES!**

All the figures show we are approximately 2 weeks behind Italy, therefore the UK is nowhere near peaking at this time. I sincerely hope I am wrong, but the evidence is suggesting there is going to be substantially more deaths in the UK. Don't forget that includes us here in Wales. Follow the current information, **stay at home**, stick to the **social distancing** rule, **wash your hands more frequently**. We have to break the chain to give our Health Service a fighting chance. Parents, if you have teenagers, keep them indoors, their mates will still be there in a couple of months! We have to do everything possible to stop the spread of this virus. Use common sense, shop only when you have to, don't have friends round, keep in touch with people via phone, email/messenger or video call. Remember we are all a long time **DEAD!** Please remember and adhere to the advice and most of all, **Stay safe.**

