

BID4Oban COVID-19 Update 24 22nd June 2020

We are keeping businesses updated with the latest information regarding the outbreak of Corona Virus.

Retail Business among others: Reopen on 29th June – ARE YOU READY?

Please see links to Council and Government checklists for businesses. These have a large amount of advice and guidance on them and it is essential reading for any business reopening next week. Please be aware it is the responsibility of the business owner to ensure they are complying with new guidance and legislation.

BID4Oban are working closely with Argyll and Bute Council and are now represented on the Easing of Lockdown working group. If you have any questions or wish any points raised, please email me on info@bid4oban.co.uk. Conference calls take place every Tuesday afternoon.

Link to information: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus/easing-lockdown-town-centres>

Federation of Small Business (FSB):

BID4Oban are members of FSB through our affiliation with Scotland's Towns Partnership. Please see information below about a webinar taking place this Thursday specific to Scottish Business:

As many of you would know, First Minister updated [Scotland COVID-19 route map](#) with key dates of Phase 2 including reopening of non-essential retail businesses on 29 June. It is now important to get accurate and up-to-date information and guidance about reopening your business, and [our webinar](#) on Thu 25 June at 10:30am is precisely where you get that.

At this webinar, in partnership with the Scottish Government, we have experts on environmental health and H&S who will answer your burning questions around reopening. Book your place now and submit your question.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN FSB MEMBER VIEW THIS WEBINAR.

Link for webinar: <https://www.workcast.com/register?cpak=7726256253216285>

Signage and Equipment:

BID4Oban have sourced a large quantity of signs, banners, stickers, floor graphics and floor tape to enable businesses to advise their customers of social distancing requirements. The good news is these have arrived and are available for collection. For information on what is available at present please follow this link to our website.

http://www.bid4oban.co.uk/files/1215/9233/0550/BID4Oban_Ltd.pdf

The Oban Directory:

We hope many of you have had a chance to look at The Oban Directory <https://www.obantowndirectory.co.uk/> we've had a lot of very encouraging feedback.

You will have noticed that only the businesses that have given us their details for the "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" list that we have been producing weekly are listed.

As lockdown is eased and more businesses can reopen, they will be added as quickly as possible. Initially, we will use information from your Website/Facebook page to create your listing.

If you do not want us to create a listing for you then please use this email address, theobandirectory@gmail.com, to contact E & A Directories who will either not put it on or will remove it immediately if it is already on.

In time, Eilidh Livingstone from E & A Directories will be in touch with you to see whether you're are happy with all the photos in your listing, if not, Eilidh will arrange with you to take a few photos of your premises (inside and out), van or choose some generic photos.

As the town opens up fully The Oban Directory and the new Oban What's On will give visitors and locals a great place to quickly find whatever they're looking for and a great place for you to promote your business online completely free until the beginning of July 2021.

Information on Grants and Funding:

Please refer to Argyll and Bute Councils website for latest information.

B&B Hardship Fund – Please see link below to the latest B&B hardship fund.

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/service/coronavirus/bed-and-breakfast-hardship-fund>

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-businesses>

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