



## Update from the National Trust – November 2021

### Visitor offer and opening arrangements

Our opening hours have changed to reduced winter opening hours on Sunday 31 October. Please see our website for details.

The Manor is closed from 1 – 18 November to be decorated for Christmas.

For the first time this year, the Garden will be open throughout winter.

The High Street toilets are now closed and will reopen in March next year. Signage at the toilet gate will direct visitors to the Farmyard toilets.

For our full offer and opening times please see [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)

### Christmas at Avebury

Christmas at Avebury Manor will run from 19 November – 2 January

**Avebury community is invited to a pre-view afternoon, with festive refreshments, on Thursday 18 November, from 3-4pm.**

We'd love to welcome you to the Manor to be the first to see our beautiful volunteer-crafted Christmas decorations. The house will be themed in every colour of the rainbow, with displays ranging from an Emerald Peacock to a Gingerbread Avebury Manor.

Please come to the main Manor entrance along the 'Lavender Walk'.

Our Christmas highlight events are the annual 'Music, lights and merriment' evening in the Farmyard on 4 December and the Christmas Market in the Barn on 5 December.

For full details of our programme of events visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)

### Avebury Chapel

A partnership proposal between NT and APC to run Avebury Chapel was discussed with interested parties at a meeting in the Chapel in summer. A follow up meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 November at 7.30pm – more details to follow from APC.

### Projects

**Potting Shed:** We will shortly start the refurbishment of the Potting Shed in Avebury Manor Garden, for which we raised funds through our property Raffle a few years ago. It will be wonderful to see this currently derelict building, right next to the visitor exit of the Manor, being brought back into use.

**Barn clear out:** The Great Barn in the Old Farmyard will shortly be cleared of its former museum infrastructure. It will continue to house our visitor reception, with the rest of the building becoming an open space for visitors, that showcases the beautiful structure and interesting history of the building, whilst we consider and consult on the longer-term use of the space.

## **Observances**

**Samhain (30/31 October):** we had security on site and provided 2 nights camping from Saturday 30 October – Monday 1 November.

**Winter Solstice (20/21/22 December):** we are discussing plans for Winter Solstice with the various stakeholders.

## **Planning applications**

### **Conservation Area Application for tree safety works at Avebury and West Kennett Farm**

PL/2021/09686 - Avebury

20/09041/TCA – West Kennett Farm

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This work is necessary for safety reason, including ash dieback. Nationally the NT is aiming to plant and establish 20 million trees by 2030. For more info and how to support this campaign please see <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/plant-a-tree>

### **Advertisement Consent Application for interpretation panels at Avebury**

We have submitted an advertisement consent application for the installation of 4 new interpretation panels along the visitor route from our main car park. This is in response to increasing visitor comments about a lack of interpretation on site, particularly outside the opening hours of our visitor reception and museum. The panels will provide archaeological and historical information about Avebury and the WHS.

The application should shortly go live on the Wiltshire Council planning portal.

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