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| Bradford Council logo **Supporting Shipley through COVID-19****Councillors and MP Weekly Bulletin****4 June 2020** |
| **On your patch in Shipley****Local information** Parking EnforcementCouncil leaders have agreed to continue to allow certain key workers to continue to park free of charge in the Bradford district. This comes as many other parking services, restrictions and enforcement activities return to business as usual over the next few weeks. The key workers who will benefit are health and social care workers, people working for the NHS and COVID-19 volunteers. This includes people who work in care homes and home care workers. All they need to do is register their car registration number and send proof of their employment to NHSparking@bradford.gov.uk. Approval of a virtual permit request will allow the named vehicle to use all Bradford Council car parks without charge. This concession will be available over the entire district all days and hours of operation. Free parking will no longer be available for Council staff and volunteers, unless they meet the criteria. The decision to reintroduce enforcement of parking restrictions was taken following consultation with other local authorities and guidance received from the British Parking Association and The Local Government Association.Bradford Council has agreed the following:* **W/C 24 May** - Warning notices to be issued to vehicles observed parked in contravention.
* **W/C 1 June** – Recommence bus lane enforcement, issuing of Penalty Charge Notices on-street and off-street.
* **W/C 15 June -** Parking charges reinstated and warning notices issued for one week for non-compliance of pay and display related contraventions.
* **W/C 22 June -** Penalty ChargeNotices issued for all contraventions including pay and display.

As people are being encouraged to use their cars to get to work or to cycle, we need to ensure that bus lanes are free of other vehicles to ensure bus journey times. The re-introduction of charges encourages appropriate parking and ensures that there is a turnover of spaces in key locations. This benefits visitors and shoppers as it allows parking close to amenities. Car parks remain operational for longer stay purposes. We will be following British Parking Association (BPA) advice and focusing on dangerous and obstructive parking and loading bays, yellow lines, bus stops, disabled bays, taxi ranks, dropped kerbs, pedestrian crossings, tactile pavements, limited waiting, cycle lanes and time restricted areas.VolunteersIt is National Volunteer Week this week and we cannot let it pass without acknowledging the volunteers that have helped out over the last 10 weeks. They have been a fantastic support and we would not have been able to do as much within the communities without them. Moving forward there are some that are returning to work but we still have many that are still willing to continue giving their valued support. BingleyInclusion Group’s Singing HandsThe Bingley Inclusion group hasn’t let the lockdown stop them getting involved in a range of activities via virtual youth groups that have been meeting since March. The group have come up with a new name for the Inclusion group ‘Ohana’ which is a Hawaiian word meaning ‘family’. Some of the young people also made a ‘singing hands’ video in order to take the challenge to learn Makaton. Bingley RuralThe relaxation of lock-down and hot sunny weather has led to many residents heading out to local beauty spots. Unfortunately this has resulted in anti-social behaviour at some locations, with problems of littering, irresponsible parking and people not social distancing. Goit Stock waterfall in Harden has been a particular hot-spot. The Neighbourhood Service is working alongside a number of partners to remedy this, including the Police, Countryside Service and Ward Councillors.Denholme, Cullingworth, Wilsden, Cottingley and Harden Neighbourhood Support Centres continue to provide a range of valuable services for local residents. Their focus remains on shopping and befriending support, volunteer coordination, provision of advice and information, and supply of food when necessary.ShipleySocial distancing measures have been put in place in Shipley centre.Social distancing in Shipley |
| **District Wide information**

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| Health experts urge safety first approach as lockdown rules ease Bradford’s health experts have joined forces to reinforce the importance of safe social distancing. Bradford Teaching Hospitals and the council’s Public Health team have come together to urge the community to still stay at home wherever possible.It is also being encouraged to continue with regular hand-washing, and refrain from hugs and handshakes after it was announced that groups of up to six people from different households will be able to meet outside from Monday.Read more

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[Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)Shielding advice from Bradford expertsBradford health experts have joined forces to urge people who have been shielding in their homes for weeks not to put themselves at unnecessary risk.This follows the Government’s unexpected announcement that from Monday 1 June people identified by the NHS as vulnerable and at high risk who have been shielding since the coronavirus pandemic began are now able to spend time outdoors – for example to exercise or to meet a friend or relative – as long as they follow the Government’s social distancing guidelines. They had originally been told 10 weeks ago to stay indoors for at least 12 weeks.

