

# Get rid of those lockdown locks



FOR some people it will be the chance to enjoy a pint in a pub but for others this weekend's step back towards post-lockdown normality will bring another long-awaited treat: the visit to a barber's or hairdresser's.

They are among the categories of high street businesses that will be opening their doors in Minehead and Alcombe from Saturday, with some even planning an exceptional Sunday opening to cope with the anticipated demand.

Minehead BID manager Andrew Hopkins said the



return to trading of more non-essential businesses would be an important step towards getting the town's commercial life back on its feet.

"Lockdown has probably brought home to everyone for the first time how so many diverse businesses actually link together to offer the attraction of town centre shopping," he said.

"We have seen some shoppers coming back to the streets as the controls on retailing have gradually been loosened but it's only when we get the full mix of businesses, from banks to barbers and from cafes to chemists open and doing business that we can really expect to crank up the levels of town

centre trade."

Not everything, of course, will be entirely as it was before. Social distancing measures still need to be observed, particularly in those sections of the hospitality sector that will be re-opening.

But, said Mr Hopkins, most people would be more than content to accept the occasional inconvenience in return for the freedom to go shopping again.

"And it really is in the interests of both staff and customers that we continue to stick to the rules," he said.

"The virus is still out there and the threat has not gone away. And as events in Leicester have shown the Government is fully prepared – and quite rightly – to re-impose pretty rigid local lockdown controls if there is



The Parade (top) and Wellington Square in Minehead.

evidence that infection rates are climbing again.

"The last thing we would want for Minehead after all the careful planning, after all the well thought-out safety measures that have been put in place would be to be forced to go back to square one.

"I know there are businesses that are absolutely desperate to start making up some of the ground they have lost this year and another setback is the last thing they need.

"But Saturday has been declared nationally as Independents Day when we shall be celebrating not merely the country's rich array of thriving, independent traders but also remembering with gratitude the way so many of those independent traders have helped ease the British population through a very difficult three months.

"And the best possible way we can repay that in practical terms is to go shopping."

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