

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We are publishing this information in association with BID4OBAN and ObanFM, supported by the Scotland's Towns Partnership. Helping to provide resilience for our local business community. Many of these businesses are working under extreme pressure to bring quality products and services to the people of Oban and beyond. Please remember to exercise caution when shopping and only shop for essential supplies. Along with our wonderful NHS staff and carers, our local food, fuel, news platforms and home supply businesses are our community champions!

We realise that many more businesses would love to be open, serving locals and visitors alike – our deepest empathy goes out to these businesses and we look forward to seeing their doors wide open when this is all over. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you would like to feature your business, or know a business that should be included. Email nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk or get in touch via our Facebook page on messenger. Let's spread the word as much as we can!

SUPERMARKETS & FOODHALLS

Most superstores in town are operating crowd control measures to help manage social distancing and product quantity limits are in place. They are working tirelessly to restock shelves daily. Please be patient and kind.

TESCO

Mon-Sat 8am-10pm
Sunday 10am-8pm
Older, Vulnerable Customers - Mon, Wed, & Fri 9am-10am
NHS Staff Tesco Staff - Tues, Thurs & Sun 9am -10am
Petrol Filling Station shop is closed but you will still be able to pay at the hatch.

LIDL

9 Soroba Rd, Oban
Mon-Sat 8am-10pm
Sun 8am-8pm

ALDI

Mon-Sat 9am-7pm
Sunday 9am-6pm
All day everyday key workers in the NHS, Police and Fire Service will take priority ahead of queues into stores upon showing a valid ID. This is in addition to early access on a Sunday, where they can enter stores 30 minutes prior to opening.
• 4 units on all products
• 2 units per customer on nappies and baby products
• 12 units per online order on wines or spirits, 4 units instore.

MARKS AND SPENCER

Mon-Fri 8am-8pm
Sat 8am-7pm
Sun 9am-6pm
Older & Vulnerable Customers Mon & Thurs 8am-9am
NHS & Emergency services Tues & Fri 8am - 9am

FARMFOODS

Mon-Fri 8am-8pm
Sat 8am-7pm
Sun 9am-6pm

BOOKERS CASH AND CARRY

Booker in Oban are still supplying retailers and caterers throughout Oban and Argyll both through normal collect and existing delivered business. Open hours as follows:
Mon-Fri 7.30am-3.00pm
Sat 7.30am-2.00pm
Sunday Closed
Social distancing measures are in place with hand sanitiser for customer and colleague use to ensure we remain as safe as possible whilst trading through this situation.

LOCAL FRESH FOOD & DRINK SUPPLIERS

Argyll has a unique natural larder and a range of passionate artisans and suppliers to choose from. With home deliveries too!

JACKSON BUTCHERS

Opening Hours
Monday - Closed
Tuesday to Friday 9am - 4pm
Saturday 9am - 2pm

Offering FREE home delivery to Oban - daily
Kilmore and Dunbeg - Wednesday
Connel, North Connel to Appin Thursday
Card Payments preferred. Call the shop on 01631 562016 to place your order. We are open for customers who wish to visit the shop.
Also taking phone orders for collection.

IAIN DARLING/WYNNE BUTCHERS

9am-3pm
To place orders call 01631 567400
Cards payments preferred

TASTE OF ARGYLL

Mon-Sat 9am-4pm
Deliveries
OBAN & KILMORE - Daily
TAYNUILT - Tuesday
BENDERLOCH & BARCALDINE - Friday
To place your order call 07882226675.
Fresh and frozen fish, meats, veg, milk, breads, jams, coffees, soaps, flours, pasta, cakes, etc...
*Pre ordered ready meals available

MILLSTONE WHOLEFOODS

Closed but orders can be made by phoning 01631 562704
Orders will be gathered, payment is taken via phone call. Orders can be collected from the shop between 9.30am-2pm, Mon-Sat.
Delivery can be arranged.

OBAN BEER SELLER

Shop closed but order before 6pm for next day supply
- email obanbeerseller@gmail.com for current list of stock
0779 6418973

OBAN FOOD HUB

Order by midnight Tuesday for pick up Thurs 4pm-6pm at the Rockfield Centre
***VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: COLLECTION @ ROCKFIELD CENTRE**
If you are collecting a veg or fruit box from Go Naked Veg tomorrow please bring a bag to take your veg/fruit home in. Due to the phenomenal amount of orders there are not enough boxes. Check out the Oban Food Hub Facebook page for strict guidelines on collection and delivery.

