

Reopening Bath city centre safely

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

From 15th June 2020 many more shops will be reopening as the Government eases some Covid-19 restrictions. Our priority is to reopen the city centre safely and in a way that promotes confidence in our high streets whilst protecting public health.

To enable social distancing, the council will be temporarily closing some streets and widening pavements on others. York St, Cheap St, Westgate St, Saw Close and Upper Borough Walls will be closed to motor vehicles to create a pedestrian and cyclist zone. Milsom Street will also be closed to motor vehicles except for local buses. These measures will provide increased space for people to move around, observe social distancing rules and queue for access to shops.

Street Closures

Temporary street closures of York Street, Cheap Street, Westgate Street, Saw Close and Upper Borough Walls will operate between 10am and 6pm everyday.

The access point to each street will be closed by barriers. Access will only be granted to vehicles specified in the temporary traffic regulation order, detailed below.

Those with access between 10am and 6pm include:

- Emergency services
- Utility emergencies (e.g. gas leak)
- Armoured (cash collection) security vehicles
- Those granted access under the temporary traffic regulation order

Between **6pm and 10am** the above streets will be **open as normal**.

Milsom Street

A similar barriered restriction will operate in Milsom Street between 10am and 6pm although buses will still be allowed to pass through.

Am I eligible for Access?

In addition to emergencies and cash collection operations, access to the above streets may be required for certain activities such as major building construction or a residential house move. Access will need to be arranged by a permit system and applications can be made using our online form by visiting www.bathnes.gov.uk/bathsocialdistancing

How will a tradesperson gain access to my premises during 10am to 6pm?

Between 10am and 6pm, a tradesperson will not be given vehicular access. If the need for access during this time is unavoidable a request for a permit should be made at www.bathnes.gov.uk/bathsocialdistancing

What about Blue Badge Holders between 10am and 6pm?

Blue badge holders will not be able to access the streets detailed during operational hours. Alternative disabled bays will be provided outside the zone where possible and bays are also available within the Council's car parks at Charlotte St, Manvers St and Avon St, or Southgate Car Park.

What about online deliveries?

Delivery drivers will not be able to gain access between 10am and 6pm. Alternate options may exist with your provider, including in-store collection, pick-up points or out-of-hours delivery.

Footway widening

We will also be installing barriers to temporarily widen some pavements within Bath. Locations within the city centre are shown on the map overleaf. Locations were chosen where there is a likelihood that people will step into the road as a result of social distancing. Tarmac ramps will be provided to ensure that people using pushchairs and wheelchairs will have full access.

Working with Businesses

The Council is working closely with Bath Business Improvement District (BID) and all emergency services on all these measures.

