

**Subject:** CoronaVirus Update No28  
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**From:** EHA Secretary  
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Dear Member

Please kindly see below the latest updates:

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#### **Item\_1: Local food services open for business**

They are hundreds of food and drink businesses offering delivery to local people across the Lewes District and Eastbourne. Many have turned their business into a community shop, are offering delivery of key provisions, or are still offering a takeaway service.

If you're one of these businesses, make sure you are listed on the new Eat Local website directory. It was created to make it easier for local people to access food and drink essentials and to support local businesses.

For more information and to add your business visit here [eatlocal.info](http://eatlocal.info).

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#### **Item\_2: How has Covid-19 impacted your business?**

The Federation of Small Businesses is asking business owners to share their experiences on the impact of Covid-19 and the Government support for businesses during these difficult times.

To take part in the survey, open until **9.30am on Thursday 30 April**, visit:

- [www.fsbbigvoice.co.uk/ImpactofCovid19](http://www.fsbbigvoice.co.uk/ImpactofCovid19).
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#### **Item\_3: Deferral of VAT Payments due to coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**CLICK HERE** -> For details on temporary changes to the VAT payments due between 20<sup>th</sup> March'20 and 30<sup>th</sup> June'20 to help businesses manage their cash flow.

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#### **Item\_4: Coronavirus Testing**

All [essential workers](#) and members of their households who are showing symptoms of coronavirus are now able to get tested. Booking a test has been made simpler via a [new online system](#).

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### Item\_5: Have your say!!!

The Government briefings have had a slight change of format they will now also include **questions from the public**.

To submit your question, for random selection, click here -> [www.gov.uk/ask](http://www.gov.uk/ask)

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### Item\_6: Tour Companies go into Administration

Mark has heard of TWO tour companies that have just gone in to administration, should any member deal with them:

- **Nova Tours** (Chesterfield) <http://www.novatours.co.uk/>
  - **Seaview Coaches** (Bournemouth, Poole) <http://www.seaviewcoaches.com/>  
<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/18396601.sea-view-coaches-goes-administration/>
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### Item\_7: Revive - Survive - Thrive

As there is no EBN Cobra update from Kristian this week, instead please see below, an update from a sub-group that has been created, looking at ways to get Eastbourne bouncing back, which Kris began to highlight in his update last week:

The **Eastbourne Recovery Group** met today to discuss how they can best support the Eastbourne community following COVID-19. It was agreed to form subgroups focusing on scenario planning for key areas identified:

Voluntary Groups \* Business \* Retail \* Hospitality \* Restaurants & Night-time economy  
\* Culture \* The vulnerable \* New Tech

We at the EHA, along with VisitEastbourne, will spearhead the Hospitality subgroup. Once we have a more clearer idea of scope, we will ask you the membership to share your vision/ideas for Eastbourne.

Together, we can ensure we come out of COVID-19 stronger than ever.

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### Item\_8: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm

Allison & Dave (Beamsley Lodge) have asked for the following message to go out:

Can you send this to everyone, asking if anyone would like to come and support us **maintaining social distancing** of course!!!

As everyone knows that **Thursday evening is clap for the NHS**. It is also **Captain Tom's 100th birthday**. This story has moved me, so I will setup my sounds system and will be playing "You'll never walk alone" from our front porch at our B&B Beamsley Lodge Eastbourne, as our little thank you for everyone just before the clap the NHS,

Thanks

Dave & Allison

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Again, the office is ALWAYS here should you need us.

Take care, be SAFE & take care

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