TASTE OF ARGYLL KITCHEN

From Langoustine Curry to Highland Beefburgers - lots in between
Friday night deliveries (free to Oban, £3 on outskirts)
Tel: 07882226675

FROM CRATE TO GATE (THE OBAN INN)

Drinks supplies - for full menu see Oban Inn Facebook page
Home deliveries daily

TAKE-AWAY FOOD

Featured take-away food businesses are offering collection or delivery. Collections require strict adherence to social distancing regulations with maximum 2 people entering the outlet at any one time:

GEORGE STREET FISH RESTAURANT AND TAKE-AWAY

Open 12pm-8pm daily
Tel 01631 566664
Take-away only

OBAN GRILLHOUSE

Open 7 days, 5pm-11pm
Tel: 01631 358246
Collection or delivery

CORIANDER

Fri, Sat, Sun from 5pm
Tel: 01631 570806
Collection or delivery

PIAZZA

From 5.30pm, Thurs-Sun
Tel: 01631 563628
Collection or delivery

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OBAN FILLING STATION

Hot filled rolls, pies and sausage rolls etc
Open 7am-6pm

BIRCHWOOD FILLING STATION

Hot filled rolls
Open 7am-6pm

BUILDING, TRADES, GARDENING & DIY

CITY PLUMBING SUPPLIES

Closed doors – phone and email orders only
EMERGENCY CALL OUT?
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU
WITH OVER 20,000 SPARE PARTS TO GET THE JOB DONE
Browse online at www.cityplumbing.co.uk
Please call 01631 567640 for free click and collect
Mon-Fri
Kerbside deliveries available
Tel: 01631 567640

CITY ELECTRICAL FACTORS

Closed doors but open Mon-Fri 8am-5.30pm
Telephone orders 01631 562362
Email: sales.oban@cef.co.uk
Along with the 5,000 unique lines we stock at the branch, our customers still have access to over 30,000 product lines from www.cef.co.uk
Delivery or collection

SCREWFIX

Essential supplies only
PPE equipment reserved for frontline personnel only
Click and Collect service only
Mon-Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm Sun
Tel: 03330 112112
www.screwfix.com

HIGHLAND FASTENERS

Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm
Essential supplies only
Tel: 01631 570584

HOWDEN'S JOINERY

Essential supplies for the trade, housing associations etc.
Closed doors but open 9-3 Mon-Fri via telephone/email.
Tel: 01631 567083
Email: oban@howdens.com

HOMEBASE OBAN

Open 10am-5pm daily
Card payment only
It would be useful if you could check the SKU code of the product you want from the website before coming to the store.

POPPIES GARDEN CENTRE

We are not open to the public however we are operating a order and collect service for the garden centre. We have been posting some of our stock on FB but it's difficult to show everything that's available. Most people know what they're after at this time of year and thankfully we have most of it in stock!
Orders can be placed by phone: 01631565718.
Email: sales@poppiesgardencentre.com
Or if preferred by messenger. Card details and a suitable pick up time can be arranged over the phone.

KINLOCHLAICH GARDEN CENTRE

We can deliver orders and can leave plants out for collection (see plant options on the Facebook page).
Orders via 07881525754 or email fiona@kinlochlaich.plus.com (Opens in new tab) plants include vegetables, fruit, compost, shrubs, rhods, azaleas, alpines, and bedding plants

CRAIGARD DECOR

open 9.00am - 1.00pm, Mon - Sat on an order, pay and collect basis only - no customers will be allowed in the shop at this point.
To place an order please telephone the shop on 01631 562680 or message us through Facebook. Or email tonycave@aol.com (Opens in new tab). For island services, where possible, Tony will liaise with local carriers for uplift and delivery.

GARAGES

RODDY'S GARAGE

Open but with limited staff.
Booking ahead by telephone required.
Tel: 01631 565882

KWIK FIT

NHS 10% discount on tyres, servicing and batteries
Click HERE for discount
Tel: 01631 566282

FLIT

Essential vehicle hire only for front line staff
Visit Flit self drive Facebook page
Email: flit@btconnect.com
Tel: 07810391753

KERRIE'S TYRES

We are staying open or available for anyone that needs assistance.
Open 9am-1pm contactable by phone thereafter
Tel: 07876762631

MCCONECHY'S

Open as usual: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm
Sat until 12.30pm
Tel: 01631 570047
Email oban@mcconechys.co.uk

MUNRO'S GARAGE

Must pre-book, no walk-ins
Tel: 01631 564463 to book your vehicles in.

