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LOCAL RESTRICTION TIERS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

From 2 December New Forest District Council will be in **Tier 2: High Alert**.

This is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections, where some additional restrictions need to be in place.

In tier 2:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the ‘rule of 6’
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
 - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
 - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
 - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres, and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open, but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stone settings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with).

There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing

- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)



A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE MAGGIE BLYTH

Limiting the spread of the virus is primarily the responsibility of public health, but we know that our role is an important one and that compliance with Government legislation will be an influencing factor in mitigating risks

for the public and the NHS at this important time.

Assistant Chief Constable, Maggie Blyth, said: "Whilst Engaging, Explaining and Encouraging people to comply will remain a focus as officers react to the circumstances they are presented with, enforcement for blatant breaches is necessary.

"We know lots of people are weary of the changes to the rules, and recognise the impact of the pandemic on people's livelihoods and the impact of these further measures. As part of our response we will work closely with partners and communities over the coming days and weeks. The support we continue to give to the public of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight remains vital.

"To the vast majority who have complied with restrictions throughout this year. I'd like to, again, say thank you and urge you to please carry on doing so to ensure that we do not lose the momentum and shared purpose that we have had so far. To the minority who feel that the restrictions do not apply to them, including those organising large gatherings and deliberately holding parties or events that put people at risk, please be aware that we are increasing our levels of enforcement in line with the threat that we are facing to people living in our communities, and to our NHS.

"We won't waste time with endless encouragement for those who knowingly or deliberately break the rules. People recklessly ignoring the regulations should expect to receive a fixed penalty notice. It is only right that those who are putting others at risk should face consequences.

"I would also urge people to please refrain from calling us to ask questions about the new legislation, we need to keep our lines open for emergency calls.

"Thank you for your ongoing commitment. Hampshire Constabulary remains committed to playing its part keeping you and our communities safe in these unprecedented times".

Message Sent By

James Pusey (Police, Senior Communities Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight)



CV19 TESTING SITES

More testing sites are opening across Hampshire, making it easier and more convenient for local people to access testing for coronavirus. These are **appointment-only**, walk-through sites and will help ensure access to prompt testing, particularly for those who are unable to access

testing sites by car, which is key to preventing further spread of the virus. See our [press release for more information](#), including advice on when to get a test and how to get one. It's important that anyone with symptoms – however mild – seeks a test promptly.



NEW GRANT TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY NATIONAL CV19 RESTRICTIONS

A new fund to support local businesses impacted by national coronavirus restrictions is now open for applications.

New Forest District Council are making one-off discretionary grant payments to support the fixed property costs of specific types of business, that are impacted (but not necessarily closed) by the National Restrictions for the period 5 November – 2 December 2020.

The fund is called the **Additional Restrictions (Discretionary) Grant**.

The fund, which will make payments of up to £3,000 per business, is specifically aimed at businesses not previously eligible for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) and are impacted (but not necessarily closed) by the national restrictions.

The level of grant awarded will be based upon annual fixed premises costs for the business and all businesses applying will need to be able demonstrate these at the point of application. Home-based businesses will be eligible providing they meet the criteria of the fund.

Key business types will be prioritised in this fund. These are businesses in the retail, hospitality, events and leisure sectors, businesses in the immediate supply chain for those sectors, and business required to close by law, but which do not pay business rates (and are therefore not eligible for the Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSG)).

New Forest District Council's Portfolio Holder for Economic Development Cllr Michael Harris OBE said;

"This grant will provide vitally important support for businesses which have already experienced considerable hardship. The fund will help to retain local jobs and supply chains at a time of year which is so critical to many businesses in the New Forest economy."

Applications can be made on the New Forest District Council website <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/1274/Financial-support-for-businesses-affected-by-coronavirus> and will remain open until **12pm on Friday 29 January 2021**.

This scheme is subject to limited funding and will be closed as soon as funds have been exhausted.



PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD

Neighbourhood Watch launches PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0rD campaign with 3 quick and easy steps

As we spend more time at home and on our online devices, over one third (34%) of people say that they're more concerned about cybercrime than physical crime and a startling 1 in 5 people are a victim of cybercrime! You could be more at risk than you might think.

