

## **Public Statement**

**5 January 2021**

### **Ness Botanic Gardens to remain open during third national lockdown.**

On Monday 4 January 2021, the Government announced a further national lockdown intended to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

During this lockdown a number of business and venues will be required to close, however we can confirm that Ness Botanic Gardens will be able to remain open to Members and the public.

In line with governmental guidance, all buildings will remain closed, including the visitor centre, gift shop and Botanic Kitchen Café. The Botanic Kitchen Café will be offering a take away menu only. The toilets in the garden will remain open.

Access to the gardens will be provided via a gazebo located in front of the visitor centre where staff will be ready to help. We will be able to take cash and card payments. We will also continue to undertake Test and Trace and will continue to display our QR code so that Members and visitors can 'check in' via an electronic device should they prefer.

There will be no need to advance book but please be aware that we continue to operate on a limited capacity and there may be queues at busy times; please dress for the weather.

In accordance with the new national guidance, visitors are reminded that they should only travel to Ness from the local area and should only do so for the purposes of exercise. If alone, visitors can meet with one other person or with their household or support bubble. Exercise should be limited to one outing per day. Social distancing and good hand hygiene should be maintained at all times.

Ensuring the health and safety of our Members, visitors, staff, students and volunteers has remained our priority throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and this remains the case during this period of further restrictions. With this in mind, we ask that if visitors are feeling unwell, that they stay at home and get well before visiting us.

We are extremely grateful to all of our visitors, Members, students and volunteers for their patience and support during this time and we are pleased to be offering a beautiful outdoor space for people to enjoy during these difficult times.

We will be reviewing our operation in line with further announcements and will provide updates as required.

For more updates, news and information, please visit our website: [www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens).

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