MORRISON MOTORS

Long term vehicle rentals
Tel: 07825 581171

FIN'S PLACE

Open for essential servicing
Tyres, brakes, batteries etc
Tel: 01631 566 220 or 07766 757 013

TRAILWEST

Closed doors but open for essential services for repair plus new supply and hire to the agricultural industry by telephone. Tel: 01631 563638

LEGAL SERVICES

DM MACKINNON - SOLICITORS & NOTARIES

If you need to get in contact please call us on 01631 563 014. If you are put through to our answering machine, we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, please email us at info@dmnk.co.uk and your email will be directed to an appropriate member of staff who will respond to you at the earliest opportunity.

ANDERSON BANKS SOLICITORS & ESTATE AGENTS (OBAN AND BENBECULA)

Due to Government guidelines our offices are currently closed to the public but our staff are working remotely from home to continue to offer the highest level of service.

Contact us on our usual numbers for telephone appts or Skype/Facetime video calls can be arranged.

Contact us:
www.andersonbanks.co.uk
Anderson Banks Facebook page.
Oban Office: 01631 563158 Email: info@andersonbanks.co.uk
Benbecula office: 01870 602061 Email: uist@andersonbanks.co.uk

STEVENSON KENNEDY SOLICITORS

open for business as usual but our priority has to be the safety of our staff and clients. The office door is locked as recommended by the Authorities.
We are here for you and can be in touch by phone, mobile, Skype etc. We realise that life and business must go on. We can still meet by appointment and at a safe distance.

Stay safe and well, Gordon, Sorley, Cat, Louise and Sarah.
Main office line: 01631 562317

E-mail addresses:
gordon@stevensonkennedy.co.uk

MACPHEE & PARTNERS

Available: Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm
We remain fully available to assist with your legal and property matters – with protective measures in place. Providing a local and personal service in these difficult times.
Tel: 01631 562308
Email: law@macphee.co.uk

INSURANCE

JELF CLARKE THOMSON

Open for Business As Usual.
Office is currently closed, but Jelf Clark Thomson staff are working from home from 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri. If you email us, we will respond.
If you call us, the phone will be answered (or the call returned if a



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message is left). Whether it's the renewal of an existing policy, enquiries about new insurance arrangements, queries on cover or guidance on loss prevention and risk mitigation, we are here to help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Office telephone number: 01631 567675 (please note calls to this number are being re-routed and thus will not always be answered immediately – please DO leave a message);

Graeme Bass mobile: 07872 131073

BANKS

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

Open for essential business:

Mon-Fri
10am-1pm
Tel: 0345 724 2424

BANK OF SCOTLAND

Open for essential business:

Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm
Tel: 0345 602 0000

CLYDESDALE BANK

Open for essential business

Mon-Fri
10am-2pm
Tel: 0345 602 0000

TSB

Open for essential business:

Mon-Fri 10am-4pm closed 12.30-1.30 for lunch
Tel: 01631 399 998

TAXIS - ESSENTIAL JOURNEYS ONLY

ARGYLL TAXIS

Tel: 01631 565293

LORN TAXIS

Tel: 01631 564744

OBAN TAXIS

Tel: 01631 564148/566676/564666

ETIVE TAXIS

Tel: 01631 566880

FUEL/SERVICE STATIONS

BIRCHWOOD GARAGE

Mon-Sat 7am-6pm

OBAN FILLING STATION

Mon-Sat 7am-6pm, Sun 8am-6pm

HALFWAY HOUSE

Mon-Sun 7am-7pm

WEST HIGHLAND GAS

Delivering to your door
Gates closed but open Tues-Fri, 8am-4.30pm.
Please call with your order
Tel: 01631 564050

CHEMISTS & HEALTHCARE

Try to avoid contacting your pharmacy by telephone, unless it is essential.

Most in town are operating crowd control measures to help manage social distancing:

- Only order medication 1 week in advance of needing it;
- Let your GP Practice know which pharmacy you'd like to collect this from;
- And please be understanding of small delays at this time.

BOOTS THE CHEMIST, GEORGE STREET

Mon-Sat 9am-4pm
Closed 1.30pm-2.30pm for lunch

BOOTS THE CHEMIST, BESIDE DOCTORS

Mon-Fri 11am-6pm
Closed 1pm-2pm for lunch

GORDON'S CHEMIST

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
Closed 1pm-2pm for lunch

JOHN WALLACE OPTICIANS

OBAN PRACTICE
Telephone consultations only
Tel: 01631 563170

SPECSAVERS

Reduced staff and hours, for emergency and essential eye care services.

We are here behind closed doors for phone and video consultations and onward emergency referral to hospital eye service when needed.