If strengthening your passwords is something you keep putting off, or you feel overwhelmed by the sea of online security information, you're not alone.

As part of our Cyberhood Watch initiative, launched in 2019 in partnership with Avast, we have launched a **PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0rD** campaign that targets both the overwhelmed and complacent, providing everyone with 3 easy steps to be more secure online.

PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0rD in 3 easy steps

1. Create a separate password for your email account
2. Use 3 random words
3. Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA)

To find out more about how to do each step visit our [Password Protection](#) page on our website .

Visit our [Protect your Pa\\$\\$word](#) campaign page to find out more.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team



LICENSED FIREARM SECURITY

At the beginning of November, we received three reports of thefts of shotguns. In two of these, guns had not been properly secured and, along with ammunition.

While shotguns and firearms are every day equipment for some of our certificate holders, it is really important that the highest level of security is maintained, and guns should not be left unattended out of their cabinets for any period of time.

We all have a duty of care to ensure that it is made as difficult as possible for guns to fall into the wrong hands.

Certificate holders will be aware that they have a lawful duty to maintain security of their guns at all times, and they should know that, in addition to being dealt with for any criminal offences arising from a breach of security, certificates will invariably be revoked.

Please work with us to prevent these thefts and serious harm by reporting anything you think we should know, either through online reporting via our website www.hampshire.police.uk, by calling 101, or ringing Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) anonymously. In an emergency, if something is happening there and then, ALWAYS dial 999.

We are also seeing a series of thefts of quad bikes, farming equipment, power tools etc from rural outbuildings. Please make these items and buildings as secure as possible and if you see anything suspicious happening, report it immediately.

Message Sent By

Nicola Holt (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)



SPATE OF BURGLARIES

We are warning residents to be on their guard following a number of burglaries across the New Forest, specifically those living in the Ringwood area.

This comes after eight burglaries were reported over the weekend of 5-9 November.

The burglaries happened at various times throughout this period, largely affecting residential properties, but there were also instances of commercial properties being targeted. It was mostly power tools and other small items that were stolen and as part of this, we are investigating:

- A burglary at Burley Lodge stables between 6pm on Thursday 5 November and 10am on Friday 6 November (Crime ref: 44200432945)
- A burglary at an address on Lyndhurst Road between 12am and 3am on Friday 6 November (Crime ref: 44200431238)
- A burglary at an address on Lyndhurst Road between 6pm on Thursday 5 November and 8.30am on Friday 6 November (Crime ref: 44200430551)
- A burglary at an address on Burley Road, Bransgore between 6pm on Saturday 7 November and 10am on Sunday 8 November (Crime ref: 44200433192)
- A burglary at a number of garages at Burgate Court on Salisbury Road between 10pm and 11.15pm on Friday 6 November (Crime ref: 44200432035)
- A burglary at a number of garages at Renoir Burgate Court on Salisbury Road between 10.15pm and 11pm on Friday 6 November (Crime ref: 44200431711)
- A burglary at an address on Gorley Road at around 8.40pm on Thursday 5 November (Crime ref: 44200431165)
- A burglary at an address on Green Lane at around 1.30am on Friday 6 November (Crime ref: 44200430622)

While three commercial properties were also targeted, and as such we are investigating;

- A burglary at the London Tavern on Linford Road between 9.30pm on Saturday 7 November and 7.50am on Sunday 8 November (Crime ref: 44200433028)
- A burglary at the Railway Hotel on Hightown Road between 11.30 and 11.30pm on Saturday 7 November (Crime ref: 44200432827)
- A burglary at a Sainsbury's branch on Meeting House Lane between 12.10am and 12.25am on Sunday 8 November (Crime ref: 44200432862)

We would like to hear from anyone with information on any of these incidents. Did you notice anything suspicious? Perhaps you saw someone hanging around the area? Anyone with information can phone 101, quoting the crime reference numbers above.

