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Chamber issues an urgent call to support businesses

"USE our local shops or lose them!"

That is the stark message from the Wotton-under-Edge Chamber of Trade.

Chamber President Martin Tucker made the statement following further relaxation in restrictions for High Street shopping which began this week.

He said: "The last year has been particularly tough for the traders in our town and yet they have brushed those problems aside, put themselves at risk and gone out of their way to try and ensure that we can stay safe and well and live as near to normal lives as possible during the pandemic.

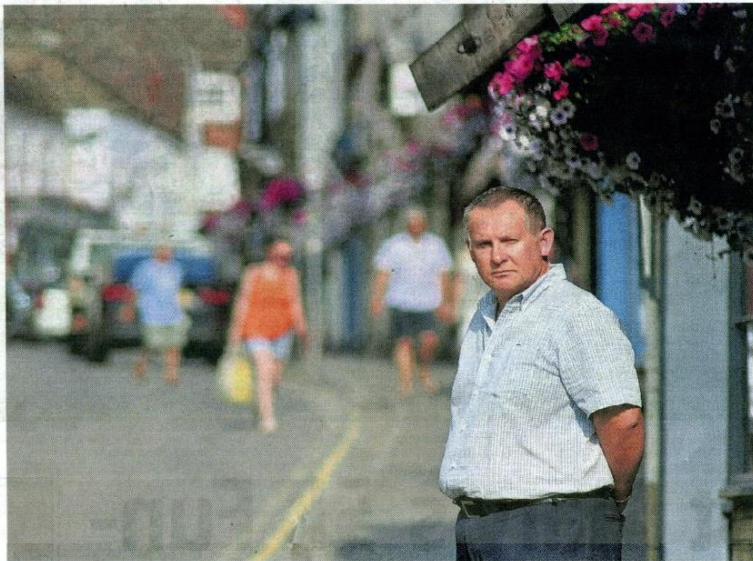
"Many have adapted to new ways of operating, setting up delivery systems and ways of paying that were unthought of just a few months ago.

"We must continue to support them when the restrictions are lifted or, quite simply, they might not be around if it happens again.

"That is why I am so delighted that the Wotton in Bloom project has gone ahead as they have done for the last eleven years in decorating the town with hanging baskets.

"However this year, instead of taking orders for them they have simply placed them where they thought that they would look best and then launched a fundraising appeal.

"Like me, they are wanting to say thank you not only to the traders but also to their suppliers and their drivers, to the volunteers who have helped to distribute goods, to those who have been involved with Wotton Area Mutual Aid group, to all delivery van drivers, utility workers, health and care professionals living and working locally; indeed our entire



Use local shops or lose them - that's the warning from Wotton Chamber of Trade's Martin Tucker. Below: flowers in the town

By **Matty Airey**

community by cheering up the town with the hanging baskets that we all love and appreciate.

He summed up by saying: "In what becomes our 'new normal' we need to think about how we support our local shops. It's basic - use the shops or lose them.

"All any shop needs is a regular customer base on which they can tailor their trade.

"We have a fantastic eclectic mix of shops that cater for almost every need - and some things we didn't even know we needed. Over the past few weeks many of our customers have realised how lucky they are to be living where we do.

"Let's not forget it. Think local. Shop Local."



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