CONVENIENCE STORES/NEWSAGENTS

ALBANY STORES

Mon-Sun 7am-6pm

SOROBA SHOP

Mon-Sun 10am-8pm

McCOLLS Oban

Mon-Sun 7am-8pm

DUNOLLIE SHOP

Tues-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun & Mon 12pm-6pm

DUNBEG STORES

Mon-Sun 8am till 8pm

CONNEL SHOP

Mon-Fri 6am-4pm
Sat 7.30am-1pm, Sun 7.30am-1pm
In store post office Mon-Sat 9am till 1pm

THE PINK SHOP, BENDERLOCH

7.30am to 10.00pm daily.

BALVICAR STORES

Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 6.00pm
Fri 8.30am - 7.00pm
Sat 9am - 7.00pm
Sun 9.30am - 2pm
A little light entertainment from Wendy on their Facebook page...

VETS AND PET SUPPLIES

PETS AT HOME

Mon-Sat 9am-6pm
Sun 10am-5pm
Crowd control system in place to help manage social distancing in stores

CREATURE COMFORTS

Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-1pm
Creature Comforts is your local pet shop for Oban & surrounding area. We stock feeds & accessories for all kinds of pets & wild birds. Mail order deliveries available.

KINTALINE FARM

Mon-Sun 10am - 5pm by arrangement

OBAN VETERINARY SURGEONS

All enquiries by telephone 01631 562876 or via www.obanvets.co.uk

SHOPS AND ONLINE SHOPPING

OBAN MUSIC SHOP

Oban Music is still trading through its web site:-
www.musicscotland.com
Tel: 01631 566304

ORSAY

Trading online at www.orsayoban.co.uk.

SCOTTISH ISLAND JEWELLERY

Website: www.scottishislandjewellery.co.uk
And phone mail orders/enquires on 07760297957
Shop: 01631 570005 and
Mobile: 07760297957
scottishislandjewellery@gmail.com
<http://scottishislandjewellery.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ScottishIslandJewellery1>

TRAVEL & LEISURE

ERIC SMITH TRAVEL

We are still open for new and existing bookings although agency closed at present.
By email eric@gowestravel.co.uk,
dianne@gowestravel.co.uk
FB message ERIC SMITH TRAVEL

IT AND COMPUTER SERVICES

MATRIX COMPUTERS

Computer Support
providing telephone and remote support to home and business customers, new and existing. Tel: 01631 571571
Email info@matrixcomputers.co.uk

OBAN COMPUTER SERVICES

Limited service for essential assistance
Tel: 01631 566561

QUANTITY SURVEYORS

MORHAM & BROTHIE

We are open while working from home - 9am till 5.15pm Monday to Friday
Telephone: 01631 563 721
Email: admin@morhambro.co.uk

OTHER INFORMATION

WEST COAST MOTORS

is now offering FREE travel to NHS and workers. The company is also working with local communities and offering a delivery service for those most vulnerable. Well done WCM!

ROYAL MAIL

Royal Mail have restricted sorting office hours to 9am-11am
Closed Wed and Sun.

HOME-START LORN

Are you finding it difficult with your children at home all day, need some adult conversation – our volunteers are here to help
Tel: 07718 768305

HOPE KITCHEN

Hope Kitchen is now delivering/providing food assistance to people who are experiencing financial difficulty at this time. Please don't hesitate to get in touch either via messenger or on 01631 565730 if you find yourself short of essentials.
Those who can afford to pay for food but are self-isolating and unable to get supplies, Argyll and Bute Council has a dedicated phone line 01546 605524 to help you.

Information correct at time of going to press. Check www.obantimes.co.uk/openforbusiness for updated information. This page will run in the Oban Times every week for as long as necessary - printed information will be updated weekly.



West Highland Housing Association would like to thank all our tenants and residents for their understanding during these difficult times. Our organisation is following the Government guidelines and the office is closed but our staff are taking calls and working as much as possible in the circumstances.

We will try and provide as much help and assistance during this crisis. We can help make claims for universal credit and other benefits and provide a listening ear if you just need to have a chat with someone.

Please contact us either by phone on our FREE number **0300 3231170**

Email us
mail@westhighlandha.co.uk
or login into your My Home account online

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Island's baking brothers star in new BBC series

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A new BBC ALBA series about a family-run bakery on Benbecula starts on Thursday May 14.

Brothers Allan and Ewen Maclean opened Maclean's Bakery at Uachdar in 1987.

Since then it has become one of the largest private businesses in the Western Isles sending every type of cake, oatcake, biscuit and bread across the isles and to all corners of Scotland.