We also wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of our crime prevention advice

around burglaries:

- Lock your shed or garage every evening, ensuring that you have a reliable and robust lock in place to deter any would-be burglars
- Mark your prized possessions by using a property or police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet light
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Record the details of your property such as serial numbers for electronic goods on the Immobilise website (<https://www.immobilise.com/>)
- You know your local communities. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, such as someone tampering with a lock on a neighbour's shed, please report it to us via 101.

Message Sent By

Wes Hutchins (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)



CAUTION URGED DURING THE DEADLIEST MONTHS FOR THE NEW FOREST ANIMAL ACCIDENTS

Drivers using New Forest roads are reminded that animal accidents increase in the lead up to Christmas.

Commuters are urged to be vigilant as accidents involving animals in the Forest peak between 5pm and 8pm on weekdays in the winter months.

They are also being encouraged to slow down from 40mph to 30mph, a move which adds only three extra minutes to most journeys across the Forest and can drastically reduce accidents involving animals.

How drivers can help:

- Be ready to stop – animals can step out even when they've seen you approaching.
- Drive slowly, especially at night – there is a pool of darkness behind the headlights of approaching cars - an animal may be standing in it.
- Give animals grazing by the side of the road a wide berth – cross to the other side of the road and be prepared to STOP if there is on-coming traffic.
- Grazing animals on both sides of the road? Take extra care – they may cross to join their friends.
- One animal by the roadside means there are others close by – be aware.
- Bends and tops of hills need more care – animals may be standing in the road just out of sight.
- Reflective collars worn by some ponies may help you see them in the dark - but be aware that not all ponies have them.
- Deer can easily jump the fences alongside roads like the A337, A31 and A35 – and when there is one deer more will usually follow.

Be animal aware at all times.



BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN AND NUTRIENT MITIGATION – CALL FOR PROJECTS

New Forest District Council is inviting landowners and other interested parties to put forward proposals for projects within the district that will enhance local biodiversity and improve the condition of the River Avon and water quality in the Solent and Southampton Water.

New Forest District is rich in sites of great value for nature conservation, many of which are recognised to be of international as well as national importance. However, many of these sites are put under pressure from human activity and development in the area. Positive action is needed to ensure that development needed in the area does not result in harmful effects on important habitats and wildlife. Further, the Council strongly supports the objective of enhancing local biodiversity and has already introduced a local requirement that new development should not only seek to avoid and minimise harm to nature conservation interests but should positively seek to enhance local biodiversity. Since July 2020 most 'major' new development in the Council's planning area is required to deliver a minimum 10% enhancement of a site's biodiversity following development.

It is not always possible to achieve sufficient biodiversity gain within a development site. Sometimes off-site enhancement projects will be an appropriate alternative in addition to on-site measures. Therefore, the Council is inviting landowners and other interested parties to put forward projects that would help deliver positive enhancement of local biodiversity. Projects approved by the Council will be eligible to be considered for funding from tariffs placed on developers to ensure their environmental obligations are met.

There are significant issues related to the impact of new development on water quality in the River Avon catchment area and the water quality in the Solent and Southampton Water and their damaging potential to increase harmful nutrients – phosphates and nitrates – within these protected habitats. These issues affect a wider area than New Forest District and have stalled development within the district and southern Hampshire for an extended period. As well as working with others to try and address these issues, the Council is keen to find local projects which will help reduce the levels of nutrients flowing into the Avon, Solent and Southampton Water. The Council is inviting landowners and land managers to put forward projects that could assist in reducing nutrients in the water environment and offering potential funding of these projects by developers' contributions.

Full details about this initiative and how you can put forward projects for consideration, for either delivering biodiversity enhancements, nutrient reduction or both, can be found in the Guidance Note which is attached to this letter.

To put forward land and/or projects which you believe could be suitable for providing Biodiversity Net Gain, or that could make a contribution to reducing the discharge of nutrients (phosphates to the River Avon or nitrates to the Solent) please read the attached Guidance Note, and then complete the attached submission form and return it to us by:

Email (preferred) to: policyandplans@nfdc.gov.uk or by post to: Planning, New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst Hampshire, SO43 7PA

The closing date for expressions of interest is **Tuesday 5 January 2021**.

