Information on Coronavirus - 17th March 2020

Dear all,

Our National Parks exist as places for everyone to find peace in beauty, gain spiritual refreshment, and reconnect with nature.

Covid-19 has developed into a pandemic and we recognise that not everyone will be able to access these special places in the weeks and months to come.

We want to reassure everyone that this special place continues to be well cared for by our passionate team of staff, who are working under very difficult circumstances to keep key functions up and running – such as our Ranger and Planning services.

We hope thoughts of Exmoor will provide some comfort at this difficult time and look forward to welcoming you here when circumstances allow.

All our teams have now been asked to work from home. This includes staff at our National Park Centres, who as always will be happy to answer your queries about Exmoor via telephone and email. We apologise if this means things don’t run as smoothly and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Your health and safety while enjoying the National Park is of utmost importance to us. Unfortunately, this has meant we and others having to cancel events. This and the reduced number of visitors will inevitably be a major blow to our rural businesses, who can find bespoke help and advice here.

Despite all the challenges that this pandemic brings, it also forces us to re-evaluate what really matters. Over the next few months let’s hold our loved ones dear and make the safety of our families and communities the number one priority.

Everyone can help support the UK’s response by:

1. Relying on information from trusted sources, such as www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and www.gov.uk/coronavirus, and checking frequently for the latest advice.

2. Using NHS 111, pharmacies and GPs responsibly, and only going to hospital if you really need to. See: When to go to A&E

3. Offering support to elderly or vulnerable family, friends and neighbours and, if you or a member of your family has a new continuous cough or high temperature, following government advice.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Bryan
Chief Executive of Exmoor National Park