



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council 1.6.2020

All our help and information is now **available in a single place** on the SCC

website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>

This page is refreshed through the day so please check in regularly to keep across developments and news.

Top stories today:



Cheer for our amazing volunteers

It's National Volunteers' Week (1-7 June) and Somerset County Council and partners are celebrating all the amazing work volunteers do, not just during the coronavirus emergency, but all year round.

Many people stepped forward to support local community

groups and organisations during the COVID-19 outbreak – a heart-warming response – and the Council wants to thank everyone who has made a huge difference in these unsettling times.

There are all kinds of things volunteers have been doing within their local communities – from collecting medical prescriptions, delivering food to walking dogs whose owners are shielding.

There are also many people who have been using their professional skills to make a difference. Somerset County Council staff stepped forward to support other key services such as registration services, adult social care and delivering essential Protective Personal Equipment (PPE).

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Wheels needed in West Somerset

Have you got a bicycle you no longer want or need? Is this the right name or Community Council for Somerset is appealing for bike donations to help people in West Somerset get on the move again. So far 31 cycles have been donated – but more are still needed. You can find out more below.

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Job Retention Scheme update

Furloughed workers will continue to get 80 per cent of pay until the end of October. However, employers will have to start sharing the cost of the Job Retention Scheme. From August they will have to pay National Insurance & pension contributions, and then 10 per cent of pay from September, rising to 20 per cent in October.

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Support for the self-employed

The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme has been extended until the end of October, with the final grant claim made in August 2020. Find out more detailed information about the scheme below.

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Guidance on what you can and can't do

The further easing of coronavirus restrictions came into force today. You can find out more

here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

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Childline review

The NSPCC is carrying out a review of Childline. As part of this work it has launched a survey for those involved in supporting children.

If you work in an 'operational' role (for example, in social services, police, health, child protection, a children's charity or in an educational setting), please complete this survey:

Operational

survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JZ5TSGX>

If you work in a 'strategic' or commissioning role (for example,

in central or local government, for one of the children's commissioners, for a health provider, law enforcement, or children's charity), please complete this survey:

Strategic survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JPF5NP>

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