Policy and Strategy

New Forest District Council

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FREE GAS CONNECTION AND CENTRAL HEATING?

Heating a home with electricity is three times more expensive than it would be with a gas central heating system, forcing many people this winter to make the difficult choice between heating or eating to survive.

SGN's Help to Heat scheme can support people struggling to make ends meet by providing funding to connect some households to our gas network for free.

In some cases, we can also fully or partially fund a gas central heating system.

We've already helped thousands of people to receive free connections and installations and we're determined to help hundreds more homes save money on their energy bills this winter.

You, or someone you know, would qualify for support if you receive certain income-related benefits.

Grant funding is also available to organisations who can show they are able to help us reach households in our network so that we can work in partnership to maximise the benefits of both our Help to Heat scheme and Central Heating Grant Fund.

To find out more about our Help to Heat scheme, visit sgn.co.uk/HelpToHeat or call YES Energy Solutions on 0800 015 5174 to speak to a Help to Heat advisor. You can also email our team at HelpToHeat@sgn.co.uk with your name and contact details.



NEW NEW FOREST SHOW

A resident of the New Forest Jon Cuthill has started a new project to responsibly promote the beautiful place we're so lucky to live in as a way to help us all get through lockdown.

He's started a new YouTube channel called "New New Forest Show". It aims to explore and celebrate the New Forest in a positive, fun and hopefully inspirational way through weekly films about the area.

Here's an example of the most recent film *New Forest Celebritytree Spotting*:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NLZE_Cuq_A

The channel itself can be found here

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPjiejJCDPZ6L6XdaAA8liw>



NATIONAL TRUST NEWSLETTERS

Fancy learning more about our work in the New Forest?

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/news/the-new-forest-december-newsletter>



NEW FOREST MARQUE

The New Forest Marque is awarded to produce which has been grown, reared, caught, brewed, produced or processed within the New Forest.

Look for the distinctive New Forest Marque logo and help support your local community.

<https://newforestmarque.co.uk/>



BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL AND AMAZON SMILE

A very big Thank You to those of you who have contributed via Amazon Smile to the Village Hall. This is just a quick reminder to those of you who have decided to forgo the pleasures of West Quay and do your Christmas shopping online. You simply have to sign up to smile.amazon.co.uk (rather than just amazon), nominate "Bramshaw Trust" as your selected charity and then carry on as normal. A small percentage of what you spend will be donated to the trust at no extra cost to you.

The members of the village hall committee are all extremely grateful for your support.

Katy Byrne



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL - VACANCY

If you'd like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to be a Parish Councillor?

For more information on eligibility and what the role involves, contact the Chair Sally Day clrsallyday@gmail.com

How to apply: Ask for an Application Form from the Clerk bramshawclerk@outlook.com

Closing date: **Friday 22 January 2021**



BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Extend their Good Wishes to the Community for Christmas 2020.

We sincerely hope that everyone, young and old, will be able to spend a Happy and Joyful time in the company of their loved ones, in their own way and traditions.

Some may not get this opportunity. We'd therefore like to encourage residents to keep an eye on their neighbours, particularly the vulnerable and isolated.

To those who have lost loved ones during this year, we extend our condolences and hope you can cherish Happy Memories of former days you spent together.

Here's hoping for a brighter, stronger, and more prosperous 2021.

From the Councillors of Bramshaw Parish Council:-

Sally Day – Chair

Martin Vann – Vice Chair

Sue Bennison

Kay Harrison

Mark Medley

Jenny Watts

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p>15 DEC 7pm</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW TRUST AGM (BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL) The AGM of the village hall will be a virtual meeting. Should any member of the public wish to ask a question of the Trustees or join the meeting, please contact Jenny Watts jenpalwatts@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>16 DECEMBER 7:30pm ONLY if planning applications to be considered</p> <p>26 JANUARY 2021 7:30pm</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING By Video Conference. Bramshaw Parish Council convene by Zoom conferencing tool (used by MPs and the PM himself) on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.</p> <p>Members of the public are welcome to join. You can find all Agendas and Minutes on Bramshaw Parish Council's website www.bramshaw.org.uk</p>

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