



CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 INFORMATION ABOUT BUSINESS SUPPORT 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

This briefing provides information about the Government support available to businesses during the Coronavirus outbreak. For more details, click [Business Support Finder](#) and with any questions, please contact the Farmer Network on 01768 868615, or E mail: Veronica@thefarmernetwork.co.uk.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Carlisle City Council Local Authority area now in Tier 2

As of Saturday, Carlisle City Council area went into Tier 2 restrictions with the most significant change being that people are not able to mix socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless they live with them or have formed a support bubble. Note this applies to the whole Local Authority area and not just to the City of Carlisle.

New Restrictions in England from 5th November

For all areas of England, new lockdown restrictions come into force from 5th November at least until 2nd December including:

- People to stay at home except for specific reasons such as work which cannot be done from home, childcare, education, exercise outdoors, medical reasons, essential shopping, providing care for vulnerable people, volunteering, and visiting members of a support bubble.
- Meeting indoors or in private gardens will not be allowed, but individuals can meet one other person from another household outside in a public place. Children under school age do not count towards the two-person limit.
- Non-essential retail shops will close, but can remain open for click-and-collect delivery
- Pubs, bars, restaurants must close, but can provide takeaway and delivery, excluding takeaway of alcohol.
- Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities, such as gyms and swimming pools, will close, along with entertainment venues and facilities such as beauty salons.
- Places of worship will close, unless they are being used for funerals, to broadcast acts of worship, individual prayer, formal childcare, or essential services.
- Construction sites and manufacturing workplaces can remain open.
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will not be able to take place except in exceptional circumstances, and funerals will be limited to a maximum of 30 people.
- Children will be able to move between homes if their parents are separated.
- Clinically vulnerable people will be asked to be "especially careful" but people will not be asked to resume shielding.
- Overnight stays, staying in a second home, and holidays will not be allowed - including in the UK and abroad - although there are exceptions, such as work trips.
- People will be told to avoid all non-essential travel by private or public transport.

Support available to businesses

This is detailed on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/furlough-scheme-extended-and-further-economic-support-announced> and includes:

Extension to the Furlough Scheme

The Furlough Scheme that was due to end on 31st October has been extended for a month with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked. The Job Support Scheme has been postponed until the furlough scheme ends.

The next round of the Self-employed Income support scheme will be worth 80% of trading profits rather than 40%.

Local Restrictions Support Grant

Businesses required to close will be eligible for grants based on the rateable value of their business properties:

- Rateable value of £15k or under: Grants of £1,334 per month, or £667 per two weeks;
- Rateable value of between £15k-£51k: Grants of £2,000 per month, or £1,000 per two weeks;
- Rateable value of £51k or over: Grants of £3,000 per month, or £1,500 per two weeks.

Local Authorities have been given some additional funding and may be able to offer discretionary grants (but no details yet available).

Extension to Mortgage Holidays

Borrowers who have been impacted by coronavirus and have not yet had a mortgage payment holiday will be entitled to a six month holiday, and those that have already started a mortgage payment holiday will be able to top up to six months without this being recorded on their credit file.

HELP FROM THE FARMER NETWORK

If you need help during the Covid-19 crisis, please call the Farmer Network to get information about business support schemes, sourcing supplies, preparing contingency plans and finding emergency labour for your business in case of illness or if workers have to isolate.

The Farmer Network has created a register of potential emergency farm workers and want to hear from farmers who might need this support - this may be skilled staff able to work full time on a paid basis, or unskilled volunteers willing to help with basic tasks under supervision, or with collecting or delivering supplies. We can also help with preparing contingency plans.

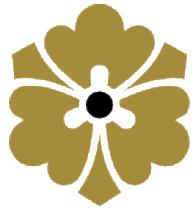
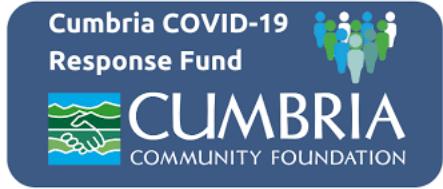
Our grants adviser, Veronica Waller, is available for one to one advice about the support schemes and how relevant they might be to your business. Call 01768 868615 for help.

We send out an E News update every Friday afternoon to Farmer Network members and please call us on 01768 868615 if you are not receiving E News (also check your “junk” folder).

**We post information and updates on our social media pages:
Facebook “@thecumbriafarmernetwork” or “@theyorkshirefarmernetwork”**

Please visit our Facebook pages to join our Coronavirus Group.

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