

District Wide Update

Bradford Parks

Following the latest announcement from the Government, Bradford District car parks at local green spaces are re-opening in stages from 14 May 2020.

Parks and green spaces remain open for exercise where people follow social distancing and hygiene advice. Play Areas, Outdoor Gyms, Multi-Use Games Areas, Tennis Courts and Skate Parks remain closed. We have prepared some guidance for visitors and residents on how to safely use our green spaces during this time.

Opening of household waste sites

Another Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) is to re-open on Monday 18 May. Golden Butts in Ilkley will open between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 4pm Saturday, and 9am to 4pm Sunday.

This will mean that five of Bradford Council's eight Household Waste Recycling Centres will be operating from next week.

Midland Road, Bowling Back Lane, Royd Ings Avenue, Keighley and Dealburn Road, Low Moor, are up and running.

Because of traffic congestion issues resulting from social distancing, only Dealburn Road in Low Moor is able to admit vans – with a valid or recently expired van permit - and trailers, between the hours of 5pm and 8pm.

All other opening times and sites are for private cars with a valid permit only. Anyone without a permit will be turned away. People needing a replacement permit should contact Bradford Council.

HWRCs at Sugden End, Keighley, Dowley Gap, Bingley and Ford Hill, Queensbury, will remain closed.

Bradford Council is asking people not to use Golden Butts if they can store their rubbish at home for a little while longer to reduce congestion at the site.

Information about opening times for all five HWRCs can be found on our website at or by calling 01274 431000.

Government recovery strategy - Stay alert, control the virus, save lives

The government on the 11 May published a roadmap for how and when the UK will adjust its response to the coronavirus crisis. The document describes the progress the UK has made to date in tackling the coronavirus outbreak, and sets out the plans for moving to the next phase of its response to the virus.

The strategy sets out a cautious roadmap to easing existing measures in a safe and measured way, subject to successfully controlling the virus and being able to monitor and react to its spread. The roadmap will be kept constantly under review as the epidemic, and the world's understanding of it, develops.

Travelling safely

The Department for Transport has today (12 May) published guidance on safe travel and safe transport operations following the publication of the government's roadmap.

The public is asked to continue to work from home if they can and, if this is not possible, urged to consider cycling, walking or driving before using public transport.

For those who have to use public transport, the guidance for passengers on how to travel safely recommends:

- keeping 2 metres apart from others wherever possible
- wearing a face covering if you can
- using contactless payment where possible
- avoiding rush hour travel where feasible
- washing or sanitising your hands as soon as possible before and after travel
- following advice from staff and being considerate to others

The guidance recognises that there will be times and some settings on public transport where social distancing is not possible. It outlines how people should minimise the duration of this, and take all necessary steps to observe these measures where possible.

Safe workplaces

On the 11 May, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy published new guidance to help employers, employees and the self-employed understand how to work safely during the coronavirus pandemic.

The steps for businesses to take are focused on 5 key points, which should be implemented as soon as it is practical:

- Work from home, if you can
- Carry out a COVID-19 risk assessment, in consultation with workers or trade unions
- Maintain 2 metres social distancing, wherever possible
- Where people cannot be 2 metres apart, manage transmission risk
- Reinforcing cleaning processes

These steps are accompanied by guidance on specific types of workplace, and apply to businesses which are currently open. Guidance for other sectors that are not currently open will be developed and published ahead of those establishments opening to give those businesses time to plan.

The accompanying guidance covers 8 different types of workplace, and many businesses may need to use more than one of these guides:

- Construction and other outdoor work
- Factories, plants and warehouses

- Labs and research facilities
- Offices and contact centres
- Other people's homes
- Restaurants offering takeaway or delivery
- Shops and branches
- Vehicles

As part of the announcement, the government has made available up to an extra £14 million for the HSE, equivalent to an increase of 10% of their budget, for extra call centre employees, inspectors and equipment if needed.

Face coverings

The public is advised to consider wearing face coverings in enclosed public spaces where they may be more likely to come into contact with people they do not normally meet.

How to wear and make a cloth face covering

Face coverings may be beneficial in places where it is hard to follow maintain social distancing measures. This applies when using public transport, such as trains, buses and metro systems, or when visiting shops.

Furlough scheme extended

The Chancellor announced on the 12 May that the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will remain open until the end of October.

Furloughed workers across UK will continue to receive 80% of their current salary, up to £2,500 a month. From the start of August, furloughed workers will be able to return to work part-time with employers being asked to pay a percentage towards the salaries of their furloughed staff. The employer payments will substitute the contribution the government is currently making, ensuring that staff continue to receive 80% of their salary, up to £2,500 a month.

Domestic abuse and homelessness

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced charities can bid for a share of £10 million funding to support victims of domestic abuse. The funding will support domestic abuse safe accommodation services that not only provide beds, but also offer the critical help victims and their children need. Details on how charities can apply can be found under 'key messages for your residents'.

