

St Ives Town Council COVID-19 Statement

Update: March 24th 2020



The Town Council takes the threat very seriously and will be following all official Government and Public Health England guidance. In line with the most recent Government measures, Council services will be affected in the following ways:

The Guildhall town council offices

Will be closed to the public but staff will respond to telephone and email enquiries (enquiries@stives-tc.gov.uk) 01736 797840 or facebook messenger.

The Guildhall Concert Hall venue

The Concert Hall will be closed **until the 30th of June** when this decision will be reviewed. All live performance events will be affected. Enquiries about tickets and refunds should be directed to the promoter. We are encouraging all event promoters to postpone, not cancel dates wherever possible.

All markets will be cancelled until the 30th of June when this decision will be reviewed. Stallholders should contact the event organisers for details. We will try to offer replacement dates wherever possible.

Weddings

Government guidelines are for all wedding ceremonies to be cancelled for the moment. We are asking all couples to contact us as soon as possible to discuss their booking. We want to be as flexible as possible and will work with them to postpone and find new dates rather than cancel.

The Library and Information Service

Is closed until the Government's advice is reviewed. Please see further details on the Facebook page @stiveslibrary or call 01736 797840 about returning items as the Council has agreed to waive overdue charges at this time and will support borrowing for a longer period.

Community and Town Council Events

Community and civic events will be postponed or cancelled up until June and then be reviewed. This includes **Good Friday Boating at Consols pond**, the April **Free for All**, **May Day** celebrations the annual electors meeting and the annual **mayor choosing** ceremony. We will post updates on the Facebook Page.

Council Meetings

The Council will be suspending physical meetings for the foreseeable future. See additional advice on the website on how to engage with the Council on planning applications. To support public engagement, all agendas and reports will be posted on the website with further updates on how debate and decisions will be taken to ensure transparency.

Public Toilets will be closed for the next 3 weeks until Government advice is reviewed

Public Open Spaces – these are open to support a short period of daily exercise for people with members of their household. We urge families and parents to follow guidelines for being outdoors and be aware that play equipment is closed until further notice and we will not be inspecting it.

For further information

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