

# **BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE 24 March 2020**

## **Business rents**

The Treasury is introducing emergency legislation through the Covid Bill in Parliament to ban evictions for commercial tenants for at least three months. It's not known for sure how this will work yet but it's an extension to the previously-announced measure in the Covid-19 emergency legislation to ban evictions for social and private renters for three months.

## **Shop closures**

Following the Prime Minister's speech last night there has been much confusion as to which businesses must close, which can stay open and and which can operate but at a reduced level.

Kings Stores in New Buckenham is still open - as long as they can get supplies. Two customers at a time.

Many stores in Attleborough are closed or operating a street door service only one-at-a-time. e.g. Myhills is open as it sells necessary pet food. No-one is allowed in the shop until the payment is required and all payment is by hands-free swipe card only. Taylors pet foods say they will deliver.

## **Garage services**

New Buckenham's Millhouse Garage. 01953 860572 It will be open as usual and for as long as they can get parts. MOTs as normal. However, they are booking two weeks ahead because of increased demand.

Breckland Tyres in Attleborough closed immediately and will not be open for three weeks - unless the situation changes.

ATS Euromaster in London Road in Attleborough (01953 453 883) remains open as they are a registered location for emergency vehicles repair. You have to call them and they will tell you what to do. (No waiting on the premises, no entering the garage building etc.)

## **Delivery services**

Courier services are very fragile currently. You must obviously check before assuming that any particular service will work for you.

Tracking services are flaky. Parcel Force tracking has been down today.

Drop off points are often no longer available since the shop to which they are attached is closed or closing. UPS drop off points appear mostly to be closed tho we understand the garage at Long Stratton (being an essential service ) is still operating.

DPD appear not to be taking on collections.

To remind you, the government's help site for business is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

Breckland's "Regeneration Unit" is handling the Covid - 19 business matters.

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-guidance>

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