

**COMMUNITY EXHIBITION SPACE**  
**THE CHAPEL, GREEN STREET, AVEBURY**  
**UPDATE 3 OCTOBER 2022**

**CURRENT STATUS**

- Lease: at the eleventh hour the National Trust's lawyers have come up with new text for a clause in the draft lease agreed by APC at its meeting on 6 September. The new lease will be circulated as soon as it has been received. If it is identical to its draft, we can accept it. The new text refers to a condition survey, which was undertaken on 27 September and is also acceptable, subject to a few tweaks. Meanwhile APC's tenancy became effective on 1 October.
- Interior condition: the Trust cleared its property from the chapel on 29 September. Arrangements are being made for regular cleaning.
- Exhibitors: We opened with exhibits from:
  - ✓ **CPRE Wiltshire**: 3 x posters on hedgerow campaign
  - ✓ **Friends of the Ridgeway**: 2 x posters about the Friends + OS map
  - ✓ **Hackpen Clumps**: triptych photograph
  - ✓ **National Trust**: 1 x pull-up
  - ✓ **North Wessex Downs AONB**: AONB map and 3 x pull-ups
  - ✓ **Wiltshire Museum**: six pull-ups from its 'Wiltshire in 100 objects' exhibition.
- Visitors: about 15 (British, German, US) in three hours.

We expect to be able to display the following exhibits in addition to the above (or in substitution of one or more of them):

- ✓ **Avebury and Stonehenge Archaeology and Historical Research Group**: 2 x posters on Josh Pollard's work at West Kennett (expected Oct/Nov)
  - ✓ **Avebury Community Orchard**: from the autumn
  - ✓ **Avebury Society**: posters on 'Avebury personalities'
  - ✓ **Great Chalk Way**: map and text (expected Oct)
  - ✓ **Marlborough Downs Space for Nature**: convex display (expected Nov/Dec)
  - ✓ **Sainsbury Institute**: two posters about stone circles in Japan (expected Oct/Nov)
  - ✓ **Visit Wiltshire**: if/when requested by us.
- Opening at weekends: from 1 Oct until 30 Oct.
  - First event: evening of 14 Oct jointly with the Avebury Society to hear David Dawson (Director, Wiltshire Museum) speaking on 'Stone Circles and World Heritage: Japan and England'
  - External panels: new texts in place (with thanks to the Trust for preparing and installing them).
  - WiFi: Steve Byatt has kindly offered to install a system.

## NEXT STEPS

- Volunteers: five have come forward, enough to start with weekends - hopefully attracting more by having the chapel open during October.
- To open from Easter will require publicity and a volunteer rota.
- Fire assessment: to do.
- Health and safety: mat over runners in the floor for the movable screen.
- One electric light in the main body of the chapel and one upwards projecting light do not work.

*3 October 2022*