

# KIRKBY STEPHEN

## SPACE TO BREATHE, ROOM TO GROW

### Coronavirus update – 18 March 2020 Kirkby Stephen Town Council

In light of the Government's latest advice for people to avoid non-essential contact, we have taken the decision to close Local Links and the Town Council Office to the public.

The health and safety of our staff, visitors, and volunteers is of utmost importance to us, and we believe given the current national landscape it is not viable to remain open to the public at this time.

Whilst the building is closed to the public, the centre staff will be available during normal working and phone calls and emails will be answered.

As we do not know yet how long this closure will last, we will be closed until further notice.

During this period, it is critical that we continue to support our staff and the communities of Kirkby Stephen and surrounding parishes. We will be working closely with our peers across the county, and we are determined that Kirkby Stephen's incredible spirit will emerge from this challenge stronger and more vibrant than ever.

Town Councillors are currently preparing initiatives to enable the Council to support the most vulnerable residents in our district and will be publishing more on this in the coming days.

Should you have any queries regarding Local Links or Town Council business please contact:-

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The following links may be useful :-

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

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

<https://www.eden.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-rates/convid-19-support-for-businesses/>

We'd like to thank you all in advance for your patience during this unprecedented situation.

We'll be keeping our communities updated via our website and social media channels as to when we will reopen, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Stay Safe

Joan Johnstone – **Chairman, KSTC**

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