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| Bradford Council logo **Supporting Shipley Through COVID-19****Councillors and MP Weekly Bulletin****21 May 2020** |
| **On your patch in Shipley**6 weeks ago, Government announced that there were 1.4 million members of the public whom had been identified by Public Health as extremely vulnerable and had been sent a letter advising them to remain at home and that they would come under the ‘Shielded Group’. They were then given an opportunity to sign up on line to receive a weekly food parcel. From that number, there were 6000 in the Bradford area.Contact Centre and Adult Social Care have been contacting these individuals to check on their welfare and whether they needed any shopping, and support. So far for Shipley Constituency, they have contacted all but 184 residents. On Tuesday 19th May we had our ‘day of action’. The Ward Officers, 8 District Councillors, 1 Warden and 6 volunteers visited all 184 residents to check on their welfare and offer support and shopping.Out of the 184 residents we were unable to speak to 15 and we have approximately 10 that have requested further help. All in all it was a very successful day.**Bingley Rural**The Neighbourhood Support Centres in Bingley Rural ward are continuing to provide much-needed services for their local communities, particularly with shopping and befriending support. The NSCs are also continuing to play a vital role in coordinating volunteers and disseminating important information, such as health and safety advice, how to access help, and goods and services available locally. The NSCs all have food for distribution if and when needed.**Bingley**The Bingley Covid Response Group continue to provide much needed support to local residents however, like many other areas there has been a notable reduction in calls for support.The group are now looking to turn their attention to providing additional support to families during the summer holidays but much of that is dependent on a clear steer from the Prime Minister’s Office. The Ward Councillors played a pivotal role alongside volunteers, checking up on the people from the shielded lists who had not responded to calls for support.They were happy to report that not only were people surprised to see them but they were also grateful that someone had taken the trouble visit.

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| **District Wide Update**

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| **Coronavirus (Covid-19): what you need to do**As of 10 May 2020 the Government has announced an update to the rules people have to follow to help tackle the coronavirus emergency and slow the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) while easing the current lockdown.To find out more about the latest guidance please visit our [coronavirus advice page](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19-advice/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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| Health experts urge Bradford residents to continue to ‘stay home’ and put their own and others’ safety first[STAY home as much as possible](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/browse-all-news/press-releases/health-experts-urge-bradford-residents-to-continue-to-stay-home/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) – that continues to be the key message from public health experts to people living across Bradford District. We have joined other local authorities across West Yorkshire in encouraging residents to put their own and others’ safety first by going further than the Government’s “Stay Alert” message.Bradford’s public health experts say it’s important not to divert from the original “Stay Home” message until the region starts to see a bigger decline in the spread of coronavirus infections.

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2040 Vision – have your say on the future of Bradford DistrictWe’re living in unprecedented times. The coronavirus pandemic is having an impact on us all in some way, and is likely to affect the way we live our daily lives for some time to come. We know already that it is having, and will continue to have an impact on our local and global economies, health care, and our daily lives.As we all continue to manage how we live, work and support the most vulnerable during these times, Bradford Council and its partners are also looking to the future. We don’t just want to adapt; we want to come back better than before and to see the District thrive.To achieve this, we need to listen to people across the district. The people who live in, work in, or visit Bradford district are who make it what it is, and listening to their voices is essential in planning for the future.

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Celebrating Eid at homeBradford Council has been working with partners, including Council for Mosques, Police, NHS and the VCS to encourage Muslim residents to celebrate Eid in a very different way this year – at home.Messages have been featured on local Asian radio stations and TV channels, on many different social media platforms, in newspapers, on websites and face to face on reassurance walks.Staff from the Neighbourhood Service will be out and about over the weekend talking to people to explain the Stay at Home as much as possible message and reinforcing social distancing messages and how to stay safe if you do need to go out.**cid:image002.jpg@01D62F66.A4E48E20**Business safety advice for EidThis year’s Eid al-Fitr will take place under very unusual circumstances due to the coronavirus outbreak.Local businesses play an important role in Eid celebrations, so if your business is allowed to open, it is crucial you run your business safely during this time.How you do this could help save lives, avoid a second wave of infections and avoid the need for more restrictions.[Only those businesses that are permitted to be open under the current government guidance should be open.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)All other businesses must stay closed in order to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and help to save livesThose businesses permitted to open should take steps to enable staff and customers to socially distance at 2metres, by putting in place measures such as:* Pre-booked delivery/pickup service
* Staff supervising 2metre distance in queues outside and inside premises e.g. at checkouts/counters
* Restricting total number of customers in shop
* Limiting entry to one person per household
* Create a one way system in your premises with 2metre markings on floors

