

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT
July 2020.

Pubs and restaurants to open from 4 July

Pubs and restaurants are set to reopen from this Saturday bringing with it an al fresco culture which allows pubs to apply for a new pavement license.

These new measures are designed to support businesses selling food and drink such as cafes, pubs and restaurants by introducing a temporary fast-track process for these businesses to obtain permission, in the form of a "pavement licence", from their local borough or district council for the placement of furniture such as tables and chairs on the pavement outside their premises.

This will enable them to maximise their capacity whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines. The current process for businesses to obtain these licences can be costly and time-consuming.

The Bill includes temporary measures to place a cap on the application fee for businesses and enforcement powers so councils can protect public safety and amenity, and introduces a new 10 working day determination period, ensuring that businesses can obtain licences in a timely and cost-effective manner aiding to their financial recovery.

In making decisions about whether or not an establishment can have a pavement license the council will need to liaise with East Sussex Highways about how possible it is to maintain disabled access, whilst maintaining social distancing, which will be a mandatory condition.

The application will need to be advertised so that the public and other businesses can object.

Rother District Council is currently working on an electronic application process which will be made available here: <https://www.rother.gov.uk/licences-and-permits/licensing-act-2003/>

Have your say on how health services have changed in response to Covid-19

Health services have changed during the Coronavirus crisis, and many people have had to access care in a different way to how they did before the crisis.

Local health services want to understand, where people have accessed care in a different way, what this was like for them. They also need to understand why people might not have accessed care, and therefore how they can provide information and support in the future.

Please help them make sure services respond to the needs and preferences of local people by [completing the survey](#) before it closes on Friday 10 July 2020.

Bodiam bridge repairs.

Work on repairing Bodiam bridge will now start on 6 July, weather permitting, continuing into September. Most of the work will take place under the bridge but there will be two-way traffic lights in place while the scaffolding etc. is set up initially. There will also be 15 night closures of the bridge between 1900 hrs. and 0600 hrs. There will be notices in place indicating which nights are affected. Carriageway patching will also be carried out along Bodiam Road, Ewhurst.

Hastings Direct Community Grants scheme.

Hastings Direct is offering grants to groups in relation to the work they have carried out supporting their communities during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. PC clerks can apply to J. Wooten at Community@hastingsdirect.com detailing what has been done to help residents during the pandemic. It's a very simple process and PC's are encouraged to apply.

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