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### **Partial Re-Opening of Cardingmill Valley Thursday May 21st**

Following the government announcement on Sunday, outlining the gradual move from lock down, we plan to open the car park in Carding Mill Valley, to limited numbers of visitors, from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. This follows the gradual opening of the smaller car parks around the hill and those of our partner organisations from 13<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst we very much look forward to welcoming visitors back to Carding Mill Valley and The Long Mynd, the safety of our staff, the local community and our visitors is our highest priority and we will be following government guidance closely. As such, we will be limiting numbers of visitors into the Valley, as we would do any busy day by posting members of the team at the bottom of the Valley and placing cones along the Shrewsbury Road.

Given that the capacity of the car park at Carding Mill Valley is around 440, we will cap these numbers to 140, in the short term. This will include the closure of the 'Top Car Park', whilst constantly reviewing how this feels on the ground, so that visitors are able to maintain social distancing.

One of our first principles is about managing volume. So, the car park machines will be in operation and there will be a charge for non-members. Although we would like all of the visitor facilities open, this just isn't possible at the moment, so the Tea Room and Shop remain closed. However, the visitor toilets will be open.

During the period of the lock-down we have been operating on a much reduced staffing level, with the Ranger team being supported by the members of the wider South Shropshire NT team. However, to support our re-opening, a number of the local team have been brought back from furlough.

Finally, I would like to thank the local community for the support you all have given over recent weeks. We have very much appreciated it.

Yours sincerely

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