Other measures to help keep staff and customers safe include:* Using contactless payments where possible
* Regularly cleaning frequently touched surfaces
* Considering providing face coverings for staff
* Encouraging everyone to wash their hands frequently and providing hand sanitiser

Businesses should not be open without careful planning and only after having done a risk assessment, and only then if they are in the list of businesses that can open.Coronavirus domestic abuse and sexual violence supportDomestic abuse and sexual violence is never acceptable and there are no excuses for this behaviour. The challenge of lockdown means families are spending more time indoors together, this may make it more difficult to speak out or access support. You are not alone!

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Beware of scam emails New phishing email purporting to be from Amazon. The email is asking customers if they would like to apply for the Amazon grant relief fund to receive a grant of up to £1000.There is a further scam email pretending to offer a Council Tax Reduction refund in order to get your bank details. The email pretends to be from the official GOV.UK website.If you think you should be claiming Council Tax Reduction, please [contact us via the benefits pages of our website.](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-reduction/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)If you receive an email about Council Tax Reduction and are unsure if it’s genuine, please call our benefits team on 01274 432772.

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Bradford for Everyone to launch a People LibraryBradford for Everyone is to launch a "People Library" to record unique and inspiring stories of kindness and resilience. During this worrying time the Bradford bookshelf will show that in times of crisis the people of Bradford district demonstrate incredible resolve and humanity. Over recent weeks we have witnessed great acts of kindness as individuals and communities come together to show their support for one another in a variety of ways.From mutual aid groups popping up, generous food bank donations, neighbours supporting the vulnerable, to people giving their time to sew masks for others, we have been witnessing thousands of acts of kindness from the fantastic people that make up Bradford district's community. We want to hear your stories about how people are reaching out to those around them during this time, and are also interested in hearing from potential human books with stories to tell about successes in the face of adversity, about life journeys, overcoming barriers or anything else that might interest and inspire.Stories can be published in written, audio or video format. Please contact us viabradfordpeoplelibrary@bradford.gov.uk for further information about how you might be able to tell YOUR story. Once gathered, appropriate stories will be published within the [People Library pages of the Bradford for Everyone website](https://bradfordforeveryone.co.uk/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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Coronavirus symptomsThe UK Chief Medical Officers have on the 8 May released a statement saying that individuals will need to self-isolate immediately if they develop a new continuous cough or fever or, as of today, anosmia.[Anosmia](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-from-the-uk-chief-medical-officers-on-an-update-to-coronavirus-symptoms-18-march-2020?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) is the loss of or a change in the normal sense of smell. It can also affect the sense of taste as the two are closely linked.

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Testing eligibility expansionFrom the 18 May, everyone in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland who is showing coronavirus symptoms is eligible to book a swab test to find out if they have the virus. [People can now register for a test](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) Those in England and Wales who do not have any access to the internet, or who have difficulty with the digital portals, will be able to ring a new 119 service to book their test.

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Development of plan to enable phased reopening of places of worshipOn the 15 May, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, confirmed that a plan has been agreed for development with faith leaders to enable the phased and safe reopening of [places of worship](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) when the evidence shows it is the right time to do so.The government has previously set out its ambition to reopen places of worship in step 3 of its plan to lift restrictions, which is expected to be no earlier than 4 July subject to further scientific advice.In recognition of how difficult it has been for people of faith to be unable to practice their religion alongside their community, members agreed to work together to consider whether some forms of worship, such as individual prayer, might be permitted in places of worship before they fully reopen in step 3. This would on take place where appropriate and safe to do so in line with social distancing guidelines.

