

## **Statement: Camping in The Forest**

**24/6/20**

It is with disappointment that Camping in The Forest is announcing that its 15 campsites will remain closed for the remainder of the 2020 season.

It has been an extremely difficult decision to make and followed a careful review that considered many different factors but concluded that it is not viable to re-open the campsites from a safety, operational and financial perspective for the remainder of this year. We fully understand the disappointment this will cause campers, staff and our partnering businesses within the local area of the campsites.

Safety and wellbeing will always be our primary concern and from an operational position, Camping in the Forest sites pose unique challenges in the current circumstances, which has meant we would be unable to meet our high hygiene standards and adhere to government guidance on social distancing and gatherings, together with new measures for the running of campsites.

The very nature of Camping in the Forest campsites is to offer the freedom to pitch up wherever holidaymakers want on the site and to always provide campers with the best possible experience in a truly safe manner – that is something we feel we would be unable to deliver in the same way this year.

This will be a big disappointment to all Camping in the Forest customers and the organisation has been in touch with them to offer sincere apologies. Automatic refunds will be provided in full to all who have a booking.

Despite the disappointing position for the 2020 season Camping in the Forest remains fully committed to all its campsites and the communities that they sit within. Our local relationships and working in partnership remain key and we will continue to oversee and manage all of our campsites in the usual way during the closed period. This will include working closely with all local agencies, communities and stakeholders to ensure our campsites continue to be maintained and kept to the high standard we pride ourselves in, nestled amongst the beautiful locations our campsites are within.

We are already preparing for the 2021 season and looking forward to welcoming our campers back, which will also include an exciting brand new camp site at Sherwood Pines.

Camping in the Forest would like to thank all of our customers, business partners and stakeholders for their continued support and trust they will understand the extremely difficult decision in these unprecedented times.