

## The wait is over for Ping Pong Parlours

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Exciting news this week as the first Ping Pong Parlour has reopened its doors to the public after months of closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Brooks Shopping Centre in Winchester, reopened its Ping Pong Parlour on Monday 10th August, after detailed preparations to ensure the well-being of members of the public who will enjoy the free facilities.

To adhere to Government guidelines certain changes have been made to the way the Parlour now operates which include:

- Check and trace system requiring all users to register before entering
- A booking system in place (to get your FREE ticket, click here)
- Cleaning wipes for customers to use before and after play
- Only one table will be in use
- 30 mins per session
- Operating hours 10am 4:30pm
- Customers are to supply their own bats and balls\*

\*Ping England has a great offer for quality bats and balls, follow this link to find out more

Keely Armitt, Head of Mass Participation at Table Tennis England, said

It has been a difficult period for everyone and therefore we're delighted that over the last few weeks some of our projects and activities are beginning to resume, enabling people to enjoy being active with others again. We are extremely grateful to our partners at The Brooks shopping centre in Winchester for all their hard work in putting the required standards in place to enable their Ping Pong Parlour to be the first to safely reopen and we ask that

all users follow the guidance and enjoy playing responsibly.

The Bridges, Sunderland reopened on Monday 17th, and will soon be followed by Swan Walk, Horsham. It's hoped that more Parlours will reopen in the coming weeks. All reopened Parlours will have new restrictions in place, such as a booking system, track and trace registration and bats and balls not provided so please check ahead before you visit.

To find news of your local Ping Pong Parlour visit <u>www.pingpongparlour.net</u>

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