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pop along and collect.

And due to popular demand, our local delivery and pre-ordering service will also continue.

All of this is new to us and we ask for your patience and support during this still difficult time.

HT PERRY & SON

HT PERRY & Son is a 60-year-old family-run, traditional hardware shop.

Over the past 13 weeks we have had to adapt our service radically and have faced challenges.

We started lockdown by closing the shop to customers and furloughing the staff.

Fern and her husband Jim ran the shop by doing deliveries – some days that would mean visiting more than 30 houses.

We were certainly kept busy by our amazing customers-old and new!

We have been able to modify our shop to follow social distancing rules while maintaining the level of customer service we strive to offer.

Currently, we are allowing two customers in at a time, doing counter service.

We are also still offering our delivery service.

We look forward to a more settled time when we can see everyone back in here shopping as before but for now we are proud of what we are achieving.

TONE GATE MOTORS

TONE Gate Motors Ltd is a local well established garage with over 60 years combined experience in the trade which specialises in Renault vehicles.

We have been working through the Covid-19 pandemic offering our services to essential and key workers who have been doing a wonderful job at keeping the country going.

We are now back open to all members of the public following the Government's Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines to ensure your vehicle is safe for you to drive.

All cars are fully disinfected and cleaned before being returned to our customers to ensure your safety.

We even go the extra mile when we receive and return keys in sanitiser to help reduce the risk of infection.

Tone Gate Motors Ltd has built up its reputation through delivering high quality service to our customers and is pleased to be a member of the Good Garage Scheme and the Autocare Garage Programme.

Tone Gate Motors Ltd offers all types of car servicing. We provide servicing and repairs for all makes and models. We always carry out servicing according to the manufacturer's schedule.

We also offer full engine diagnostics, MOTs and air con servicing.

All our staff are fully trained technicians and carry out work to the highest possible standard.

Tone Gate Motors Ltd can answer questions about car servicing and repairs. We are experts at suggesting the package that gives you maximum benefit at a minimal cost.

Our opening times remain the same as always: Monday-Friday 8.30am-5.30pm and Saturday 8.30am-12.30pm (closed Sundays).

For more information or to book a service or repair contact 01823 667373, or visit the garage on Tonedale Industrial Estate, Milverton Road, Wellington TA21 0AN.

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Curtains and nets, towels, duvet covers and bedding, housewares, hobby and craft supplies, clothes and shoes, pet care, garden supplies and seeds, children's toys and more.

The shop is now open in-line with Government guidelines – maximum of ten people in store at any one time.

We look forward to seeing you and again.

Minehead's traders pull out all the stops



MINEHEAD and Alcombe traders are pulling out all the stops to ensure customers can enjoy as normal a shopping experience as possible – and to salvage what they can from summer season.

More than 120 shops and other businesses are back in operation with social distancing and other precautions in place.

And officials at Minehead BID, the local business consortium, say the feedback they are receiving suggests people are more than happy to observe all the anti-Covid restrictions.

Chairman Graham Sizer said: "Quite honestly most people are so relieved to take a significant step back towards normal life after being virtually confined to their homes for so long that they are content to observe any rules that are applied."

"There really is a very positive feeling in the town at the moment and, oddly, lockdown has led a lot of people to appreciate for the first time what a very pleasant shopping environment Minehead offers."

"I suppose we have all taken it for granted but when you look at the broad streets, the wide pavements, and the fact that there are very few places where pedestrians and traffic conflict, Minehead has an awful lot going for it."

The width of the Parade and The Avenue stem from the fact that until the late 19th century the Parks Stream ran down them to the sea. When it was covered over and the town centre re-modelled the Edwardian developers maintained the old building lines.

Mr Sizer said: "With that and the tradition they established of tree-lined streets they really did the town a favour. So many people come here to shop because they love the airy feel of the centre, the trees, the floral displays, the ease of parking, the fact there is a wonderful park just a few yards away and the seafront is only a few minutes' walk."

"Add to that the fact that as well as the usual multiples we have a wonderful range of small, independent shops and plenty of places to eat and drink, and Minehead really has a huge amount going for it as a self-contained shopping centre."

"Unfortunately none of those plus points have saved us from being as



Wellington Square in Minehead.

severely hit by the effects of lockdown as anywhere else. But I honestly believe we are far better placed to quickly bounce back than many other towns."

The Minehead BID consortium was set up in 2018 with the support of more than 240 local traders to raise the town's profile as a resort and organise regular entertainment events – though this year's programme has been severely restricted by the virus.

"It was a sad but essential decision to

pull the plug on this summer's events, especially after all the planning. We are still hopeful for another

outdoor Eat Festival later in the year and if circumstances allow a good run-up to Christmas," Mr Sizer said.

"It has made us all the more determined to come back in style next year with an even better programme of events and with a town centre better decorated, and more attractive, than it ever has been before."

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