



BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE 23-05-2020

**MEND YOUR OLD BIKE WITH GOVERNMENT FUNDS! WHERE TO PARK IN NORWICH.
MORE CHANGES TO THE FURLOUGH SCHEME.**

BROKEN BIKE FUND STARTS NEXT MONTH The Transport Secretary has announced that Government aid to encourage people to use bikes more will start from JUNE. Bike Maintenance vouchers worth £50 will be available to smarten up that old bicycle. As yet there's no solid information about how you can access it. Watch this space! Along with vouchers, there are plans to make Councils build pop-up bike lanes, wider pavements, safer junctions, and cycle and cycle-only corridors. It's all part of a £250 million emergency active travel fund. Check out:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

NORWICH CAR PARK OPENS. The City Council recognises that public transport is not available to everyone and for many driving is the only solution. Norwich City Council has re-opened St Andrews multi-storey car park. To help make sure you keep a good distance from others when using the car park, we are operating a one-way system for pedestrians. Check the details here:

https://www.norwich.gov.uk/news/article/355/weekly_update_on_the_city_s_response_to_covid-19_%E2%80%93_22_may

FURLOUGH CHANGES . The Treasury says that from August employers will be required to pay 25% of the furloughed employee's wages. Currently it's 20%. The employer will also have to pay their national insurance contributions which amount on average to 5% of wages. From August employers will be permitted to take furloughed workers back part-time. The scheme will remain in force at least until 31st October 2020. At the moment the furlough scheme pays 80% of a worker's salary up to £2,500 a month. All the Govt. regulations and funding offers are to be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-extends-furlough-scheme-until-october>

THE GOVERNMENT'S ROAD MAP FOR OPENING UP THE ECONOMY IS HERE:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884171/FINAL_6.6637_CO_HMG_C19_Recovery_FINAL_110520_v2_WEB_1_.pdf

If you need to get information, advice or need to apply for loans from Breckland District Council here is the link: www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus

All Biz Buzz crisis updates are to be found on www.np4nb.online