



BIDDENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH UPDATE 18 June 2020

COVID-19

Now that the Lockdown restrictions are being relaxed and demand for shopping has decreased, Biddenden Beats Corona (BBC) will stop doing shopping and prescription collections with effect from 1st July as a group. However, the following groups will still be able to help with the following:

Useful contacts:

- Neighbourhood Watch: Adrian Lidgett) (Shopping, prescription collection, contact Calls) Tel: **01580 291931**
- Biddenden Transport (prescription collections from Headcorn, travel to doctor and hospital appointments): Tel: **07884 425781**
- BBC: Support for shopping, prescriptions Tel: **07494 870911 - Closing 1/7/20**
- Food bank: Bobbie Hewitt and her team Tel: **07507 566759**
- Age Concern Ashford: **01233 668765**
- General moral support, comfort and advice: Rev Alex Bienfait Tel: **01580 291454**
- Biddenden Parish Council matters: Clerk Alison Swannick tel: **07783 223450**
- Ashford Borough Councillor: Neil Bell **01580 291400**
- Kent Together helpline at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether or by calling on 03000 41 92 92.
- Ashford Borough Council Covid-19 website: <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/your-community/emergency-planning/health-and-pandemics/coronavirus-covid-19/>

There is a great deal of information from the GOV.UK site including what you can and cannot do under the revised guidance. This can be found at:

<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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Ashford discretionary grants scheme - closing Wednesday

Small businesses who have not been able to apply for previous grant schemes are invited to apply for the Ashford discretionary grants scheme. As directed by the government, the scheme will prioritise the following four areas first:

- Bed and breakfasts offering serviced accommodation who pay council tax;
- Businesses in shared spaces;

- Charities;
- Market traders.

The second prioritisation will be given to businesses who supply the tourism, retail, hospitality and leisure industry and who have suffered considerable loss of income and have high fixed costs. If funding is still available after these businesses have been paid, we will be assessing applications from small businesses who can show significant loss of earnings and high fixed costs.

**The application process will run until 23:59 on Wednesday 17th June.
Applications must be received before this date to be eligible!**

If in doubt, make an application before the closing date. If you have any questions, email discretionary.grants@ashford.gov.uk.

You can read more and apply for the **discretionary grants scheme by clicking here.**

Working safely during Covid-19

The government has produced guidance on working safely during Covid-19 in offices and contact centres, and in shops and branches.

You can **download the guidance on working safely in shops and branches here** [.pdf file download, 8715B]

You can **download the guidance on working safely in offices and contact centres here** [.pdf file download, 2810KB]



COVID-19: **Business Support Hotline**

03333 602300

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Growth Hub**
Your gateway to business
growth

Phone lines open from 8:30 - 17:00 | Monday to Friday

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Residents in Kent Targeted by COVID-19 Lottery Scam

Residents in the Cranbrook and Ashford area have received letters saying they had won a large cash prize.

What Happens:

- You receive a letter from 'COVID Relief Lottery'.
- The letter says you have won £385,000.
- You are told to claim the prize call an 0203 or mobile number.

What To Do:

- This is a scam – do not respond
- They will try to trick you out of money or your bank details
- They may try and steal your identity.



For advice and to report contact [Citizens Advice online](#) or telephone 0808 223 113.

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

[Report it](#)



Coronavirus/COVID-19 Scams and Guidance

Find out about how scammers may be trying to target you and your family during the Coronavirus pandemic. We can all be vulnerable to these criminals and the

best way to protect yourself is to make sure you are aware. KCC Public protection have created a page that lists scams that are using the Pandemic to target you.

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Contact Details



For advice and to report issues to **KCC Trading Standards** contact

[Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#) on **0808 223 1133**

[Consumer Advice scams action line](#) on **0808 250 5050**

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