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Stonehenge Environmental Improvement Project

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New visitor centre update



- 📁 Kate Davies (former Head of Volunteering at English Heritage) appointed as General Manager for the site
- 📁 Stonehenge staff team recruitment in progress
- 📁 Volunteer recruitment due to launch September 2013 – all details on www.english-heritage.org.uk
- 📁 The visitor centre to open to the public during latter part of December 2013
- 📁 16th December early evening is pencilled in as a special preview before public opening for those involved in the WSUN consultation to be invited to
- 📁 Here is a link to the film online to refresh you on what the changes will be at Stonehenge: [Our Proposals for Stonehenge | English Heritage](#).

Thank you for making a difference!



Consultations with WSUN have happened between December 2011 up to April 2013

The most significant change to have resulted from our consultations was to redesign the scheme to provide platforms at the visitor centre and at the Stones, so that there will be level access onto the visitor shuttle carriages

Martin Harvey, Project Manager

Other recommendations from the group that changed the design:

-  Changing the symbol for the accessible toilet
-  Changing the location of the lowered counter so it is more accessible to wheelchair users
-  An easy read version of all the interpretation
-  A fully accessible adult changing toilet

Stonehenge Community Projects

To involve and inspire people to enjoy and care for local heritage

1. Open days and workshops

Funded by Heritage Lottery Funding the activity plan for Community Projects puts its focus on different key groups. Some projects and open days are built around specifically attracting military communities that live near Stonehenge and other open days are more generally for the public living within a 40 mile radius of Stonehenge.

Open days for families and for communities local to Stonehenge

Know your Wiltshire days for local military communities



2. Products

Family Backpacks

Will be pre bookable and available from the new ticket office



Quiz cards and CD

Will be placed as resource in the education space for self-led groups to use



Disabled access film

Share the new facilities and ideas for creative learning sessions to accompany your visit



Products continued...more about the disabled access film

The film is for disabled people and their carers and is planned to be on the English Heritage website during next year once the centre and team are in place. Timescale for production Spring-Summer 2014.



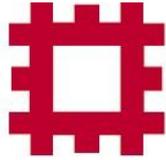
- 👤 Ideas for how to make more of your visit with information or activity for before and after
- 👤 Increase confidence about facilities available before visit
- 👤 Raise awareness that there is an education/quiet space that community groups can pre-book into, outside of school hours, that has resources you can use as a group.

3. Ambassadors and Volunteers



Stonehenge Community Projects raise awareness of local heritage and also provide a clear progression from being a participant to becoming an ambassador and/or becoming a volunteer

- **Community Heritage Ambassadors** is a new initiative and an informal way of supporting us to raise awareness about events
- **Volunteers** give specific time to fulfill specific roles



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How can you get involved?

- **Participate** in a community project
- **Community Heritage Ambassador**
Contact Lisa.Holmes@english-heritage.org.uk for details
- **Volunteer** - visit English Heritage website for Stonehenge roles coming up during September 2013 onwards
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/volunteering/>