



**PRESS RELEASE**

**CARMARTHEN TOWN RECOVERY PLAN**

**‘STAY SAFE – SHOP LOCAL’**

Carmarthen Town Council is working closely with other organisations to make sure that the town is ready for the easing of the Covid 19 restrictions when the time comes.

Several initiatives are being considered that will make it safer to visit and shop in Carmarthen once the lockdown restrictions are eased by the Welsh Government.

The Mayor of Carmarthen, Councillor Gareth John said: ‘Obviously our local businesses, and especially the independent traders, have taken a battering during the last couple of months, and we want to encourage them to open their businesses as safely as possible as soon as Welsh Government allows that to happen’.

‘Carmarthen Town Council has held meetings with officials from the Chamber of Trade, the Business Development District (BID) and Carmarthen Round Table to consider what measures can be taken to protect people and to reassure them that it will be safe for people to visit the town and do their shopping locally’.

‘With guidance and help from Carmarthenshire County Council, measures being considered include the introduction of ‘safe socialising zones’ in the town centre, where people can meet their friends and perhaps enjoy a coffee together in a location and under circumstances where the 2m social distancing requirement is maintained’.

‘We are also looking at providing portable hygiene stations in different areas of the town where people can safely wash their hands, and also a disinfecting regime involving spraying shop entrances and door handles regularly, to make sure that people feel safe and are protected as far as possible’.

‘Members of Carmarthen Round Table are producing face visors that will be provided for use in shops by staff’.

‘The Town Council has already decided that it will provide hanging baskets free of charge to all those businesses and shops that purchased them last year, so that the appearance of the town can recover from the emptiness caused by Covid 19 and look at its best once again’.