



**CLUN DIVISION**

# E-BULLETIN No 13

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## RETURN OF CCTV ON CLUN BRIDGE URGENT



Nigel Hartin, Shropshire Councillor for Clun Division, is urging Shropshire to prioritise the repair and return the CCTV camera on the classic bridge at Clun before it is damaged again.

Nigel said "This ancient bridge has been repeatedly damaged over the years by HGVs ignoring all the signs and trying to squeeze across its mediaeval structure. Although its deterrence value is limited it has allowed the Council to trace some of the perpetrators and seek compensation.

"Shropshire took the camera away a few weeks ago and we have not heard anything since. The Town Council and myself have sent a further reminder recently but no response as yet but we will keep chasing until its return!"



# LOCKDOWN

## New lockdown rules for England

Main restrictions from Thursday 5 November



Pubs and restaurants closed but takeaways permitted



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



No households mixing indoors, or in private gardens, unless in your support bubble



Stay home – only leave for specific reasons including education and work



Schools, universities and colleges remain open



Outdoor recreation encouraged, you can meet one person outside your household

Courtesy of BBC. For further information see:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

**THIS EDITION: FREE SCHOOL MEALS, BROADBAND, NEW LOCKDOWN**



# ‘JUST’ THE FLU?

The flu virus kills thousands every year. The flu vaccine is the best protection for you and those around you.

**JUST GET YOUR FREE FLU JAB**  
Ask your pharmacist or GP if you're eligible.



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help you



## SHROPSHIRE LARDER

FIND THE SUPPORT YOU NEED IN SHROPSHIRE!

WANT HELP TO EAT WELL ON A BUDGET?

WANT TO FIND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WHICH CAN SUPPORT YOU?



FOOD BANKS · COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS · HOUSING  
DEBT · BENEFITS · BUDGETING · WELLBEING  
OLDER PEOPLE · CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**VISIT**  **SHROPSHIRELARDER.ORG.UK**

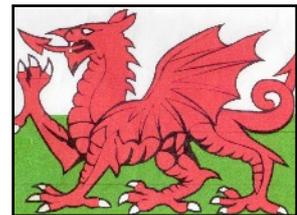
## Covid-19 Helpline and on-line information

For non-medical support and enquires call direct Covid-19 Helpline 0345 6789028 or email [customerfirst@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:customerfirst@shropshire.gov.uk). On the Shropshire Council website, there is a wide range of information available to help you support people. Find the full range of information here: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/>. This includes the three directories on: food provision, community support and community social networks.

## Help in Shropshire for those on a low budget

As the recession deepens, more people are losing their jobs and facing hardship. Shropshire Larder ([shropshirelarder.org.uk](http://shropshirelarder.org.uk)) - is the most comprehensive directory of services for people living in Shropshire on a low budget. It has information on how to access a foodbank or community food project, and how to eat well on a budget. It also covers how to get support with benefits, housing, and debt

# WALES LOCKDOWN RULES FROM 9th NOVEMBER



**Two-household bubbles can be formed**

**15 people can meet indoors for organised activities**

**30 people can meet outdoors for organised activities**

**Schools reopen**

**Non-essential businesses can reopen**

**No travel to and from England**  
(unless there is a 'reasonable excuse')

**No travel restrictions within Wales**

**Work from home where possible**



## SpArC Bishop's Castle - Coronavirus Update

**The Leisure Centre** The leisure facilities will be closed as from Thursday 5th November. The planned re-start of swimming lessons week commencing 9th November has been postponed. The centre will be in contact when in a position to re arrange a starting date.

**The Theatre** SpArC Theatre have to close their doors again just as they were getting going. However it is hoped that they will be up and running again in December. Planned screenings of Uncle Vanya and Manon Lescaut will be rescheduled. If you have bought tickets you should have received a refund.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Despite pressure from many residents, voluntary groups and the Lib Dems on the Council, the Administration at Shropshire Council failed to join the large number of Councils across the UK providing free school meal vouchers to ALL eligible families over the half term holiday.

