

## **Covid-19 response - position at 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

England is subject to a [national lockdown](#) “Stay at Home” and there has been a significant impact upon the Council’s services. Some services cannot continue during this period but others can subject to them being able to subject to compliance with the various regulations and guidance.

**Office: how to contact us** The Roysse Court offices are closed to the public but staff continue to work normally, at this time mainly from home. The council may be contacted Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm by phone 01235 522642 and e-mail [enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk)

**Visitor Information** The office is closed but staff continue to work. Information is available via [www.abingdon.gov.uk](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk), telephone 01235 522642 (information hours Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm) and e-mail [information@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:information@abingdon.gov.uk)

**Coronavirus response** The Council is working with other local authorities and partners in the voluntary sector. There is a dedicated webpage of information which is regularly updated. Grants are available to local organisations to assist in the response.

**Grants** The Council’s grants scheme continues to operate.

**Council and Committee Meetings** All [meetings](#) take place online via Microsoft Teams.

### **Indoor services – closed or severely restricted**

The Guildhall and [Abbey Cinema](#) are currently closed.

Abingdon County Hall Museum is closed but there are activities and events [online](#)

### **Outdoor services status**

**Markets** are operating but restricted to essential retail goods as defined by government. The council employs an external company to provide for management and social distancing.

The hot food vendor (kebab van) continues to operate until 10pm each evening.

**Play areas** During this lockdown and in accordance with government advice, play areas remain open. Signage is in place advising users to take all necessary precautions and each area has been assessed regarding the number of users permitted at each time. Play areas, whilst regularly checked and litter-picked, are not supervised.

**Open spaces and the cemeteries** Open as usual – please observe social distancing and good hygiene.

**Fisheries** Open as usual until the end of the season (16<sup>th</sup> March)

**Events** There are no council events scheduled for the next four weeks, except markets (see above).

**Residents Parking Schemes** The town centre schemes continue to operate and are parking enforcement takes place. Permit holders will be advised shortly regarding renewals, which will take place online.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The Council is operating all of its services according to the legislation and guidance from government. Where services continue to operate it is imperative that service users follow all advice in relation to social distancing and hygiene. Where social distancing and good hygiene are not observed the council cannot be held liable for any alleged resulting illness.**