

INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

If you are eligible, please do make sure you access a government business grant during these difficult times.

Earlier this week the council wrote to over 8,000 businesses eligible for either a £10,000 grant for businesses in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief (SBRR) or rural rates relief and up to £25,000 for businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors with a rateable value of less than £51,000.

If you run a business eligible for the government grants a letter should be at your business premises by now. Once you get the letter you will need to fill in an online grant form. You don't need to wait until you get the letter to complete the form and if your business is closed and you have not received the letter, you can just complete the form online. The only problem could be not having the reference number from the letter. The form is available here:

<http://wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support-covid19> .

In addition, Wiltshire Council is also offering businesses the opportunity to defer business rates payments for two months, and not pay in April and May. Those businesses wishing to take advantage of this can contact businessrates@wiltshire.gov.uk.

There is also a dedicated Wiltshire Council contact centre to further support businesses affected by COVID-19. Businesses who have queries on the grant process or their eligibility or require further information and advice can contact us at Covid-19BusinessSupport@wiltshire.gov.uk .

Yours sincerely,

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