



# Chard Town Council

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## PRESS RELEASE

At the Full Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020, following an approach from the Department of Health and Social Services, Chard Town Council unanimously agreed to support the provision of a local Covid Testing Station to be set up at the Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard. The venue will be donated free of charge to the Department of Health & Social Care and it is hoped it will help address the spread of the virus with the aim of bringing it under control.

The Testing Station will be launched on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with a pilot day and will become fully operational by the weekend, opening from 8am to 8pm seven days a week. The site will have ten testing bays including two with disabled access and for use by families.

The Mayor of Chard, Cllr Jason Baker said: "I'm delighted that we have been able to use the Guildhall as a Covid Testing station. This will benefit not only the residents of Chard but also people living in our area. This will cut down on the need to travel to Taunton or Yeovil to take a test and enable people to walk in and be tested quickly and locally. I am pleased to see us working in partnership with the Department of Health & Social Care to deliver this service and to for us to be available in the future if a venue is required to help deliver vaccinations locally".

Tests are by appointment only. Once registered a test is undertaken and the results will be forwarded to you.

The Town Council is pleased to have been in a position to support this initiative and hopes that it will have a positive impact on the control of the virus locally.

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