



## Update from the National Trust – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Site re-opening plans

#### Since Monday 29 March:

- The visitor reception in the Barn is now open for general visitor information, ticket administration and membership sign up, daily from 10am to 5pm.
- Avebury Manor Garden is open. Admission to the Garden is by online booked tickets with the possibility of walk-up admission if there is capacity. NT members go free, tickets for non-NT members are £5, and Avebury residents have free access if there is capacity.
- The toilets next to the Coach House Café are now open daily from 10.30am to 5pm; in addition to our main toilet block in the Farmyard, which is open daily from 10am to 5.30pm.
- The Coach House Café will be open during school holidays and weekends only, on variable opening hours depending on demand and staff capacity.
- The NT 'Welcome trailer' is back in the main visitor car park, with a staff/volunteer presence when possible, to welcome visitors and encourage them to follow Covid guidelines.

#### From Monday 12 April:

- We will open our NT Shop (daily 10am-5.30pm) and Cobblestones second-hand bookshop (variable opening hours, subject to volunteer availability).
- The Circles Restaurant will offer outdoors service/seating, in addition to the current takeaway only offer (daily 10.30am-4.30pm).

#### From Monday 17 May:

- We hope to be able to open the Manor and Museum by mid-May, very likely with slightly different operating models initially.
- We hope to open some indoors seating in the Circles Restaurant.

All the above is subject to the ongoing Government reviews and Trust guidance, with people's safety paramount to all our decisions.

## **Easter**

The Easter weekend was busy but manageable, with generally very positive visitor comments and no incidents we're aware of.

Friday and Saturday were significantly busier than Sunday and Monday. On none of the four Easter days did we reach maximum capacity in the car park (including overflow).

Our Easter trail will continue until 18 April, at £3 per child.

Any community feedback on Easter would be welcome and very useful.

## **Beltane and Summer Solstice**

NT will not be providing any camping or additional facilities over Beltane (weekend of 1–2 May). We will though have a staff presence on site over the weekend.

Solstice arrangements are in the early stages of planning and we are in conversation with all key stakeholders (including APC, Police, Council, and Pagan groups) to agree and coordinate plans.