



MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

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Coronavirus – COVID-19 –Town Council Services

In line with emergency measures introduced by government, the Town Council has taken the following precautions to mitigate the risk to the public and staff.

The following Town Council-run public buildings and open spaces remain closed until further notice

Council Offices at 5, High Street
Marlborough Town Hall
Marlborough Community & Youth Centre
Public Toilets at George Lane Car Park and the Town Hall
All Play Areas and the Skatepark
Priory Gardens

Marlborough Common, Jubilee Field (Manton), Stonebridge Meadow and Coopers Meadow remain open unless government advice changes. *(This does not apply to play areas within these spaces which remain closed)*

Marlborough Cemetery remains open unless government advice changes

A reduced service will continue, where possible, for critical work such as litter picking and bin emptying in Town Council-owned open spaces

All Town Council meetings (including the Annual Town Meeting) have been suspended and decisions for the continued running of services and payments are taken via legally delegated authority to the Town Clerk and Councillors

Town Council-led events have been cancelled - Great British Spring Clean Events (2 April, 5 April and 7 April), Skatepark Lighting Consultation (27 March), VE Day Commemorations (8 May)

Community Volunteers Scheme

We have had an overwhelming response to our call for volunteers to help protect the elderly, vulnerable and those alone in our communities. Those in need have been matched with local volunteers who will help with basic shopping, collection of prescription medicines and walking dogs. As the new NHS Volunteer Responders Scheme takes shape across the country, there will be even more help for those in need and self-isolating. More about the nationwide scheme is at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/participation/get-involved/volunteering/nhs-volunteer-responders/>

CONTACT

The Council Offices will remain closed to visitors. In line with government guidance and to protect staff, our officers, where possible, will be working remotely from home.

Urgent enquiries should be made via email to enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk between 9am–2pm, Monday-Friday or by phone 01672 512487. *(Subject to change)*

Individual members of staff can be contacted as follows:

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Civic Secretary/Cemetery Arrangements	Linda Chapman	lindachapman@marlborough-tc.gov.uk
Tourism Officer	Belinda Richardson	brichardson@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. The service that we are able to provide will be much reduced, but we will do our best to continue to support you.

Keep up to date with all the latest information at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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