



April 2020

Monthly Round-Up

COVID-19 YTC Updates & Info

The current global pandemic has impacted us all and we want to start off by saying we hope that you, your family and friends are all staying well.

We have a dedicated web-page to provide information and guidance at this time, along with updates from the Town Council: www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-news/covid-19/

We also regularly post on our social media platforms so please follow to keep up to date with local news and information.

At the time of writing, our venues, play areas and outdoor gym are closed and several of our popular events have been cancelled or postponed. However, we are still working hard, with staff working from home and in regular contact with elected Councillors, and our estates team are undertaking essential maintenance works to upkeep our facilities that are open to the public.

Kingsgate Park

The Town Council reopened Kingsgate Park on Friday 24th April with **in line with Government guidelines**.

The park opening/closing times will be: 10.00am - 5.00pm but **the play area, gym equipment, sports court, toilets and water feature will remain closed to the public**.

Please visit our website for full details regarding the reopening of the park.

Kickabout Areas

Kickabout areas at Halifax Road, Lye Field, Millside and Yate West Kickabout* are open with social distancing guidelines in place.

*The Yate West Kickabout area, near Tyndale Primary school, will be open every weekday from approx. 3.30pm (closed daily at 8am) and will be open all weekend.

Brinsham Lake

Angling is now permitted with social distancing and other guidelines in place.

Notices will be displayed around the lake in respect of the guidelines - you can also view these guidelines on our website.

Sunnyside Tennis Courts

The Sunnyside tennis courts are now available for public use 7 days a week subject to the hirer complying with the safe distancing rules (with members of the same household or one other person staying two metres apart).

Bookings and payment needs to be made on weekdays by emailing info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk and 24 hours prior to games being played.

Town Council Meetings

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations, permits the holding of remote meetings, with conditions.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and to meet social distancing guidelines, Yate Town Council will be meeting remotely.

Members of the public are invited to join these meetings via Zoom - links to attend the meetings are available on our website.

Events

We have taken the decision to cancel/postpone some of our upcoming events following the national escalation of COVID-19. The health and safety of our residents, visitors and staff is our priority and we feel this is the right decision.

YTC COVID-19 Battle Fund

Yate Town Council has decided to divert its usual grant round and make its 2020/2021 funds available with immediate effect to local organisations to support the Yate community in the battle against COVID-19 and help the residents of Yate.

If your organisation is assisting the local population in this time of crisis and needs financial support, please visit our website to view guidelines and to download a copy of the application form: www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-news/covid-19/

Once you have read the guidelines and completed the form, please send the application to: info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk and your application will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Battle Fund Success!

Yate Town Council has awarded funding from the COVID-19 Battle Fund to the following amazing community organisations so far:

Foodbank (The Trussell Trust)

Awarded - £4,000



The local foodbank has been supporting those in need during this difficult time. If you are able to help through a donation and/or volunteering, please contact the foodbank via email: foodbank@ctr-yate.org

Green Community Travel

Awarded - £250



Green Community Travel has been delivering emergency food parcels to those most in need as well as picking up prescriptions for those unable to do so. If you know someone who would benefit from this service, please contact them via: 01454 228706 / admin@greencommunitytravel.co.uk

Paul's Place

Awarded - £250



Paul's Place have adapted their usual services to provide telephone befriending service, practical support for physically disabled adults and their carers, promoting local provisions and supporting individuals to use technology to stay connected.

Age UK South Gloucestershire

Awarded - £250



Although their offices are closed, Age UK continues to provide information and advice to older people over the telephone: 01454 411707

The Vintage Birdcage Cakery and Cafe

Awarded - £250



Nicole and the team have been delivering soup parcels to the over 70's and the vulnerable within the community, seven days a week during this difficult time.

Vision West of England

Awarded - £250



Vision West of England are starting a new befriending service for blind and partially sighted people. If you would like to volunteer, know someone who would benefit from this service or would like a friendly chat, please call the team on 0117 3224885

CVS

Awarded - £250

CVS have been providing support throughout the local community and have been hosting introduction to safeguarding training sessions for mutual aid group volunteers.



