

# Latest local and national information and support

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## Financial Support - Last update Tuesday, 08 September 2020

| Type of support         | Contact details and other information   |
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| <b>Personal Finance</b> | <p>For general help with Personal finance contact <a href="#">Rother CAB</a> or call the Advice Line on 03444 111 444</p> <p>For a possible reduction in your Council Tax contact <a href="#">Rother District Council</a></p> <p>For help paying rent if you are in receipt of housing benefit contact <a href="#">Rother District Council</a> for a discretionary housing payment</p> <p>For help with water bills email <a href="mailto:payless@southernwater.co.uk">payless@southernwater.co.uk</a> or telephone: 0800 027 0363.</p> <p>Advice on benefits, debt and housing <a href="#">click here</a><br/>Or call <b>0333 344 0681</b> between 9-5 Monday to Friday</p> <p><b>AGE UK East Sussex</b> Telephone advice 01273 476 704. Tips on handling cold calls. Benefits advice. Local group discussions. Updates on scams in your area. Help to access other services.</p> <p><a href="#">Benefits Helpline</a> 0333 344 681 (Mon-Fri 9-5)</p> <p><a href="#">British Red Cross hardship fund</a> The British Red Cross Hardship Fund provides short term financial help for people who cannot afford essentials such as food and toiletries, somewhere safe to sleep, access to a telephone and the internet, and fuel to keep the lights on, cook or stay warm.</p> |

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|                         | <p><b>Covid 19 Essential <a href="#">Household Item Sussex Relief Scheme</a> run by Now! Charity supply essential household items</b></p> <p><b><a href="#">Health Watch East Sussex</a> 0333 101 4007 Includes scams and fraud.</b></p> <p><b>Rural Rother Trust provide small grants to individuals in real need</b>, for example to replace beds or washing machines or support for equipment/instruments for promising youth athletes and musicians. Contact <a href="mailto:stephen@stephenhardy.org.uk">stephen@stephenhardy.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Salehurst Charities can help individual parish residents in serious need.</b> Contact Rev. Annette Hawkins 01580 880282.</p>   |
| <b>Business Support</b> | <p><b>For general business support go to <a href="#">Government website</a></b></p> <p>You can find out more details about the government's support for businesses through this website which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</li><li>• deferring VAT and Income Tax payments</li><li>• a Self-employment Income Support Scheme</li><li>• a Statutory Sick Pay relief package for small and medium sized businesses</li><li>• business rate relief</li><li>• small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief</li><li>• grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000</li><li>• the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme</li></ul> <p><b>For general advice about financial help and business growth contact <a href="#">Business East Sussex</a></b></p> <p><b>For paying employees who have been furloughed under the <a href="#">Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</a></b></p> |

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|  | <p><b><u><a href="#">Self employed income support</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme</a></u></b> – finance up to £5 million</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Coronavirus Bounce Back Loan</a></u></b> – loans up to £50,000</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Kickstart scheme</a></u></b> – funding to employers to create jobs placements for 16 to 24 year olds</p> <p><b>Small Business Relief Grant (£10,000) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants (£10,000 or £25,000).</b><br/> <b>Paid through Rother District Council: <u><a href="#">Check eligibility here:</a></u></b><br/> <b><u><a href="#">Claim here:</a></u></b></p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Top-up to local business grant funds scheme</a></u></b> grants for small businesses with ongoing fixed property-related costs (priority to businesses in shared spaces, regular market traders, small charity properties that would meet the criteria for Small Business Rates Relief, and bed and breakfasts that pay council tax rather than business rates). Announced 2 May, further details to follow (to be paid out by local authorities).</p> <p><b>Use the <u><a href="#">'business support finder'</a></u> to see which support schemes may be available for you and your business</b></p> |
| <p><b>Voluntary,<br/>community<br/>and Social<br/>enterprise</b></p> | <p><b><u><a href="#">Co-op Local Community Fund</a></u></b> The funding aims to help communities to come together, co-operate and have a positive impact on community wellbeing – physically and virtually.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">East Sussex Emergency Fund</a></u></b><br/> Grants for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations based in East Sussex that have lost significant earned income due to COVID-19</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Sussex Crisis Fund</a></u></b><br/> Emergency grants of up to £5000 for organisations responding to the crisis</p>  |

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| <p><b>(VCSE)<br/>Organisations</b></p>                             | <p>For <a href="#">reduction in business rates</a> (community buildings):</p> <p><a href="#">Action in Rural Sussex (AirS)</a> free 6 month subscription to its advisory service<br/>To support those managing and operating village halls, sports and community buildings.</p> <p><a href="#">Rother Voluntary Action</a>: resources and updated funding opportunities</p> <p><a href="#">Sport England Community Funding</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Grants</b></p>   | <p><a href="#">General information on grants</a>, this list is updated. <b>Call for businesses to apply for second round of grants.</b> Applications for the second round of funding are expected to open at lunchtime on Friday 31 July and close on Friday, 14 August.</p> <p>As soon as they are ready, <a href="#">details of the grant scheme, criteria and the application forms will be published on our website.</a></p> <p><b>Hastings Direct Covid-19 community grant scheme</b> Grants available to local charities / community groups providing Covid 19 support within 20 miles of Hastings Direct Hastings office. Check here for eligibility: <a href="#">Hastings Direct Community Grant Scheme</a></p> <p><b>Sussex Crisis Fund, East Sussex Emergency Fund and Rother Voluntary Action</b> see above.</p> |
| <p><b>Sussex<br/>Community<br/>Development<br/>Association</b></p> | <p>They can help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with job search and finding work including self-employment</li> <li>• Linking you with local employers and live vacancies</li> <li>• CV writing</li> <li>• One to one support</li> <li>• Application support and interview preparation</li> <li>• In work support</li> <li>• Support with money management, health, housing, debt and much more</li> </ul>  |

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|  | If you or someone you know needs help contact the East Sussex Work Health Programme on 01273 516347 or by emailing <a href="mailto:WHPreferral@sussexcommunity.org.uk">WHPreferral@sussexcommunity.org.uk</a> |
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