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New Business and Long Established Business Award Nominations are open!

It's time again for the Annual Business Awards!

We are asking for businesses to either nominate themselves or nominate a business neighbour for the David Urquhart New Business Award or the Long Established business award. Has someone really impressed you, is there a business that you feel needs recognised for their hard work. It is simple, quick and easy to do, just complete the nomination form attached here.

[Download the New Business Award Nomination Form Here](#)

[Download the Long Established Business Award Nomination Form Here](#)

Nominations must be received by 3pm on 27th August.

The Awards continue to draw thousands of nominations and it is a great way to promote and focus on the businesses and great service provided in Elgin. The timetable for the awards is below and we will keep you updated as things progress.

This year we will not be able to host the Annual AGM & Awards night as we normally would due to current Covid-19 restrictions. This year the AGM will be hosted over Zoom and the Awards winners will be announced throughout the AGM. The date for the AGM will be confirmed soon.

- 13th August – New Business and Long Established Business Award opens for nominations
- 27th August – New Business and Long Established Business Award closes
- W/C 31st August – Judging panel meets and decides on top 3 nominations
- 4th September – BID Business Awards 2020 opens in Northern Scot with 3 finalists highlighted on the nomination form
- Date (TBC) – Voting closes
- Date (TBC)– Winners are announced during the Elgin BID AGM Zoom Meeting

Free Parking Update

Yesterday the Moray Council made the decision to extend the free parking in Elgin until the end of October. This is much welcomed news for both businesses and customers. We will continue to push for the free parking to be extended to the end of January to help businesses through the Christmas Period.

We have had a few business members in touch asking for your help.

With the car parks currently being free of charge, we are finding that the town centre businesses staff members are filling the car parks normally used by customers and city visitors first thing in the morning and for the day. This has been causing some difficulties particularly for people getting to appointments where they have to get to a specific location for a set time. One member who said she was happy to have her details shared is Colleen from the Foot Clinic. Her customers are often older and would normally park in the Moray Street car park, but many are arriving to find the car park full, which is causing stress and upset.

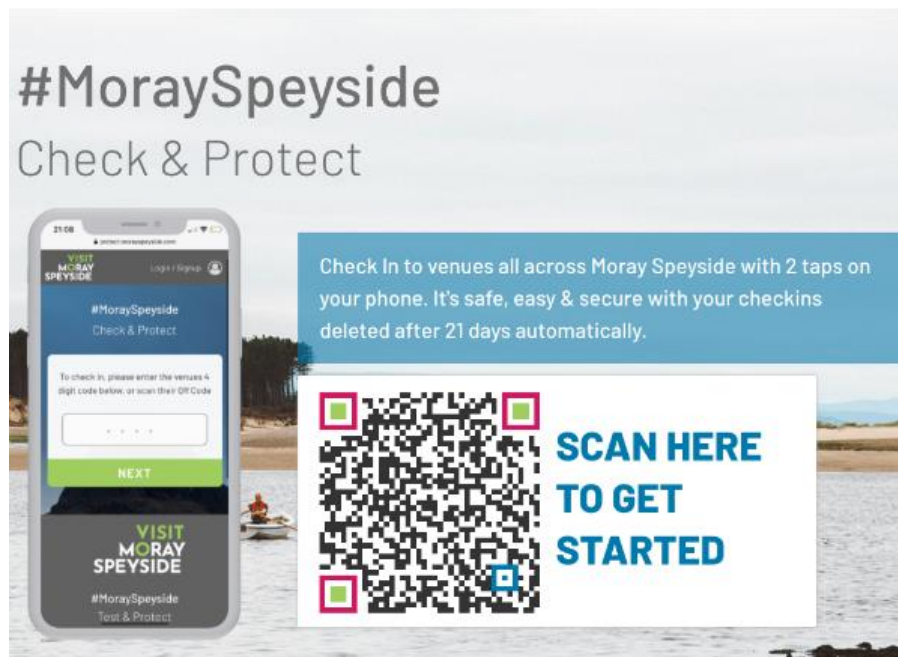
While people can park anywhere they like (obviously within regulations), it

would be great if you could perhaps remind staff that all car parks are free at the moment and encourage them to use the multi stories and Lossie Green as their first choice.

New Free Check & Protect App

From Friday (14 August), it will be mandatory for pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants and other indoor hospitality venues to collect customer details to allow contact tracing.

Please read the below information from Visit Moray Speyside on their New Free Check & Protect App.



[Moray Speyside Check & Protect](#) is a FREE application which allows businesses to securely check in their customers and collect data in line with official guidelines to support the Scottish Government Test & Protect Programme.

Originally developed for use in the Cairngorms National Park, the app enables customers and visitors to check into any registered venue with one simple sign-on. Check-ins are by QR code or unique 4-digit code.

Check & Protect is being offered free to every business in Moray Speyside as part of Visit Moray Speyside and Moray Chamber of Commerce' partnership to support the region's recovery.

Visitor data, which automatically expires after 21 days, is held centrally so visitors have confidence and individual businesses don't need to worry about data protection.

The app enables customers and visitors to check into multiple venues with one simple sign-on.

The web-based dashboard allows businesses to access check-in data by venue, date and time if the data is requested by NHS Scotland Test and Protect.

Businesses can check the number of logins on their dashboard and download their own unique set of QR codes, posters and flyers.

Businesses can also manually check-in guests who do not have a smartphone using a simple web interface.

[Register your business here](#)

**Take Care and Stay Safe
Gemma & Tina**