

## Update from the National Trust – November 2022

### Site operations and programming

- The site is changing to shorter winter opening hours on Sunday 30 October.
- Our High Street toilets will then be closed until Saturday 25 March 2023.
- November/December events:
  - Christmas preview for community, Friday 18 November 3-4pm or 6-7pm (see invite below)
  - Christmas offer 'The Nutcracker', Saturday 19 November – Monday 2 January
  - Christmas Market, Saturday 3 December (until 6pm) and Sunday 4 December
  - Other activities and events during November/December include wreath making workshops, winter warmer walks, family Christmas activities during half-term
- For our full offer and opening times please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury)

### Community invitation to Avebury Christmas preview on Friday 18 Nov 3-4pm or 6-7pm

We are very excited this year to showcase the Manor on the theme of 'The Nutcracker', with each room telling the story of Clara and the Prince as they journey from an enchanted forest, along the lemonade canal and to the Sugar Plum Fairy's castle of sweets. Children will also be able to book to take part in 'Meet the Sugar-Plum Fairy' in the Dovecote.

**Once again, we'd like to invite residents of Avebury Parish along to a preview of Christmas at Avebury Manor on Friday 18 November, either at 3-4pm or 6-7pm** where you can see the beautiful hand-crafted decorations telling the story of The Nutcracker in the rooms of the Manor, while enjoying a mince pie and spiced fruit drink. If you'd like to come along, please RSVP with your preferred time slot to [lauramay.bailey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lauramay.bailey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

### Observance Management

- Hazel Barry-Scott, Experience & Visitor Programming Manager, has now taken over the lead on Observance management from Peter Oliver, Countryside Manager.
- The remaining camping dates for 2022 are: Samhain 29 October – 1 November, and Winter Solstice 21 – 22 December.

### Avebury Chapel

- The lease of Avebury Chapel to APC has now commenced on 1 October, on a 3-year term, for the use of the building as an exhibition space for local organisations under the overarching theme of 'The Living Landscape'.

## Access Improvements

- **Resurfacing works car parks, farmyard, kitchen garden**  
The works are progressing as introduced to APC at the last meeting on 4 October and have been extended to include the small car park (for staff, volunteers, Blue Badge holders) next to the farmyard. Further info and planning application to follow.
- **Bench along visitor route**  
An artist designed wooden bench has now been installed along the visitor route from the visitor car park to the High Street.
- **The Avebury Papers**  
The Avebury Papers Project is a 4-year research collaboration between the National Trust, English Heritage and the Universities of York and Bournemouth. The goal of the project is to look again at the archives of the Keiller excavations of the Henge and West Kennet Avenue and make them accessible to a wider audience through publication and digitisation.

### Community invitation to The Avebury Papers project lecture, Wednesday 7 December, 2pm

We would like to share more about the project with the Avebury community and will be hosting a launch lecture in **Avebury Manor's West Library (former tea-room) on Wednesday 7 December at 2pm**. During the lecture you'll be able to meet members of the research team, learn more about the project and hear about how you can get involved.

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to [emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk) or 01672 538017.

## Road safety concerns

- The National Trust is pleased to attend regular APC Transport Group meetings to input and support work to improve road safety in and around Avebury and other transport related issues.
- In this context and in light of recent traffic incidents, we would like to make a one-off contribution of £2,000 towards the purchase of a second Speed Indicator (SID) to be installed on the northern approach to Avebury, for the safety of the local community, as well as National Trust staff, volunteers and visitors.

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