



MDC COVID Business Bulletin

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News for businesses in Mendip

England is subject to National lockdown 'Stay at Home' restrictions.

This means you can stay open if your business provides essential goods and services, but you must close if you do not.

More information is available on the government pages here:

www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home

We understand this is a frustrating and difficult time, but we are here to help you understand the guidelines and the help that's available to your business.

View our business grant pages here: www.mendip.gov.uk/businessgrants

Find out more about [financial support for your business during Covid-19](#)

Business support - Government offers firms new grants to survive lockdown

Chancellor Rishi Sunak announced one off top-up grants to closed businesses as follows:

- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000.

A further £594 million is also being made available for nationally to support other businesses not eligible for the grants that might be affected by the restrictions.

We will let you know further details on these schemes and how you can apply as soon as we are able.

View the government pages here: www.gov.uk/government/news/46-billion-in-new-lockdown-grants-to-support-businesses-and-protect-jobs

Local Restrictions Support Grant - November only

The grant scheme for the period of National Lockdown: 5th November to 2nd December 2020 is still available to those who are eligible and have not yet made their claim.

[Check eligibility and apply now](#)

Application window will close on 31 January 2021

Local Restrictions Support Grants and Christmas Support for Wet-Led Pubs - December period only

Grants for hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses are now available for the periods relating 2 December to 30 December 2020, while Mendip District was in Tiers 2 & 3.

A single application may now be completed by business ratepayers, whether your business was legally ordered to close, or you were open but severely impacted. A separate application is also available for non-business rate payers in these sectors.

[Check eligibility and apply now](#)

Additional Restrictions Grant

Local Authorities have been provided with discretionary funds to provide further support to businesses. The first grant funding round closed on 18 December 2020. Final grant awards for the first funding round will be completed in January. The scheme is currently being evaluated and further funding rounds are expected in early 2021.

Please check back regularly for updates.

Ready, steady, census

Households across Mendip will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Census day is 21st March.

www.census.gov.uk/

Self Assessment deadline soon

The deadline for Self Assessment customers to complete their tax return is 31st January. If you haven't yet filed your return, HMRC is urging you to act now, as it may take more time than you anticipate.

Once you have completed your tax return, and know how much tax is owed, you can set up your own payment plan to help spread the cost of your tax liabilities, up to the value of £30,000.

www.gov.uk/pay-self-assessment-tax-bill/pay-in-instalments

CJRS December claims open

You can now submit your claims under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) for periods in December. These must be made by 14th January 2021.

The HMRC are running monthly webinars on CJRS and the Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme, including who can claim, who you can claim for, how to make a claim and what you may be entitled to.

www.register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8528021499696163331?source=January-HMRC-DCS-Supp-Emp/

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