



Update from the National Trust – October 2021

Visitor offer and opening arrangements

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

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

Our Christmas offer at the Manor and across the site will run from 19 November – 2 January.

The High Street toilets will be closed during the winter months (from 31 October 2021 – 26 March 2022).

Avebury residents have free access to all elements of our offer.

For our full offer and opening times please see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury

Autumn and winter activities at Avebury

We are offering a wide range of autumn and winter activities for the whole family. Our highlight event is the annual 'Music, lights and merriment' evening in the Farmyard on 4 December and Christmas Market in the Barn on 5 December. Please see full events listings attached.

Avebury community will be invited to our Christmas pre-view event at the Manor on 18 November – more info to follow.

This is the last chance to see our successful Sculpture Exhibition at the Manor Garden, which runs until Sunday 10 October.

For full details of our programme of events visit 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 at the Chapel on 20 July. A follow up meeting is planned for Wednesday 3 November – more details to follow from APC.

Observances:

Samhain (30/31 October): Possible camping dates tbc with Avebury Sacred Site Forum (ASSF).

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

News from the Countryside team

Chalk repairs for a scrape on a Bronze age Barrow at Overton Hill have been completed.

2 no. of Conservation Area applications have been submitted to Wiltshire Council for tree safety works (some ash dieback and some other tree safety work); one for work at Avebury one for West Kennett Farm.

Some rope and erosion control signs were stolen from the bank in the SE sector; this was reported to the Police.

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