

The council's financial support for residents and businesses during the coronavirus outbreak



People

- 👤 Council tax payment holiday in April and May 2020 for all 70,500 households in the borough
- 👤 Extra help for those who already receive council tax reduction, supporting 1,400 households
- 👤 Further hardship funding for the most vulnerable



Businesses

- 🏠 £31 million in business rate relief for 820 businesses
- 🏠 Business grants totalling over £21 million:
 - 🏠 £10,000 small business grant to benefit an estimated 1,000 businesses
 - 🏠 Grants of up to £25,000 for an estimated 621 retail, hospitality and leisure businesses
- 🏠 Three-month payment holiday for rent and service charges offered to 344 businesses with rents of up to £50,000 per annum



Voluntary and community groups

- 💖 £200,000 awarded to Basingstoke Voluntary Action to co-ordinate grants across the borough to support community and voluntary groups to distribute food and other essential supplies to vulnerable people in response to COVID-19
- 💖 Direct support measures for 29 existing programme and strategic voluntary group grant recipients



Signposting to other help

- 📞 Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline for vulnerable residents - 0333 370 4000 (9am to 5pm daily)
- 📞 Help and support from [Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council](#) and [Hampshire County Council](#)
- 📞 [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): what you need to do](#)
- 📞 [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#)
- 📞 [Coronavirus Self-employment Income Support Scheme](#)
- 📞 [The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#)
- 📞 [Grants for local charities and community groups providing support for vulnerable residents](#)