Allan has revealed he and Ewen knew nothing about baking before starting the business.

In the early days, word spread about the bakery and it proved a hit with hungry late night revellers once the pubs closed and dances finished at weekends.

Allan said: 'We worked night shift



then and people started coming in once the pubs closed to ask if they could have a pie.'

It became so popular he was struggling to prepare food for the

vans leaving at 9am, so he stopped supplying pies during the night to concentrate on producing food.

Throughout the years, Maclean's has prepared food for events large

and small in Uist. Among the services they provide is a busy restaurant called Stepping Stone and a catering trailer which sells fresh local produce and hot food

Lewis, Anne and Ewan Maclean, who originally set up the business in 1987.

to events. The six-part series shows how the family team manages to juggle everything.

That includes real-life drama when Ewen, who has Crohn's Disease, is rushed to the hospital on the mainland to deal with what could be a life-threatening situation, while the family has a difficult decision to make over its restaurant.

Since the programmes were made and the outbreak of coronavirus, the bakery has closed its takeaway but still has its full team of staff working.

They also continue to provide hot food from their catering trailer to the community.

An Taigh-Fuine/The Bakery begins on BBC ALBA this evening, Thursday May 14, at 8.30pm and each episode is available on the BBC iPlayer for 30 days after it airs.

Pressure mounts to reopen Scotland's building sites

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has defended the government's decision to keep building sites in Scotland closed, writes Ellis Butcher.

Despite the lockdown, construction firms in England, Wales and Northern Ireland have been allowed to work with safety measures in place, while in Scotland, all non-essential sites remain closed.

At a recent First Minister's question time Jackson Carlaw, leader of the Scottish Conservative Party, said the different rule for Scotland caused confusion and lacked consistency.

'If any given business can work safely anywhere, and can do it without spreading the virus, then why not in Scotland?'

Mrs Sturgeon said the evidence was clear that keeping non-essential construction sites closed was the right thing to do to prevent the spread of the virus and save lives.

She replied: 'I could say well, maybe the problem is that others (nations) are not following Scotland's guidance, just as others might say Scotland is not following guidance elsewhere. There is a big assumption in Jackson Carlaw's question that it is safe for construction to be operating normally in other parts of the UK. That is something as First Minister of Scotland I am not yet absolutely satisfied about. Has enough changed for me to change that judgement and my answer to that is not yet because we are at such a critical stage.'

'The evidence I am looking at tells me it would not take much at all to send our progress into reverse.'

Drones set to fly NHS equipment between Oban and Isle of Mull

Vital medical supplies are to be flown by drone between Oban and Mull in a week-long trial, starting on May 25, it has been revealed, writes Ellis Butcher.

Skyports, a drone delivery service based in London, has linked up with the council-run Oban Airport to get NHS kit from the hospital in Oban to the one at Craignure.

The week-long trial, held during the working week and in daylight hours only, is designed to help provide front line staff on Mull with the necessary equipment to do their jobs safely, said the council.

It will also help keep hard-to-reach communities provided with essential medical care, it added.

Skyports plans to fly its delivery drones 'beyond visual line of sight'.

The council described the flight path as a '17km route south from Oban and then north-west to the north coast of the Isle of Mull'. It said: 'The proposed

airspace for the trials is out with the flight restricted zone airspace around the airport, however during the trial period, Oban Airport will relay safety messages to any aircraft in the vicinity.

'This initiative is in direct response to the UK Government's call for help to address and mitigate the health impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.'

Oban Airport staff will provide safety support to Skyports, which says drones increase the 'frequency and speed' of transporting medical products.

Skyports has offices in Singapore and Los Angeles and already uses drones to fly 'high-value and perishable cargo' such as vaccines, medicine and organs.

Recently, Skyports chief executive officer, Duncan Walker, said: 'The current COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the role that unmanned aircraft applications can play in keeping the flow of goods moving, especially medical products, limiting human contact and

supplying hard-to-reach communities.'

It is not the first time Oban Airport has been involved in drones. Oban Airport has worked in partnership with the nearby Scottish Association for Marine Science which has a department dedicated to drone research.

Councillor Aileen Morton, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, commented: 'The COVID-19 pandemic has brought distinct challenges to rural communities and island communities. Community spirit, determination and innovation is helping overcome them.'

'We're delighted that the airport is involved in trialling a project aimed at changing the way health services in disperse communities are linked together.'

'We're already using technology to provide health advice and information remotely. Use of drones could assist vital equipment to be transferred more efficiently and effectively.'