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Shipley Open Market now openFollowing the government announcement that open markets will be allowed to begin trading again, Bradford Council has worked with traders from Shipley Open Market to ensure a safe and successful opening of the market. Staff from Bradford Markets worked with traders on the preparations needed to work safely and measures they needed to follow to keep customers safe. This included making changes to the stalls layout and signage to remind customers how to stay safe when waiting to be served.Traders will be maintaining high standards of hygiene and will be encouraging people to make contactless payments where possible.Shipley Open Market is now open with popular second hand stalls, general goods on sale.First schemes to encourage cycling, walking and social distancing are being implementedWith the expected reopening of businesses and non-essential shops from 15 June, we have started putting a range of measures in place to help people to use and visit public spaces safely with a focus on helping people to stick to the social distancing rules.The first of these have been installed in Shipley market square. These include signs, lamp post banners and pavement stencils reminding people of the need to keep 2m apart from those they don't live with and also one-way systems for pedestrians.Further measures We are also making changes to up to 100 pedestrian crossing across the district so that you won't need to press the button to request the traffic to stop.Plans to widen pavements on Hall Ings in the city centre to allow for social distancing by taking the road down to one lane of traffic in each direction, are close to being approved and could be installed as early as next week.Free parking for health and social care workersCouncil leaders have agreed to continue to allow health and social care workers to park free of charge in the Bradford district. This comes as many other parking services, restrictions and enforcement activities return to business as usual over the next few weeks.If you are a health or social care worker, you work for the NHS or are a COVID-19 volunteer you will benefit. This includes you if you work in a care home or are a home care worker.All you need to do to register and benefit from the free parking is email us your car registration number and send proof of your employment. Further information on how to register and who can apply can be found on our [website.](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/emergencies/council-service-disruptions/important-updates-and-guidance-about-coronavirus/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)Approval of a virtual permit request will allow the named vehicle to use all Bradford Council car parks without charge. This concession will be available over the entire district all days and hours of operation.Council makes plans for future in response to Covid-19A report to Bradford Council’s Executive on 9 June 2020 will outline the steps being taken to manage the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic both now and in the future.In April, a report outlined the rapid action the Council and its partners took in the early stages of the pandemic. The June report details how that work is continuing and outlines a plan for the next six months, as well as signalling the development of a longer term recovery plan to support the district’s economy recover from the impact of the pandemic.The current areas of work the Council has been focusing on as its priority have been divided into five themes: supporting the health and social care of vulnerable people; supporting communities; helping our businesses and workforce stay resilient; maintaining essential services; and keeping people informed.

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Public spaces and exerciseThe guidance on accessing green spaces safely was updated on the 1 June. In England, the public can leave their home to exercise and spend time outdoors for recreation with their household or in groups of up to six people from outside their household.  To stay safe, the public must:* take hygiene precautions when they are outside
* wash their hands as soon as they are back indoors
* keep at least two metres apart from anyone outside their household at all times
* take hand sanitiser with them when they set off in case there are no handwashing facilities

The guidance includes an updated list of what the public can now do, advice for land managers and landowners, as well as a reminder to respect other people and protect the natural environment.The guidance reiterates that people should wash their hands frequently and keep equipment sharing to a minimum. Outdoor and indoor gyms and swimming pools, playgrounds, fitness studios and other indoor leisure centres remain closed, except for facilities for training elite athletes. Indoor facilities such as clubhouses should be kept closed, apart from toilets and throughways.

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Personal protective equipment in educational settingsGuidance has been issued on the 1 June, on the process schools and education settings should follow to obtain supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE).The guidance states that schools and other education or childcare settings should not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus.PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, which are outlined in the guidance.The guidance also sets out how to access PPE if it is necessary. Education, childcare and children’s social care settings and providers should use their local supply chains to obtain PPE.

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Self-Employment Income Support Scheme and Coronavirus Job Retention SchemeOn the 29 May, the Chancellor announced that the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will be extended and outlined further details on the extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.Those eligible for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will be able to claim a second and final grant in August worth 70% of their average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering three months’ worth of profits, and capped at £6,570 in total.From 1 July 2020 businesses will be given the flexibility to bring furloughed employees back part time under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.From August 2020, the level of government grant provided through the job retention scheme will be tapered to reflect that people will be returning to work. For June and July, the government will continue to pay 80% of people’s salaries. In the following months, businesses will be asked to contribute a modest share, but individuals will continue to receive that 80% of salary covering the time they are unable to work.

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Temporary changes to special educational needs and disability legislationThe guidance on the changes to the law on education, health and care needs assessments and plans due to coronavirus was updated on the 29 May. The guidance is for a range of audiences, including councils’ special educational needs and disability services.The updated guidance includes information on cases in progress on 1 May 2020, annual reviews requirements for those with EHC plans who are transitioning between phases of their education, actions following a tribunal ruling, and the unchanged duties in relation to social care provision.

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Looking after people who lack mental capacityThe guidance for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity during the coronavirus pandemic has been updated. Alongside other changes in the document, the section on emergency public health powers has been updated, and an additional guidance document and a decision-making flowchart have been added.

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Free school meals during coronavirusThe Department for Education on the 28 May updated the guidance for schools and councils on free school meals arrangements during the coronavirus outbreak. The information on providing meals for pupils attending school, the national voucher scheme, and providing meals or food parcels through a food provider has been updated.

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* 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).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) |

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