

## **BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE 11-04-2020**

**WHERE TO TURN FOR BUSINESS ADVICE IN THE CRISIS?** Here is a pull together of some of the key links which Biz Buzz has collected over the last three weeks. They've all been published in the crisis updates. Set aside time to go through them carefully. There are no quick answers but that doesn't mean there are no answers....it just means a lot of reading and talking with people. The Government is increasingly aware of millions of pounds already being lost to fraudsters and scammers. Never give your personal details to those you don't know and check websites carefully.

**FREE BIZ ADVICE. THE NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB** is one of 38 hubs across England. They're supported by Government, are impartial and can offer fully funded biz advice and guidance in Norfolk & Suffolk. The team says, " If you're in need of business support or just need a friendly voice to talk through your business worries with, get in touch." They've created this useful toolbox. [New Anglia Growth Hub Help](#) There's a phone line too: 0300 333 6536 email: [growthhub@newanglia.co.uk](mailto:growthhub@newanglia.co.uk)

**THE NORFOLK RESILIENCE FORUM** is a body of 60 groups ranging from Emergency Services, LAs, Coastguard, Anglian Water, Charities, Met office & many more. [The Norfolk Resilience Forum](#) On their web site , there's a Business Continuity Plan Template you can access along with heaps of other guidance. There's also a great Emergency Preparedness Tick box list. It takes only 10 minutes to fill in and gathers together all the info you'll need if you come up against an emergency at any time- not just the one we're in. <https://www.norfolkprepared.gov.uk/preparing-your-business/how-prepared-is-your-business/>

**NORFOLK MPS TEAM WORKING FOR BUSINESS** Mid Norfolk MP, George Freeman (<https://www.georgefreeman.co.uk>) is co-ordinating all 9 Norfolk MPs to work together with key agencies and Government ministers. They are particularly concerned with the effects on businesses. Freeman's constituency office in Wymondham is closed but his team - Tom, Elliot and Arron - are all working from their homes. George Freeman says that if you have any urgent issue over the Easter break and you can't get the help you need, you should get in touch and his team will see what they can do. (8 Damgate Street | Wymondham | NR18 0BQ) [01953 600 617](tel:01953600617) [george.freeman.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:george.freeman.mp@parliament.uk) [www.georgefreeman.co.uk](http://www.georgefreeman.co.uk)

**BRECKLAND'S REGENERATION UNIT** is handling the Covid-19 business matters. <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-guidance>  
[regeneration@breckland.gov.uk](https://www.breckland.gov.uk/regeneration@breckland.gov.uk) Emma Regeneration Officer: 07717 690898

**NORFOLK BUSINESS to BUSINESS HELP. THE NORFOLK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE** are offering lots of advice and pointing businesses in the direction of others who can help - sometimes at a cost, sometimes free. Go to their main crisis website <https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/coronavirus-hub> The NCC has also compiled a list of offers from local Biz Bods which might help you e.g. free HR advice, free IT support, discounted advertising web sites. [https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/blog/general/norfolk-businesses-pull-together-offer-support-packages?utm\\_source=Norfolk%20Chamber&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=11444248\\_Coronavirus%20Business%20Briefing%20-%2031%20March%2020&dm\\_i=1DEE,6TAFS,MOTT09,RA74M,1](https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/blog/general/norfolk-businesses-pull-together-offer-support-packages?utm_source=Norfolk%20Chamber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11444248_Coronavirus%20Business%20Briefing%20-%2031%20March%2020&dm_i=1DEE,6TAFS,MOTT09,RA74M,1)

**OTHER BIZ SUPPORT FROM UNIONS ETC:** There are lots of trade associations, unions and groups outside of Government that will have information about how to stay in business when times are this hard. The Norfolk Chambers of Commerce has put together a list with all the contacts: you'll find it here: [Biz Support outside of Government](#)

**LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS M+A** have compiled a very practical guide of business support . Be aware that all the information coming out is changing all the time.

<https://www.mapartners.co.uk/news/coronavirus-financial-support-for-businesses/>

**SCAMMERS** Double check all incoming "offers" or "advice". HMRC are aware of an increase in scam emails, calls and texts. If someone gets in touch claiming to be from HMRC, saying that financial help can be claimed or that a tax refund is owed, and asks you to click on a link or to give information such as your name, credit card or bank details, do not respond. **HMRC will never contact you out of the blue like that.**

**All previous Biz Buzz Crisis updates are here: [www.np4nb.online](http://www.np4nb.online)**