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# COVID RESURGENCE

## Visiting pubs and bars

From 14 September, by law you can only visit a pub in groups of up to 6 people (unless you are visiting as a 'household' or 'support bubble' which is larger than 6)

HM Government

**We must keep on protecting each other.**

NHS

HANDS FACE SPACE

To avoid risks of transmission and stay as safe as possible, you should always maintain social distancing with people you do not live with – indoors and outdoors.

## WHEN RETURNING TO THE PUB, YOU CAN HELP BY:



Following instructions on signs and listening to staff



Waiting patiently in queues



Washing your hands



Leaving accurate contact details to help Test & Trace



Ordering remotely where you can



Staying in your allocated seating area when possible



Using contactless payments where possible

For more information visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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## COVID UPDATE

### KEY POINTS OF LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES

- New coronavirus restrictions 'could last for six months'.
- Rise in Shropshire new cases to 75 last week.
- Number of wedding attendees in England to be cut from 30 to 15
- Retail workers and taxi passengers must wear face masks.
- Plans to allow sports fans back to sports stadia postponed
- Back to work message to be scrapped in latest U-turn. Employees told to work from home if possible.
- Pubs, bars and restaurants to be forced to shut at 10pm



## ACTION ON FLOODING

After a great deal of pressure from Cllr Nigel Hartin and Bucknell Parish Council, Shropshire Council has finally started work to clear the blocked drain by the station in Bucknell that has caused so much flooding.

## NHS Test and Trace App – further support and resources

The Government has announced that certain venues, including venues run by local authorities will now be legally required to display NHS QR posters in their venues from the 24th September. This includes all venues from the following sectors:

- hospitality;
- leisure and tourism;
- close contact services;
- places of worship; and
- local authority venues.



Above: Example QR code.

For further details on the announcement please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/venues-required-to-enforce-rule-of-6-nhs-qr-code-posters-and-contact-logs>



**Postal Voting** Anyone can apply to have their ballot papers sent to them by post, instead of going to vote in person at a polling station. By completing and submitting a postal vote application form, you can choose to vote by post:

**Contact: Electoral Services at Shropshire Council:**  
elections@shropshire uk or 0345 678 9015

## SCAM ALERTS

A number of sophisticated scam telephone calls, texts and emails are doing the rounds again including the offer of tax refunds from HMRC, calls related to ebay and Amazon Prime and supposed NHS calls about track and trace contacts who ask for a fee for the service. Others claim to be from HM Courts and Tribunal Service asking for payment of a penalty charge notice.

The HMRC will always contact you by letter and NHS Track and Trace is free. Please do not be taken in by these calls: they may sound very plausible and genuine but you should not give your personal details or bank details out or allow anyone access to your computer as a result of a telephone call.

Further information on how to protect yourself from scams and fraud is available on the link below

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/>  
<https://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/news/beware-of-covid-19-scams/>

## New vehicle permit system for Household waste re-cycling centres

Shropshire Council will shortly be changing the system used for generating van and trailer permits for access to the Council's five Household Recycling Centres. As from Thursday 1st October, the existing paper permit will be replaced by a digital version.

The new application system will be a self-service model accessed via the My Shropshire portal. Once an online application is successful the permits will be available immediately. On visiting a site in a van or with a trailer, the driver will be asked for proof of address via their driving licence. A site attendant will then deduct a permit from the online account for that address and the driver will be free to use the site.

Any unused paper permits will still be accepted at sites until Summer 2021.

All other site rules will remain the same, including the number of permits provided ( 12 per household in any 12 month period) and restrictions on vehicle size, all of which can be found here

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/household-recycling-centres/permit-information/>



Vehicles allowed on site **with** a permit



Commercial type vehicles less than 5m long and 2.1m high owned or borrowed by the user  
• 4x4s with a goods body • Car with a trailer between 1.2m and 2.4m long internally (over 1m<sup>2</sup> load area)



Vehicles allowed on site **without** a permit



Commercial type vehicle on hire for less than a week, less than 5m long and 2.1m high • People carriers • Estates • Private car with trailer no larger than 1.2m x 0.9m internally • 4x4s without a goods body • Trailers up to 1m<sup>2</sup>

## Leisure Services Strategy

Shropshire Council has developed a new leisure services strategy which will replace the previous 2018 strategy - this sets out a hierarchy of provision across different leisure facilities. The new strategy is about the facilities needed to support local residents to engage in physical activity and the health and well-being of local communities .

