

Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council 30.4.2020

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Council staff answer the call

More than 1,100 Somerset County Council staff have signed up to be redeployed in vital new roles during the coronavirus emergency.

From joining adult social care teams to distributing nearly a million items of PPE, staff are temporarily leaving their 'day jobs' in other departments and taking on fresh roles where the need is greatest to support our residents and communities.

A total of 1,161 Council staff, along with over 300 external personnel made the commitment to be redeployed as the authority continues to adapt during unprecedented times.

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Virtual meetings timetabled next week

Somerset County Council is due to hold its first virtual committee meetings next week and people can ask a question or simply listen in. Two Scrutiny meetings are scheduled for 6 May with Scrutiny for Adults and Health starting at 9.30am, followed by Scrutiny for Children and Families at 1pm. The press and public must pre-register to listen in or ask a question.

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Let's all celebrate VE Day

Somerset residents are being encouraged to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day and remember all those who helped to secure peace in Europe. Friday 8 May marks the milestone anniversary of the day the guns fell silent in Europe ending six years of conflict.

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Free carrier hire for new babies

Somerset County Council's Public Health team is offering free baby carrier hire for every baby born in the county between April and September this year. The Council is working with Carry Me Kate Parenting Services CIC to provide the service for new parents during the coronavirus crisis.

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Selling homemade food

Trading Standards is advising anyone considering cooking or baking during the COVID-19 outbreak with a view to offering food products for sale through social media to be aware of the regulations for food safety and hygiene. This applies whether you offer for sale homemade cakes and biscuits, takeaway meals or other home prepared foods.

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