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Business support and information

From Horsham District Council

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National Lockdown business support package grants

Grant funding is now available for the National Lockdown period January 5 to February 15. This funding is available for businesses that have had to close and receive a rates bill.

The rate of payment for businesses will be:

- Properties with a rateable value of £15,000 or under: £6,001 (A £2,001 grant and a £4,000 lockdown payment)
- Properties with a rateable value of more than £15,000 and less than £51,000: £9,000 (a £3,000 grant and a £6,000 lockdown payment)
- Properties with a rateable value or £51,000 or over: £13,500 (£4,500 grant and a £9,000 lockdown payment)

Click the button below to begin your application and select Business Support Package.

[Apply for a grant](#)

Businesses that have had to close but do not receive a rates bill and businesses that can remain open but are struggling can [apply for the discretionary scheme](#). The discretionary scheme is currently being reviewed.

Virtual Horsham shopping portal set to grow

The Virtual Horsham online purchasing portal is set to grow from next week with the addition of more independent businesses offering all forms of remote ordering for collection or home delivery.

This latest development responds to the latest national lockdown and recognises that there are many businesses needing assistance that currently don't offer full online purchasing options.

The refresh also means that the opportunity for independent businesses to set up free profiles will be extended by another three months. Follow the link below to find out more.



[Visit Virtual Horsham](#)

COVID-Secure advice and materials for your business

National lockdown restrictions are currently in place. As a business, you must keep on protecting your customers and helping them to protect themselves.

We've updated our advice for business owners and operators who remain open under lockdown restrictions:

Before their visit

- Where possible, encourage customers to phone-in, use an app, or offer another method for them to place their orders before they visit.

Entering your business

- Calculate how many customers can queue in the shop safely to maintain 2 metres social distancing and display this result clearly at the entrance to avoid confusion.
- We recommend that you provide floor markings outside at 2-meter intervals if queues to enter the business are expected to assist with effective social distancing.
- Queues to enter the business should be managed to ensure that safe social distancing is observed, as well as to avoid causing an obstruction on the street.

Inside your premises

- Ensure that customer ordering and waiting areas are not overcrowded by sticking the maximum customer calculation.
- Try to encourage customers to wear face coverings correctly over both their mouth and nose.

- Use floor markings to aid in effective 2-meter spacing for your customers. Try to avoid customers waiting by doors offering entry or exit from the business.

Following their visit

- Try to encourage customers to vacate the area as soon as possible once they have collected their purchase. Gatherings in groups is not permitted by law.

Posters to download and print

The following posters feature current government messaging. Download and print them to display in your premises.

- [Stop the spread of coronavirus: Please do not gather in groups](#)
 - [Hands face space: Please do not gather in this area](#)
 - [Welcome: We continue to be open for takeaway service](#)
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Guidance for landlords and tenants

The guidance for landlords and tenants in the private and social rented sectors has been updated following the introduction of national lockdown restrictions in England.

This guidance is advisory and informs you about recent changes to the law. All guidance is subject to frequent updates and should be checked regularly for currency.

[Read the updated guidance on GOV.UK](#)

Upcoming training

[HMRC Webinar – Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Grant Extension](#)

Friday 15 January 2021 11:45 - 12:45

[West Sussex Recover & Rise #2: Perfect Product / Service](#)

Friday 15 January 2021 12:00 - 13:30

[West Sussex Recover & Rise #3: Goal, Objective & KPI Setting](#)

Tuesday 19 January 2021 12:00 - 13:30

[Why Email Marketing Is More Powerful Than Social Media](#)

Wednesday 20 January 2021 09:30 - 11:30



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