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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information for businesses from Horsham District Council

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Fortnightly monitoring survey

Answer our fortnightly monitoring survey by telling us about your current situation and what support your business requires.

[Answer survey](#)

Free pavement café licences now available

Horsham District food and drink businesses can now apply for a free temporary tables and chairs licence online to allow them to provide outdoor seating for customers.



The change in legislation went through Parliament on 20 July, and aims to give a boost to business recovery plans.

Apply for your free licence online below. You will need to attach a site plan, a photo or product shot of the furniture you plan to use, and evidence of your public liability insurance.

[Find out more and how to apply for the licence](#)

Join the Tea at 2 campaign

There's still time to join the new **Tea at 2 campaign** to encourage visitors into towns and villages in the afternoons when it is generally quieter. The campaign launches today Wednesday 29 July.

We are hoping that cafes and restaurants will be willing to offer a range of attractive tea time promotions from two o'clock each day, starting from 1 August through to 31 August.

Please

email business.development@horsham.gov.uk with details of your promotion ideas and your contact details.

[Find out more](#)



Grants and funding

New grants to boost recovery of small businesses

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has announced a new grants scheme to boost the recovery of small businesses. [Find out more about the new grants scheme.](#)

Small and medium sized businesses will have access to grants of between £1,000 - £5,000 to help them access new technology and other equipment as well as professional, legal, financial or other advice to help them get back on track.

The money is being allocated to Local Enterprise Partnerships. **Coast2Capital** has been allocated £250,000. Follow their social media channels, subscribe to their email newsletters and continue to [check the Coast2Capital website](#) to find out when you can apply.

Apply for apprenticeship funding

Employers in West Sussex can now apply for funding from a pot of over £460,000 for apprenticeship training from West Sussex County Council.

[Find out more and apply for apprenticeship funding.](#)

Help customers be kind to our parks and open spaces

Parks and green spaces have been utilised and valued by a huge number of people since the country locked down at the end of March. Sadly, we have seen a substantial increase in the volumes of litter and waste being left behind, including packaging from businesses across the District.

This issue is expected to get worse over the summer holidays, and our parks are in urgent need of support.

In place of the usual Love Parks Week campaign, **Keep Britain Beautiful** have launched a new **campaign** to address this urgent issue and reduce anti-social behaviour in parks.



What you can do to help

Please continue to encourage all your customers to dispose or recycle any packaging from your business responsibly. This could include asking your staff to verbally ask at the point of sale or putting up a notice in your shop or venue.

Share the campaign

Want to help further? You can support the campaign further by sharing a message or two on your social media and email channels to encourage as many customers as possible to think twice before littering.

[Download the Love Parks 2020 social media assets](#)

Can you help Experience West Sussex?

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Experience West Sussex Partnership and Tourism South East are working to understand the full impact that COVID-19 has had on the regional visitor economy. You can help them by completing their short survey to qualify the impact and aid planning as the region looks to rebuild its visitor economy.

[Complete the short survey](#)

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