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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews  
13 May 2020  
Please forward to all Councillors  
and Staff**

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### **Coronavirus**

More guidance documents are being placed on the Govt.'s website.  
All should be accessible via

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> .

They are grouped into various categories with drop-down menus.

The national NALC are analysing the advice and details are being placed on their website at

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/coronavirus>

These too are grouped into categories.

the present time, these appear in chronological order at this page on the Govt. website

[https://www.gov.uk/search/all?topical\\_events%5B%5D=coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response&order=updated-newest](https://www.gov.uk/search/all?topical_events%5B%5D=coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response&order=updated-newest)

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## Safer Public Spaces - Urban Centres and Green Spaces

Amongst the papers published today is one providing the owners and operators of public spaces with information and examples of measures that may be undertaken to adapt and manage public spaces in order to help social distancing.

Available at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19>

## Playgrounds

As far as we can see, playgrounds/play areas are not yet allowed to be reopened – page 27 (printed number – electronic page 31)) of the main Govt CV19 Recovery Strategy at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy>

says (with emphasis added )

“People may exercise outside as many times each day as they wish. For example, this would include angling and tennis. **You will still not be able to use areas like playgrounds**, outdoor gyms or ticketed outdoor leisure venues, where there is a higher risk of close contact and touching surfaces. You can only exercise with up to one person from outside your household – this means you should not play team sports, except with members of your own household.”

## Govt. Grants

Secretary of State MHCLG issued on 30 April.

As soon as more information becomes available, Member Councils will be informed.

## Funds for Community Groups

Our colleagues at Community Action Northumberland have a dedicated webpage at

<http://ca-north.org.uk/supporting-individuals/covid-19>

This gives updates and directions to useful resources and sources of information.

All Parish Councils should receive a copy of the CAN Enews. If you are not receiving one and would like including on the mailing list , please contact [info@ca-north.org.uk](mailto:info@ca-north.org.uk)

## Electronic Virtual Meetings

Lawyers in Local Government are a body to which many lawyers and administrators for the City & County Council belong or are associated with. They have been running a series of webinars on various aspects of the current National Emergency. One today was an interesting comparison of the various types of platforms available for electronic meetings. Please see the full list at

<https://www.lawyersinlocalgovernment.org.uk/webinars>

## Northumberland Community Bank

They have asked that we circulate the briefing note available at

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/c6fa2e73-69c8-49fd-bc2c-8b1f7eaf6368/Effect\\_of\\_Covid\\_NCB\\_May\\_2020.docx.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/c6fa2e73-69c8-49fd-bc2c-8b1f7eaf6368/Effect_of_Covid_NCB_May_2020.docx.pdf)

## Briefings

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## [Introduction to Electronic Meetings](#)

Thursday 21 May 2020 starting at 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-electronic-meetings-and-a-general-update-tickets-104513322160>

## [General Introduction to Local Council Procedure](#)

Thursday 21 May 2020 starting at 1000

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-general-introduction-to-local-council-procedure-tickets-103312993946>

Repeated on

Tuesday May starting at 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-general-introduction-to-local-council-procedure-tickets-103312993946>



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