

# My memories of 'lockdown' 2020

Lockdown happened, the A10 emptied and silence came.  
No cars on the road, no planes in the air, but the trains and buses kept running, all but empty,  
(and they are still all but empty 5 months on).

Suddenly, the normal pace of life was hit by a huge brake. A Big Change.  
All but essential shops and services closed overnight.  
Snaking queues in the Waitrose car park.

You stayed indoors, only venturing out for food and exercise (perhaps with your dog).

We clapped and banged our pots and pans for the NHS 'Heroes' every Thursday.

Shopping online became the preferred option.  
The Postman and Milkman kept delivering.  
Home cooking took off hugely emptying shops of all the flour and baking powder  
(along with hand wash and toilet rolls!).

Dal and his staff at the Post Office work hard to deliver food to vulnerable people.  
A Food Hub opened in the village to 'bring and share' and limit waste.

Working from home quickly became the norm, however many were furloughed.  
Hardship and worry through redundancy began to hit home.

In the bedroom, on the breakfast table or, if you had one, a room in the house called 'the office'.  
All with kids and pets running, making a noise and wanting attention.

Meeting other people became fleeting, although more pleasantries were exchanged, always  
keeping your 2m social distance.

Great concern at risk of catching the Covid-19 virus.

Contact was kept via Zoom.

An answer to prayer - the Baptist Church reopened on 5<sup>th</sup> July – Alleluia!

Face masks, initially optional, became mandatory in shops, becoming a fashion item.

The vast majority of the Great British Public complied with Government guidelines, spoilt only by  
the idiots that flocked to the seaside when the hot weather came (and they wondered why the virus  
spiked again).

Death came to young and old alike. Few were allowed to mourn their passing.

Life is returning to 'normal' – what is that? Are we heading for a second spike?

A cold Winter now seen as a threat.  
How long will Covid-19 be around for?

For those that survive, we shall have to wait and see.

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