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## Compensation help for roadwork claims

**TRADERS affected by road closures in Wotton-under-Edge last month are being advised to make individual compensation claims if they feel they lost business during the works.**

Gloucestershire Highways bosses came under fire over the decision to close Long Street to implement traffic calming measures, giving local businesses just three days' notice of the closure.

The road closure took place in the week leading up to Mothering Sunday, which some traders consider one of the busiest weeks of the year.

At the time, Wotton-under-Edge Chamber of Trade considered whether it should take legal advice so it could provide members with information if they wanted to pursue a claim for compensation from Gloucestershire County Council for lost business.

However, members have now been told that the Chamber is not going to seek legal advice, although it will be offering traders – whether a member of the Chamber or not – a template so that they can make individual claims.

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"I think that this is the most realistic way forward," said Jacqui Moore, who is the chamber's vice-president and owner of Wotton gift shop Mungos.

"The Chamber of Trade has been very supportive but it has limited funds and not all of the traders here are members. This is a way to help everyone and give every business in town the tools to move forward with a claim, if they feel they've lost money."

Mrs Moore maintains that it was the timing of the work, rather than its nature, that caused the biggest problem.

"Had we known in advance, we probably would not have had so many staff in, standing around," she said.

"It's very hard to quantify how much was lost, but the florists were probably hit the hardest in that particular week."

For more details of how to claim, visit the news section on the Chamber's website at [www.wotton.biz/index.php](http://www.wotton.biz/index.php)

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