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Our Latest Statement on Coronavirus to BCA Members  
Wednesday 4th November 2020

Following the Government's announcement that there will be a further lockdown, BCA intend to keep our woods and Country Park open to the public but Poole's Cavern and the Visitor Centre at Green Lane will be closed from 4pm Wednesday 4th November until further notice.

Our understanding of the regulations that come into force at midnight tonight is that we will not be able to operate a takeaway service from the café, as food and drink would need to be pre ordered and customers must not enter the premises. Sadly, we will be closing the café from 4 pm this afternoon (4<sup>th</sup> November), we will reopen as soon as the regulations allow and will make any announcement through our social media channels.

We know from the first lockdown that many people found that regular visits to our wonderful woods was important for helping to maintain their health and wellbeing. BCA Chair Peter Phillipson said, "We encourage as many people as possible to us our woodlands during lockdown as a way of accessing nature and to enjoy the peace and quiet of our woods. We urge people to follow the government guidelines at all times and the wellbeing of our staff, volunteers and visitors remains our top concern at all times."

The closure of Poole's Cavern and the Visitor Centre is temporary and we hope to be able to reopen again once circumstances allow.

Members talks will continue to be held using Zoom. (See BCA website for details)

This is clearly a dynamic rapidly changing emergency that we will have to continue to respond rapidly and flexibly to.

The board of trustees continues to meet using video conferencing technology and all BCA Groups are being encouraged to do the same.

We have contacted the Chairs of the Groups to arrange to set up virtual meetings with the Group members. Group members are encouraged to stay in touch with the chair of their Group.

The board of trustees met on Monday 2nd November and agreed that the majority of staff be put on furlough under the government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, while the board have decided to retain most of our core salaried staff.

The lockdown will again cut off our man sources of income, which means that we will have lost the majority of our income to support our charitable objectives. We will be actively fundraising to raise funds to support the work we do in the woods.

We will also be launching a membership drive to boost our membership, which currently stands at 660 to 1000 by Christmas 2020. Joining BCA either as an individual (£12.50 per year) or as a family (£25 per year) is a great way of supporting us in the work that we do and gives you an opportunity to be involved with Buxton's leading environmental charity. You can join by going to our website at [www.buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk/join](http://www.buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk/join)

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