YSNS

Awarded - £80

The Yate & Sodbury Neighbourhood Support COVID-19 Help & Support & Listening Service (YSNS) currently offers help and advice as well as a listening service to anyone locally in need.



s106 Monies Success!

Yate Town Council has been awarded s106 monies which will be used towards updating the play and nature trail at Millside open space area and towards drainage improvements at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex (YOSC).



The improvements at YOSC will support the development of community clubs and voluntary groups by implementing a robust maintenance plan across several pitches, to sustain the facilities for future years.

Yate Town Councillor Chris Willmore commented; "I am very excited that we have been able to raise the money so quickly and to respond to suggestions from residents in regards to Millside. I am also very pleased we have raised the money towards YOSC as this money will mean users can get more games on the pitches and have far less wet weather postponements."



Mayor's Message

During these unprecedented and difficult times, it's important that we all follow the Government's advice to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. It's imperative that we work together to minimise the effect of the virus, save lives and recover from this pandemic asap.

Please follow the new guidelines from the Government when going out. Be sensible, keep your distance from others and get the essentials for yourself and for others that you are looking out for.

We have seen many things in our everyday life either being closed or cancelled or postponed. Hopefully these are just short term measures to help protect one another from this virus. It's important that we all act responsibly and comply with all measures at this time.

On a positive note, its been pleasing to see so many people going out of their way to help others in their local area. Yate Town Council is working with other local partners to support the co-ordination of volunteers across the parish to help those in need.

For more information about what we are doing, please take a look at the Town Council's social media platforms and website.



Virtual Easter Bonnet Competition

The Friends of Kingsgate Park (FOKP) and Yate Town Council launched a virtual Easter Bonnet competition this year as we sadly were unable to hold our annual Easter Egg Event and Bonnet Parade on Easter Monday.

We had an amazing response and all the entries were "eggcellent." We were very impressed with the creativity of all those who entered the competition. Please visit the official FOKP Easter Bonnet Competition Facebook page where all the bonnets and winner can be seen: [@eastercompetition](#)



Happy to Chat - Facebook

Yate Town Council has created a new page called "Happy to Chat."

The page has been set up for the community of Yate to spread some positivity in this difficult time.

We will share good news stories, some fun and engaging pictures from staff, such as our home offices and we welcome the community to share their own experiences.

Check out our new page and get involved!
[@happytochatpage](#)

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Armadillo Zoom Group Sessions

The Yate Armadillo Youth Cafe and Venue are hosting ZOOM youth sessions for the following groups:

Monday - Learning Difficulties and Disability (LDD) (invite only - closed session)



Tuesday - School Yrs. 8 & 9

Wednesday - School Yrs. 6 & 7

Thursday - School Yr. 6

Friday - School Yr. 7



All sessions will run from 6pm - 8pm

30 spaces per session... first come, first serve. More will be added later

If your child CURRENTLY attends any Armadillo Youth sessions and would like to join our ZOOM video chat, please email info@yatearmadillo.co.uk with your child's name, D.O.B and year group, also include the session they would like to join.

When approved, we will then send the participation codes. Strict rules/guidelines will apply, the policy will also be sent out via email.

We apologise, NO NEW MEMBERS/ATTENDEES will be permitted to join at this stage.

Yate Heritage Centre - Kids Zone

Yate Heritage Centre has launched a new education page on Facebook for families in Yate, the district and beyond!

Each week you'll find new activities for arts, heritage and culture including workbooks, quizzes, videos, 360 museum tours, crafts, food recipes and much more!

Follow them on Facebook: [Yate Heritage Centre-Kids Zone](#)



Keep Up to Date

Even though our offices are closed, our staff are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we still deliver our services and help those within our local community.

Make sure you follow our social media platforms and website to stay up to date with news in regards to COVID-19 and general Council business.



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