

## **TOURISM ALLIANCE UPDATE 31 August, 01/02 September**

### **Tourism Alliance Coronavirus Update - 31st August**

- **Public Guidance Updated**

Some good news in that the main public coronavirus guidance has been updated to say that the following areas have been removed from the list of areas receiving enhanced support to deal with increases cases caused by the delta variant.

- Darlington Borough Council
- Durham County Council
- Gateshead Council
- Hartlepool Borough Council
- Middlesbrough Council
- Newcastle City Council
- North Tyneside Council
- Northumberland County Council
- Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
- South Tyneside Council
- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- Sunderland City Council

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Unfortunately, at the same time to following areas in the South West have been added to the enhanced support areas list

- - Cornwall Council
  - Council of the Isles of Scilly
  - Devon County Council
  - Plymouth City Council
  - Torbay Council
  - East Devon District Council
  - Exeter City Council
  - Mid Devon District Council
  - North Devon District Council
  - South Hams District Council
  - Teignbridge District Council
  - Torridge District Council
  - West Devon Borough Council

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-covid-19-support-deployed-to-parts-of-the-south-west>

- **RHA Coach Policy**

The Road haulage Association have published a new policy document regarding rebuilding the sector. The policy document covers the following issues:

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- - Covid recovery for the coach industry
  - Environmental challenges – urban access and clean air
  - Accessibility on vehicles
  - Recruitment into the industry including apprenticeships and training
  - Image of the industry
  - Roads as our workplace

[https://www.rha.uk.net/Portals/0/News/Policy%20and%20Campaigning/Policy%20and%20Campaigning%20Documents/RHA%20Coaches%20Policy\\_vFinal%202.pdf?ver=2021-08-23-105058-643&timestamp=1629712595485](https://www.rha.uk.net/Portals/0/News/Policy%20and%20Campaigning/Policy%20and%20Campaigning%20Documents/RHA%20Coaches%20Policy_vFinal%202.pdf?ver=2021-08-23-105058-643&timestamp=1629712595485)

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- **Tourism Disability And Access Ambassador**

Following on from the appointment of 17 Disability and Access Ambassadors in July (including Kate Nicholls as the Hospitality Ambassador) the Government Disability Unit is now seeking to appoint a Tourism Ambassador. If you would like to apply for the position, please contact

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-disability-and-access-ambassadors/list-of-disability-and-access-ambassadors>

- **Advice For Visa Applicants**

The Home Office has updated it's guidance for people who intend to stay in the UK and those outside the UK to reflect increased international travel and the return to a more normal situation regarding applications to come to the UK and remain in the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-uk-visa-applicants-and-temporary-uk-residents>

### **Tourism Alliance Coronavirus Update 2 September**

- **CJRS Guidance Updated**

With the end of the furlough scheme coming up at the end of the month, HMRC has updated the guidance to businesses to inform them that, when the scheme ends, they must either:

- - bring their employees back to work on their pre-existing terms and conditions

- terminate their employment (normal redundancy rules apply to furloughed employees)
- agree with employees any changes to terms and conditions of employment (rules for contractual changes apply to furloughed employees)

It should also be noted that when businesses make decisions about how and when to end furlough arrangements, equality and discrimination laws will apply in the usual way.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

- **Payments By Councils**

The data on grant distributions by councils for the period to 25<sup>th</sup> July has been published. As ever, it's the distribution of ARG grant funding that is important as unless councils distribute all their funding, they are not eligible for the third and final tranche and businesses in their area will miss-out as a result.

Most councils have now distributed all the funding that they received but there are still some exceptions in tourism areas such as:

- - City of York
  - Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames
  - Southend
  - Stratford-Upon Avon
  - Westminster
  - Winchester

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-grant-funding-local-authority-payments-to-small-and-medium-businesses>

- **Kickstart Update**

There has been a small update the guidance for the Kickstart Scheme to make it easier for businesses to make a variation to their grant agreement in order to take on additional employees through the scheme. This can now be done through the following link.

<https://www.apply-kickstart-grant-employer.service.gov.uk/>

- **Compliance With Quarantine Requirements**

ONS has published an analysis of quarantine requirements for people arriving into the country from Amber countries during the period 12-17<sup>th</sup> July. The main findings are that:

- - the majority (83%) of adults arriving in England from an amber list country or territory fully adhered to coronavirus (COVID-19) quarantine requirements.

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- 77% of respondents were fully adherent to both quarantine and coronavirus testing requirements
- Only 59% of people fully understood the rules in place during quarantine, while the remaining 41% either misunderstood or were unsure of them

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/bulletins/coronavirusandquarantineafterarrivinginenglandfromanamberlistcountry/12to17july2021>