

We can all help support Monmouth's wonderful independent businesses by shopping locally. Recently you will have noticed a few changes in the town. Monmouthshire County Council has been working to put measures in place that are designed to keep you safe. In response to feedback, amendments are being made.

What's different?

- Enlarged pedestrian areas along Monnow Street to allow for social distancing and queues outside shops
- Space created for 'café culture' tables and chairs to allow businesses to serve food and drink outside
- Social distancing signage has been introduced
- A 20mph zone will cover the centre of Monmouth to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians
- Once the pinch point part of Agincourt Square roadworks is completed a temporary one-way system will be introduced, with traffic heading down Monnow Street and returning via the A40/Dixton Road. Full details of this can be found on the Monmouth area of:
monmouthshire.gov.uk/shop-local/changes-in-your-town

- Parking bays have been removed from the Estero Lounge northwards up Monnow Street. Access is available for deliveries and residents of Nailor's Lane. The disabled parking bays and loading bays are still available

When the one way system starts disabled and loading and unloading bays will continue to be provided in Monnow Street. Some short stay parking will also be reintroduced

- Cyclists will still be able to use Monnow St in both directions. Cyclists travelling down from Agincourt Square will travel with the traffic. Cyclists heading up Monnow Street will travel within a cycle lane. For safety cyclists should initially be asked to dismount at the pinch point. At Agincourt Street a cyclists' diversion route to the Dixton Road crossroads will be signposted until the Agincourt roadworks have been completed

When the Agincourt roadworks are completed, a temporary cycle lane will be created through Agincourt Square and along Priory Street. This will provide a cycle route from the Bottom of Monnow Street through to the Dixton road traffic lights (we are looking at designs which mean cyclists do not need to dismount at the pinch point)

- There will be 35 one hour's free parking spaces available at Cornwall House car park plus 12 spaces (of which are for Blue Badge holders). Disabled parking bays are still accessible beyond the road closure on Monnow Street
- For details of all car parking provision and accessible parking in disabled bays can be found on our website (see details above)
- The local 'W' bus services 3,4 and 5 will be retimed and rescheduled: all stops will be retained
- Options are being reviewed for changes to Goldwire Lane and St Thomas' roundabout to create a safer pedestrian environment



Why now?

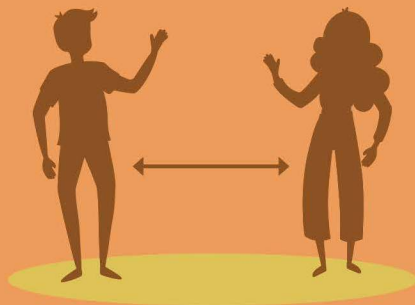
The aim is to give residents and visitors confidence to return to the centre of town while keeping them safe and be able to observe social distancing and to accommodate queuing outside some shops. Now more premises are reopening, shoppers will be returning for goods and services. Food and drink businesses will be re-opening too, some of which may wish to use the areas outside their business for tables and chairs. By shopping locally, we can all help revitalise businesses severely affected by the pandemic.

We also want people to feel safe walking and cycling instead of using their car, where they can, reducing congestion and carbon emissions.

How does this help Monmouth's Businesses?

Business survival depends on customers supporting them, so the council is seeking to assist by making sure shoppers can safely visit Monmouth with social distancing as well as allowing opportunities to have outdoor pavement seating. Businesses can apply for outdoor "Café Space" via MyMonmouthshire on the council's website.

For more information and the latest updates for shoppers and businesses visit www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/shop-local



We want your feedback

All changes are part of a trial. We will be seeking live feedback and will add to, change or remove measures as appropriate, adapting and improving as we go. If some of the changes are successful, we will consider making them permanent, following future consultation. We welcome feedback from everyone. Simply go to the website below and send your comments via the MyMonmouthshire button on the bottom right hand side of the page, or by emailing contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk. Residents who are not online may call the Contact Centre on 01633 644644 if they have any feedback or questions.