As well as this emergency funding, the government has also set out plans to support survivors of domestic abuse in the long-term by giving them better access to local housing services. Government will bring forward legislation to give domestic abuse victims 'priority need' access to settled housing, ensuring they can find a home which is safe, secure and away from the threat of abuse.

Linked to this, an additional £6 million will be made available for frontline homeless charities. This funding will be shared amongst organisations that are on frontline, keeping vulnerable people without a home safe and giving them the help

they need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Digital portal for testing in care homes

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has launched its digital portal for adult social care coronavirus testing in England, to make arranging tests for care homes as easy as possible.

All symptomatic and asymptomatic care home staff and residents in England are now eligible for testing. Testing will be prioritised for care homes that look after the over 65s.

DHSC is working with council directors of public health, directors of adult social services and local NHS providers to deliver this testing programme for care homes.

To apply for coronavirus tests for a care home, you need to be the care home manager who's registered with the Care Quality Commission, or a local director of public health or one of their representatives.

Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce

The Department for Health and Social Care yesterday (11 May) published advice for those working in adult social care on managing their mental health and provides adult social care employers with guidance, tools and advice on how to take care of the wellbeing of staff at work.

On your patch in Bingley

Bingley

Wardens to the Rescue! Whilst the efforts of the Bingley Covid response team continue to provide valuable support. The Neighbourhood Wardens came to the rescue of one elderly Crossflatts resident who received a scam telephone call. Her concerned neighbour contacted the Ward officer who in turn asked a Warden to do a welfare visit, turns out the scammers had tried to get her divulge her account details which she didn't and she was grateful for the reassuring visit from the warden. Meanwhile in Bingley plans went ahead for the best non-contact VE day celebrations and competitions held for the best dressed VE day house!

Bingley Rural

Staff and volunteers at the five Bingley Rural Neighbourhood Support Centres are still working hard to support their local communities.

The on-going communication between all involved, including the Shipley Area Office and Ward Councillors, is really valued, because it means that advice and information can be shared.

There is fantastic news this week from the Denholme Neighbourhood Support Centre, Denholme Assist, who have been awarded £3,820 from the National Lottery Community Fund. Denholme Assist are grateful to Wilsden's Neighbourhood Support Centre for bringing this funding opportunity to their attention.

The funding will enable Denholme Assist to continue running their services for the rest of the year and to develop a befriending service. Bradford VCS Alliance have offered to support them with their befriending service.

Youth Service

Youth workers continue to do their garden gate visits to young people and street detached work.

We have been reviewing this week anything in the youth offer that needs to change as we start to approach the end of lockdown. Currently there isn't scope to change too much but it is worth having the conversation with young people. The young ambassadors are working with the Council's communications team on new messages and youth workers taking on more of a health promotion role. This would involve advising young people on keeping safe and also giving out appropriate ppe equipment.

Youth workers in Shipley continue to explore creative ways to support young people. This week, one of our youth workers used her contacts in the pub industry to obtain a lap top for a vulnerable young person which was funded by a local pub.

The young person has been finding it difficult to cope with a number of family issues over recent months and after the lockdown, became increasingly anxious as she had no access to a lap top or internet to continue with her college work. The young person needs to pass her current year at college in order that she can transfer to a childcare course which is her real passion. Having access to the laptop has enabled the young person to be able to catch up on her course work and have an opportunity to successfully complete her course.

Parks, Car parks and Street Cleansing

Grass winter sports pitches. Following the abandonment of the 2019-20 winter sport season, the Council are offering existing clubs who have paid in full for their pitch a credit to be used next year for the percentage of the season that didn't take place in the 2019-20 season.

Destinations and Parks – Car Park re-opening

Bradford Council is reopening a number of its car parks within countryside, woodland and park settings following the easing of Government restrictions allowing people to be able to leave home to exercise or spend time outdoors with no restriction on distance travelled. Car parks will be opened in 2 phases or two weeks and additional social distance signage will be erected in the reopened parking areas.

Street cleansing and parks Operations are still running at approximately 60% capacity with some staff transferred to waste services, crematoria duties and some staff self isolating. Staff are doing their very best to keep our streets and parks tidy and doing an incredible job.

Key Contacts

Always go online first unless it's an emergency

For people needing non-medical help or support – 01274 431000

For all Bradford Council information: www.bradford.gov.uk or 01274 432111

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 101

Life-threatening emergency only: 999

Adult social care, if concerned about care package: 01274 435400

Adult social care out of hours: 01274 431010

Business support - www.investinbradford.com or 01274 437722.

Children's social care: 01274 435600 and Children's out of hours: 01274 431010

Child line: 0800 1111

Domestic abuse: 0808 2800 999 and Out of hours: 0808 2000 247

Hate crime reporting: 08001 691664

Mental wellbeing crisis support: www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/firstresponse