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Measures in place to support social housing residentsA letter has been published by Christopher Pincher, Minister of State for Housing, on the 18 May to [social housing residents](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-letter-to-social-housing-residents?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) in England setting out all the measures that are in place to support social housing residents during the next phase towards reopening society. The letter includes information on maintenance and repairs, gas safety checks, remediation works, home moves, support for domestic abuse victims and tackling anti-social behaviour.

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Supporting vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus outbreakThe Department for Education has updated the guidance for [education settings and local authorities](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) on supporting vulnerable children and young people. The guidance now reflects plans for more year groups to return to education settings and confirms that vulnerable children and young people remain a priority and are expected to attend if appropriate.

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New Style Employment and Support AllowanceThe Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has updated a range of guidance to include more information about who might be able to get New Style Employment and Support Allowance because of coronavirus.A person may be able to get New Style Employment and Support Allowance if one for the following applies:* they have a disability or health condition that affects how much they can work
* they, or their child, might have coronavirus or they’re recovering from it
* they, or their child, are self-isolating because they came into contact with someone who might have coronavirus
* they have been told to stay at home for at least 12 weeks by the NHS because they’re at high risk of severe illness

Updated guidance:[Coronavirus (COVID-19): what to do if you were employed and have lost your job](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-what-to-do-if-you-were-employed-and-have-lost-your-job?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)[Coronavirus (COVID-19): what to do if you’re self-employed and getting less work or no work](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-what-to-do-if-youre-self-employed-and-getting-less-work-or-no-work?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)[Coronavirus (COVID-19): what to do if you’re employed and cannot work](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-what-to-do-if-youre-employed-and-cannot-work?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)Do you need help or support?Need help? Call 01274 431000If you need help or have a particular need please ring and talk to one of our friendly team who will take some details and pass them onto the relevant service. Call 01274 431000.We can help by:* picking up shopping
* delivering a food parcel to eligible people
* ringing for a friendly chat
* problem solving

See our website for more information about [local support and volunteering](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/emergencies/council-service-disruptions/coronavirus-covid-19-volunteering-and-community-support/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to help others.

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Are you concerned about someone's safety?If you have a concern about the safety of a child or a vulnerable adult, do not keep it to yourself. [Report your concern on the Safer Bradford website](https://www.saferbradford.co.uk/report-a-concern?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery). We’re available 24/7, 365 days a year.Or call:* For children 01274 435600 (01274 431010 out of office hours)
* For adults 01274 431077 (01274 431010 out of office hours)
* If someone is at immediate risk of harm call 999

Don’t think, “What if I’m wrong?”. Think, “What if I’m right!”

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Stay at home as much as possibleCoronavirus advice May 2020* Work from home if you can
* Avoid public transport if possible
* Local parks and green spaces are available for your daily outdoor exercise
* Always keep your distance in public (at least 2 metres apart)
* Wash your hands regularly
* If you or anyone in your household has [coronavirus symptoms](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), you must all self-isolate

See the latest [Government guidance on staying alert and safe](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).Stay safe while out for exercisePlease follow the Government’s advice when leaving your home for exercise and observe the 2 metre rule for staying a safe distance apart. For more information about where you can walk in the Bradford district, and how to stay safe while you do so, visit our [public green space and rights of way guidance page](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/emergencies/council-service-disruptions/public-green-space-and-rights-of-way-guidance/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

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Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus serviceUse the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) if:* you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
* your condition gets worse
* your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.Helpful links[UK Government guidance and support](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)[NHS coronavirus advice and information](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)[Bradford district coronavirus advice and information](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/health-advice-and-support/coronavirus-covid-19-advice/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)[Support for local businesses](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/help-for-businesses/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-business/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) |

Covid-19 update - 21 May 2020If a friend has forwarded this email to you, you can [subscribe to email updates about Coronavirus](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBMD/signup/14750) for people who live and work in the Bradford district.

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