

Covid-19 Risk Assessment – Re-opening and Operation of High House

Assessment carried out by:

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Location:

High House, Seathwaite, Keswick, CA12 5JX

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Potential Hazards

- Contamination of High House by those staying there who are asymptomatic or who develop symptoms while staying
- Transmission of the virus between those staying at High House or between those staying there and other visitors or contractors
- Contamination of the water supply or other health hazards due to High house being closed for an extended period

Who is at Risk

- Those staying at High house or those with subsequent bookings, particularly the elderly or those with underlying health conditions.
- Maintenance Contractors or volunteers if they need to visit High House.
- The wider public locally.

Actions to Control Risk

High House water supply will be re-commissioned and checked by professional contractors. The property will be inspected prior to opening and any cleaning or maintenance undertaken before visitors arrive. All testing requirements are up to date and certificate copies are available at High House

Any issues requiring a maintenance visit will be arranged when visitors are out unless in an emergency. Contractors or volunteers who are exhibiting symptoms or who have reason to believe they may have come into contact with the virus within the previous 14 days should not come to High House and should follow NHS guidelines

High House will only be open to pre-booked members and their guests to visit. Visits and group size must be in accordance with the government's laws and guidance for both Allerdale, Cumbria and their home address at the time of the visit. Visitors not from the same household (if permitted) must observe social distancing during their stay. Members who do not have a booking will not be allowed to stay.

Members making a booking must accept the booking conditions which will include this risk assessment. The lead booker must have the contact details of all those visiting and all visitors must sign the visitor's book.

Visitors booking High House must accept the following guidance and advice:

- Those staying in the hut must accept that there are risks inherent with their stay and no guarantees can be provided that the hut will be a coronavirus-free environment. Requests to stay at the hut denote acceptance of that risk.
- Those at higher risk of C-19 may wish to consider whether staying in a hut is appropriate for them, or they may wish to take further steps, such as providing their own mattress covers, personal crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils.
- To manage occupancy, we have restricted use of the hut to those who have booked in advance only.
- Only one booking allowed in the hut at any one time.
- The maximum size and/or number of households in the booking and requirement for social distancing will be according to current Government guidelines at the time of the stay.
- Separate households should socially distance as per government guidelines and are encouraged to spend as much time outside as possible and to keep shared indoor areas well ventilated.
- A minimum of 72 hours will be observed between bookings. The hut will therefore only be available for bookings between Thursdays at 5p.m. and Mondays at 5pm.
- Anyone presenting any of the recognised symptoms of C-19 must not use the hut.
- Anyone developing symptoms while at the hut or immediately after must contact the meet organiser and hut booking secretary.
- Groups booking the hut will be expected to hold the contact details of all those staying at the hut for track and trace purposes.
- There is greater expectation that hut users will keep the hut clean during their stay, particularly shared surfaces.
- Hut users may wish to clean and disinfect kitchen utensils, cutlery and crockery before the first use at the start of their stay.
- Hut users will clean and disinfect the hut at the end of their stay. A checklist will be provided.
- Hut users may wish to provide their own antiseptic wipes to clean door handles, key safes or other hard surfaces on arrival and during their stay as an extra precaution.
- Hut users should provide their own pillows, pillow cases, t-towels, dish cloths and hand towels. These must be removed by the user at the end of their stay.
- Hut users must take away all their rubbish at the end of their stay.