

COMMUNITY UPDATE

COVID-19



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Next Monday (17 May) sees us as a community take another step towards normality and out of lockdown.

This penultimate step in the government's roadmap out of the pandemic sees us able to meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors, six people or two households able to meet indoors, with overnight stays allowed and up to 30 people able to attend weddings, receptions and other life events. Another key element is the fact we will be able to enjoy socialising indoors in pub, bars and restaurants.

In terms of social distancing with close family and friends – this will need to be a matter of personal judgement, but people are asked to remain cautious around close contact, like hugging.

Over the first weekend under the new rules we will have extra police visibility to engage and support our communities as we move into the next stage of the easing of the restrictions.

As well as day-to-day policing, to prevent and tackle crime and keep communities safe, rest assured that we will continue to work alongside our partners both locally and nationally in our collective effort to limit the spread of the virus.

We, as a force, are really keen to get back to normality as I am sure you are and our officers cannot wait to get back to that face-to-face engagement which is so important to us all.

We have had to embrace new ways of working and the use of technology has been integral to this to make sure we continue to do our job of protecting and supporting you. We have exploited new opportunities to develop, progress and learn and we want this to carry on into the future once the pandemic is behind us for the benefit for you all.

It's has certainly been challenging at times and a situation like no other for the police to adapt to, but thanks to the support, patience and understanding of you all we are hopefully nearing the end. The light at the end of the tunnel is shining brightly.

You can find all the guidance and detail of the current government regulations as to what is permissible here: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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