



BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE **31-07-2020 (1700)**

LOCKDOWN FOR LONGER - BAD NEWS FOR BEAUTY SALONS... "EAT OUT TO HELP OUT" IS ABOUT TO START...BUT WHERE? CHANGES TO CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME... HOW TO GET THE JOB RETENTION BONUS... £20 MILLION NEW FUNDING FOR SMEs

Nationwide restrictions in some business sectors continue until at least 15 August. Increases in Covid - 19 spread mean many of tomorrow's long-awaited openings won't now happen. These include:

Casinos, bowling alleys and skating rinks stay shut

Beauty salons that involve close contact e.g. face treatments, such as eyelash, eyebrow and threading treatments, stay shut.

Wedding receptions of up to 30 people will not be permitted although the ceremonies can go ahead.

Bad news too, yet again, for theatres and sport: Indoor performances will not resume and pilot-runs of larger crowds in sports venues and conference centres will not take place.

From next weekend face coverings will be compulsory in more indoor settings including museums, cinemas and places of worship. They are already required in shops, banks, airports and other indoor transport hubs.

The PM's speech today is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-31-july-2020>

"Eat Out to Help Out" throughout August. 50% discount (up to a max of £10) on eat-in meals and non-alcoholic drinks valid Monday to Wednesday. Customers don't need a voucher. Here are some of the places registered to offer the discount within 5 miles of New Buckenham.

Garden House, NR16 2BY, Banham Zoo NR16 2HE, Mulberry Tree NR17 2AS, Breckland Lodge NR17 1AY, The White Lodge NR17 1AY, The Hideout NR17 2AF, The jolly farmers NR16 1LG, Route 11 NR17 2PU, Red Lion (Kenninghall) NR16 2EP, The Old White Horse NR16 2AH, The Boars NR18 9LL, Strenneth IP22 2FF, ey Ltd T/A McDonalds Snetterton NR16 2TX

Even bigger tasty treat! The Kings Head New Buckenham NR16 2AL is doing its own discount deal. Sunak's strategy doesn't suit everyone. The King's Head doesn't do food on Mon or Tues so the Govt. discount is no help. However, Wednesday is Pie Night. Fresh home-made pies with veg, a pint of Adnams or Carlsberg, small glass of wine or a soft drink for £12...which is an even bigger discount deal. Before the lockdown the pie platter alone cost £11.50. Phone 01953 861 247

Changes to Furlough from tomorrow (Saturday August 1), The government will continue to pay 80% of furloughed employees wages, but employers will have to pay employers National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions for the hours the employee is on furlough. The CJRS grant is tapered from August 1st. It will go down from 80% in August for the hours the employee doesn't work, to 70% in September and 60% in October.

The new Job Retention Bonus will work like this :

- employers get a one-off payment of £1,000 for every employee who has previously been furloughed – if they remain continuously employed until the end of January 2021
- to ensure the jobs are meaningful well-paid, employees must earn at least £520 a month on average between the beginning of November and the end of January
- those who were furloughed and had a claim submitted late because they were on parental leave or serving as a military reservist will be eligible for the bonus as long as they meet the other eligibility criteria. For all the details : <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-of-the-job-retention-bonus-announced>

£20 million new funding for smaller businesses-particularly in the visitor economy. Get on it! All grants must be awarded by 28th Feb 2021. £1,000 - £5,000 for new equipment, technology and specialist advice eg HR, accountancy, legal/financial help, IT or to purchase new equipment to diversify the biz or simply help to make it continue. Fully funded by Govt. No need for businesses to contribute. It's distributed through regional Growth Hubs. Here in East Anglia it's the New Anglia Growth Hub. Phone 0300 333 6536 .
<https://www.newangliagrowthhub.co.uk/> This site is useful for other types of support too. Check it out.

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

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