The Strategy includes the leisure provision at SpArC in Bishop's Castle which is now managed by Shropshire Council. Since April there has been significant investment by the Council to improve the facility. The Council are consulting on the new strategy and you can take part by accessing this link : <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/leisure-facilities-strategy/>

**The closing date for the consultation is 29 October 2020**

## How long do you need to self-isolate for?



**10 days**  
If you have symptoms  
or a positive test



**14 days**  
If someone in your  
household has symptoms



**14 days**  
If you arrive back in the  
UK from abroad\*

\*Excluding exempt countries

Book your test now by calling 119  
or visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

You will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace if you have  
come into contact with an infected person.  
You must then isolate for 14 days



[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

## Connecting Shropshire Update

### Top-up Voucher Scheme

Shropshire Council has made up to £1 million of additional funding available to 'top-up' the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS).

**The purpose of this strategic investment is to support those premises currently not included in any Connecting Shropshire contract.**

For homes, the maximum funding per voucher will be £4,000. Eligible businesses can receive an additional £3,000 bringing the maximum funding per voucher to £7,000. To qualify for the Scheme, groups of 2 or more residents/businesses must be located in a rural area and be unable to get broadband speeds of 100Mbps.

See: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme>



**Petty Crime.** Your Councillor team are having a fair number of reports of petty theft and criminal damage over recent weeks. Please ring 101 to report these incidents to the police. Criminals should not be allowed to get away with this sort of behaviour even in a time of crisis.

# StepUpShropshire

Shropshire residents are being asked to 'step up' and play their part in stopping the spread of Covid-19 and keep themselves and others safe. 'Step Up Shropshire' is the new county-wide campaign launched to reinforce key public health messages.

Last week in Shropshire saw a further 75 confirmed cases, and we are strongly encouraging people of all ages, particularly the younger and working age population, to continue to play their part by keeping themselves and others safe. To reduce the county's COVID-19 cases,

- People are being asked to:
- work from home if you can
  - limit contact with other people
  - keep your distance from people not in your household bubble (2 metres apart where possible)
  - Stick to a maximum group of 6 people when meeting socially – indoors or outdoors
  - wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - if you are unable to wash hands and they are visibly clean, use hand sanitiser with at least 60% alcohol content
  - do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms
  - Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will meet people you do not normally meet.
  - Anyone who has any symptoms should book a test and not leave home for at least 10 days. Those living in households should self-isolate for 14 days if they or any members of the household receive a positive test.

Rachel Robinson, Shropshire's Director of Public Health, said: "All across the county, from Clun to Craven Arms and Wem to Whitchurch, everyone has made enormous sacrifices over the past few months

"We are at a point where we need everyone across Shropshire to step up and help cut the rate of infections. The recent rise in local cases and the Government's latest measures means we cannot afford to let our guard down.

**We need to do everything we can to keep our case rate down and avoid another lockdown.**

## Free School Meals

If current circumstances have impacted on your family's finances you may be eligible for free school meals for your children. You can find more information here:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/> to see if you qualify. Alternatively contact : [fsm@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@shropshire.gov.uk) or 0345 678 9000

# Hygiene poverty

is a lot closer  
than you think

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Teachers have seen  
an increase in  
pupils suffering from  
poor hygiene

The Hygiene Bank provides hygiene and personal care essentials to those that can't afford them.

Our mission is simple:  
**To tackle hygiene poverty  
in the UK.**



## Here's how you can help

Our motivation is to help afford everyone their dignity, but we can't do it alone. We need your support, donations and advocacy to help us put the fight against hygiene poverty at the forefront of society. We passionately believe no-one should be suffering from hygiene poverty in 21st Century Britain. And with your help no-one has to.

## Give local, help local

The items you donate will be distributed out to local food banks, women's refuges, hostels, social services, schools and organisations that support those desperately in need.

Each Hygiene Bank is mapped with one or more local beneficiaries so that everything donated stays in the area and helps that local community.



You can find a full list of suggested items to donate on our website.

To find out more about how you can support, visit [thehygienebank.com](https://thehygienebank.com)

Or follow us on social media:

 [@thehygienebank](https://www.instagram.com/thehygienebank)

The Hygiene Bank. Registered Charity in England and Wales number: 1181267

## WHEELS TO WORK

If you are having difficulty in getting to work or to work based training because of a lack of public transport the Wheels2Work scheme may be able to help. A fleet of scooters and electric bikes are available to hire (subject to conditions) for people who need support travelling to their place of work.

It is possible to hire 50cc scooters, 110cc scooters and electric bikes for three months, with an option to extend for a further three.

Eligibility criteria apply and a small deposit is needed before hiring a scooter or bike. Low cost loans from Just Credit Union are available to help with the deposit. Full details are in the link below <https://www.shropshire-rcc.org.uk/services/individuals/wheels-to-work>