

Mortehoe Parish Council Joint Statement with Parkin Estates, Woolacombe Sands Holiday Park, Woolacombe Bay Holiday Parks and the Woolacombe Bay Hotel.

Press release

The Parish Council, major business owners and the operators of the main car parks in Woolacombe have met this morning and are looking to conduct a phased and safe re-opening in June and July, in accordance with Government guidance, insurance requirements, duty of care for staff and risk to the wider community.

Measures are being investigated to allow visitors and locals to benefit from the sea and open spaces in Woolacombe. Social distancing and personal hygiene remain priorities.

We are grateful to the Police and Devon County Council for their help and support in dealing with the unprecedented numbers of illegal parking yesterday

We would love to welcome all visitors back but the changes to the lockdown are limited. It has not been lifted and we still have a long way to go. While this next phase feels significant, it is certainly not a return to normality.

As all the majority of hospitality businesses including shops, campsites, restaurants, cafés remain closed and there are very limited toilet and rubbish collection facilities in Mortehoe and Woolacombe, we have made the decision not to open our car parks.

ALL CAR PARKS IN WOOLACOMBE ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED AND THE VILLAGE HAS A LIMITED CAPACITY FOR VISITORS. ALL ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT

This has been done in the interests of the health and wellbeing of those living within our community, the vulnerable, N.H.S and key workers.

This is a temporary position. We will monitor the situation carefully and welcome all visitors back when it is considered safe and appropriate and in line with Government guidance.

Thank you.

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