



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council 1.7.2020

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Somerset Libraries launch new personal shopper service as doors begin to reopen

As part of the phased reopening of library buildings later this month, a new 'personal shopper' service is being introduced.

Somerset County Council will launch the service in Taunton Library on 6 July. Subject to a review, it will then be introduced in Bridgwater, Frome, Minehead and Yeovil on 13 July. It is hoped all remaining

libraries will be able to open again during August.

The personal shopper service enables customers to request library books either by email, website or telephone, using a new borrower request form. By providing staff with a few key details about what you are looking for, a hand-picked selection of books, audiobooks, and DVDs will be available for collection at a convenient time for you. No hire charges or fines will be applied in the interim.

When libraries open, internet access will be available in some, but it will be primarily for users who don't have home internet access and require essential services.

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Make a difference and feel better with our Rights of Way team

Somerset's Rights of Way volunteer community is back active and working with a few adjustments as lockdown continues to ease – and there are plenty of opportunities available to be part of it. Somerset County Council has five volunteering roles in the Rights of Way team, and all can be flexibly adapted to suit your circumstances.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to gain new skills, meet new people and give back to the local community.

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Phased return of sport and recreation

The guidance for the public, providers of outdoor sport facilities, elite athletes, personal trainers and coaches on the phased return of sport and recreation has been updated to include new guidance from 4 July 2020. From 4 July outdoor gyms and playgrounds can open, as can food or drink facilities inside a clubhouse. Indoor facilities, such as changing rooms, should be kept closed, apart from toilets and throughways. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools will also remain closed to the public.

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Safe use of multi-purpose community facilities

Guidance is now available for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities on safely re-opening multi-purpose buildings. The government will allow community centres and other multi-use community facilities to open on 4 July.

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