

NEWS BULLETIN JUNE 18th, 2020

WE ARE OPEN

We have had a blissful ten days of being open again to the public and would like to thank all our visitors so far for their cooperation in remaining vigilant and considerate to others.

A quick reminder of what we are able to offer just now: visitors can enjoy the gardens and a simple takeaway offer from our Courtyard café. Sandwiches, traybakes, ice cream, hot & cold drinks. are available until early afternoon. Loos are open daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Arragons' Cycle Hire have also reopened. Prebookings are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the cycle hire centre is manned from Thursdays-Sundays. In all cases, we recommend booking in advance and online via <u>www.arragonscyclehire.com</u>.

NB. If you combine cycle-hire and a visit to the gardens, you will be given 10% off your garden entry fee.

To ensure that you enjoy a safe visit, you will find:
A warm welcome but at a distance - at admissions and the takeaway café - from behind newly installed screens

• A one-way system to guide you round the Courtyard, the Gardens and the loos

• A series of cheery signs to remind all visitors about social distancing

• Hand sanitisers at frequent intervals around the castle and gardens

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Cycle-Hire	-	OPEN
Low Sawmill		OPEN
Catering Van	-	
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You will also find:

- Hourly cleaning in the loos
- A regular cleaning operation at all common touch points
- Card payments only accepted
- Careful monitoring of visitor numbers to ensure there is no overcrowding.

In return, we ask that you:

• Observe the 2-metre distancing guidelines at all times

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds after using the loo
- Make use of the hand sanitisers provided.

The safety of our visitors and employees is paramount. Every member of the Lowther team is following the current Covid 19 guidelines in the workplace. Please be patient and bear with us.

Tickets Update

Tickets are available on arrival, rather than in advance. Prices remain the same - £11 for adults, £7 for children and £34 for a family pass. Carers and children 3 and under are free.

Discounts for RHS members, English Heritage, Historic Houses, Gardeners World and My Cumbria continue. Please show your card on arrival.

Please note, we have added 4 months onto the expiry date of your Annual Pass to reflect the fact that we are not permitted to open *the lost castle* as yet. Please feel free to check your new expiry date at Admissions when you next visit.

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Car Parks & Lowther Estate Trails

The new Car Park at Low Sawmill, on the Lowther side of Askham Bridge, is now fully open. There is a $\pounds 2$ charge per car.

The road through the North Park is now busier. In addition, now that the Lowther Estate has embarked on an extensive rewilding programme, there are Longhorn cattle wandering freely. We therefore ask that you only park in an official car park, not on the road.

Takeaway food is available from the Lowther catering van, parked at Low Sawmill. Food on offer includes coffees, cakes (home-made in the Lowther kitchen), ice-cream, cold drinks and snacks. Please remember when using our car parks that social distancing measures still apply.

While on the Lowther Estate Trails, please help us to keep you and others safe. Always respect social distancing. Always keep dogs on a lead. Sanitise or hand wash before and after your walk. Always stick to the trail and please take your litter home.

Thank you for your patience. We really appreciate it. If you have any concerns or ideas on how we can improve, please contact info@lowthercastle.org.

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