

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Question to the Executive Councillor

Community Select Committee

31 March 2021

1. Question to the Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure from Councillor Ashton:

“As warmer weather is approaching, together with the relaxing of Covid restrictions, we can expect a substantial increase in visitors to our rural locations. When will the opening times of the Borough toilets be fully restored?”

Response:

Given the expected increase in number over the peak summer months, the Executive has asked officers to expand the toilet provision. Since then officers have been working with Vertas (our current contractor, formerly DCC cleaning and caretaking service) to determine options within our existing cost model to restore WC opening times in a Covid safe way. Focus has been given to ensure busiest WCs in the town centres and Hope Valley are prioritised. Unfortunately, this has meant that the facilities in Charlesworth and Hadfield remain closed, and Castleton Visitor Centre and Market Place in Glossop close at 5pm rather than 6pm. We are seeking costed options to determine whether these facilities can be reopened for the busiest summer months. These changes in opening times came into force with the change to BST on 28th March and the website will be updated this week with the new information ready for the Easter weekend.

Hope	8am - 6pm
Castleton Visitors Centre	8am – 5pm
Chinley	8am – 6pm
Edale Car Park	8am – 6pm
High Street, New Mills	8am – 6pm
How Lane, Castleton	8am – 6pm
Long Lane, Charlesworth	Closed
Station Road, Hadfield	Closed
Bamford	8am – 6pm
Manor Park, Glossop	8am – 6pm
Market Place Buxton	8am – 5.15pm
Market Place Chapel	left open
Market Street, Whaley Bridge	8am – 6pm
Market Place Glossop	8am – 5pm
Pavilion Gardens (Car Park)	8am – 6pm
Sylvan (Car Park) Buxton	8am – 6pm

NB: Pavilion Gardens Kiosk WCS are operated by Parkwood.