With the news last night that Jersey is now in lockdown, the Société Jersiaise Photographic Archive is putting out an open call for islanders to document their daily lives with the stay at home restrictions implemented to slow the spread of Covid-19.

This virus is affecting islanders of all backgrounds and demographics. It's causing profound changes to how we work, relax, communicate and exercise. We want to build an archive of portraits, observations, details and interiors, that show how these changes are affecting the life of islanders. Your experience is relevant to our understanding of the crisis, whether you or someone you live with is working on frontline essential services or self-isolating, balancing family and work commitments from home or engaging with education online.

We want future generations to understand how self-isolation feels, what social distancing looks like, and how the community came together to get through some of the most restrictive measures ever introduced in peacetime. It's at times like these that the personal becomes universal.

Photographs (ideally high resolution JPG files) can be submitted via email or WeTransfer, either individually or as collections. Submissions should be sent to photoarchive@societe-jersiaise.org.

Please use ISLAND LOCKDOWN as the subject header, include your name and as much information as you can; names of subjects, locations, dates, titles.

Submissions must be accompanied with an SJPA Accession Form which can be found here.

Please complete the relevant sections, preferably by digital means and attach the form to your email or WeTransfer. On acceptance of your submission the form will be signed by a member of the SJPA staff and a copy returned to you.

Whilst authorship of the work is always with the photographer, this form entitles us to produce copies of any submitted work. As part of standard archival practice, it is essential to produce copies but it also enables us to share the work. We don't ask photographers to transfer exclusive copyright, simply the right to copy and ownership of the copies you submit.

This is an opportunity to contribute to the cultural records of the island, the chance to add your voice and be part of the story that future generations read.

For more information about the Société Jersiaise Photographic Archive please visit our website.