



# STAY SAFE – SHOP LOCAL



A group has been set up by Carmarthen Town Council to make sure that the town is ready for the safe return of shoppers and visitors as soon as Welsh Government allows this to happen. The group, consisting of Carmarthen Town Council, representatives of the Chamber of Trade, BID, Carmarthen Market, Carmarthen Round Table and Carmarthenshire County Council. It meets via video link every Friday morning.

## KEY DATE

The next announcement by the First Minister Mark Drakeford is due to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June, and we are expecting important news about when more shops and businesses will be able to open.

## WELSH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

Further information about the Coronavirus situation in Wales is available from Welsh Government <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

## CARMARTHEN MARKET

Paul White, manager of Carmarthen Market has provided all traders with regular updates about how they can prepare for re-opening. Paul is contactable on: [PMWhite@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:PMWhite@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

## MERLIN'S WALK SHOPPING & St CATHERINE'S WALK SHOPPING:

Claire Kirkham [claire.kirkham@merlinswalk.com](mailto:claire.kirkham@merlinswalk.com) and John Nash [CentreManager@stcatherineswalk.com](mailto:CentreManager@stcatherineswalk.com) have been working with all businesses, and preparations are well advanced for re-opening the shops.



## **RISK ASSESSMENTS & HEALTH & SAFETY**

It is every business's own responsibility to make sure that their premises are safe and fully compliant with national rules before re-opening.

### **KEY POINTS:**

- 1 **Ventilation** – make sure this is as good as it can be
- 2 **Hygiene** – soap and water or sanitising gel should be readily available
- 3 **Social Distancing** of 2 meters is required at all times, inside and outside shops and business premises
- 4 **Handling Cash** – you will need procedures in place to facilitate the safe handling of cash with customers

Further advice about health and safety including risk assessments is available at the Health and Safety Executive's website at:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/working-safely-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/index.htm>

## **FACE VISORS**

Carmarthen Town Council is providing up to four face visors produced locally for local businesses and shops that need them for their staff. Please contact [ajharries@carmarthentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ajharries@carmarthentowncouncil.gov.uk) if you require any.

## **HANGING BASKETS**

Carmarthen Town Council is providing hanging baskets free of charge this summer to all those businesses who supported the scheme last year, and these have already started going up.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about how this group could help you as a local business/trader during this period, or if you would like to join the group please contact our Town Clerk Alun Harries at [ajharries@carmarthentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ajharries@carmarthentowncouncil.gov.uk) or Carmarthen Town Council's Community Care facility at [carmarthencommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:carmarthencommunitycare@gmail.com)