Nigel said: "The impact of COVID has hit many families hard financially and some are struggling to make ends meet. The Government's attitude to free school meals has been utterly shameful and pressure must be put on them to fund free school meals over the Christmas break. Failing that Shropshire Council must come good on the commitment it made last week and fund school meals for all entitled families over the next school holidays."

"For information on eligibility for free school meals contact Shropshire Council on 0345 678

**During this lockdown local businesses that are remaining open, offering online or delivery services can be found by following this link <https://bit.ly/2HU0fuE>**

## Emergency Mental Health sessions available now from RNIB

Many blind and partially sighted people have faced anxiety and sadness about the unique challenges they have experienced during the COVID pandemic. RNIB's Sight Loss Advice Service has worked with Mind, the mental health charity, to offer free emergency mental health sessions by BACP-registered counsellors with sight loss experience. Sessions will be one hour long over the telephone and will be on offer until June 2021. Contact RNIB on 0303 123 9999. For tips and advice on maintaining good mental health visit RNIB's website for a number of resources.

## RNIB advice on wearing face coverings when you have sight loss

Many blind and partially sighted people have been concerned about wearing face coverings; they report that masks steam up their glasses or further reduce their vision. In order to help keep everyone safe and comfortable, RNIB has gathered top tips and recommendations from across the sight loss community for wearing face coverings when you have sight loss.



## 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.org.uk](mailto:elections@shropshire.org.uk) or 0345 678 9015**

## NEWS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

**Libraries:** As of Thursday, libraries will be expected to close except for any click and collect type service.

**Household waste recycling centres:** At this point they are not expecting waste and recycling services to be listed as one of the non-essential services that should close. These can therefore remain open. As always, the decision on whether to open a recycling centre rests with the individual local authority, taking into account the safety of staff and managing the risks on a site-by-site basis.

**Outside and farmers markets:** MHCLG has clarified that traders selling essential items can continue to trade.

**Caravan parks:** These can stay open if accommodating people as their primary residence.



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# Financial help during the November Lockdown in England:

**The Furlough scheme** at 80% is extended to December.

Grants of up to £3,000 per month for premises that are forced to close. See below.

**Business Closure Grants** – Grants of up to £3k are to be paid where there is a business closure. The banding of support is as follows –

- Properties with a rateable value of £15k or under = £1,334 per month
- Properties with a rateable value of between £15k to £51k = £2,000 per month

Properties with a rateable value of £51k or over = £3,000 per month

## Self-employed:

To reflect the recent changes to the furlough scheme, the UK-wide Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) will be made more generous – with self-employed individuals receiving 80% of their average trading profits for November.

And to ensure those who need support get it as soon as possible, payments will also be made more quickly with the claims window being brought forward from 14 December to 30 November.



## Health Watch Shropshire

Phone, video and on-line appointments during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Health watch asked the public to share their views and experiences of phone, video and online appointments during the pandemic. To see what they found out follow link below.

As a result of the pandemic many services across health and social care have changed how they are delivered and new ones have been developed. In order to offer services as safely as possible people have been offered appointments over the phone or online by video or using an online form.

<https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/report/2020-10-20/phone-video-and-on-line-appointments-during-covid-19-pandemic>

## POOR BROADBAND SPEEDS?

Following on from the announcement that vouchers\* worth up to £3,000 will be available for residents with poor broadband speed, SWS services have announced they are looking at providing broadband services into the Clun and Newcastle on Clun areas.

Enquiries should be directed to SWS at

<https://www.securewebservices.co.uk/>

Tel: 03337 000 227

You need to club together with at least one neighbour.

\*see : <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme>

**NHS**

**Vaccinations protect you, your family and the community. Don't miss them.**

It is important that you and your family still have routine vaccinations. They protect against serious and potentially deadly illnesses and stop outbreaks in the community.

Contact your GP practice for more information.

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GET PROTECTED