

Dear Matlock Bath Parish Council

I hope this finds you all well.

Please find a joint release from myself and Sarah Fowler, Chief Executive of the Peak District National Park.

Please do pass on to your colleagues.

Kind regards

Sarah  
Sarah Dines MP



### **Sarah Dines MP**

Member of Parliament for Derbyshire Dales  
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### **Sarah Fowler**

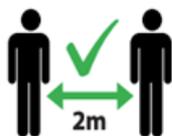
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**Statement from Sarah Dines MP & Sarah Fowler, Chief Executive of the  
Peak District National Park**

## **Keep your distance in the Peak District**

We wanted to take the opportunity to update you ahead of this weekend, given the likelihood of more visitors to our National Park and many people's understandable concerns about this.



**Maintain social distancing of two metres for your own safety and others**



**Please respect local communities and those who may be at higher risk**



**Litter – please take home what you bring into the Peak District**



**Enjoy a picnic, but leave the BBQ at home to help protect our National Park**

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

As the lockdown restrictions begin to lift, we should be mindful that these are just the first gentle steps and therefore we would like to see just a small step back into our National Park. The National Park has 38,000 residents, some of whom are incredibly vulnerable and extremely anxious about keeping their distance and many of the facilities you come to expect here are closed.

With the announcement from the Health Secretary yesterday evening that the R number is creeping up dangerously close to 1, the level at which more restrictions will have to be re-introduced, people must be cautious and responsible in their actions; not only for their own direct communities but for all our communities around the country.

With one third of the UK population within an hour's drive of the Peak District, it's even more vital that we **Stay Alert, Control the Virus & Save Lives**.

We recognise the benefit to public health and all our wellbeing that outside space provides. At this stage, however, people should think carefully and make responsible choices about where they go. We are appealing to you to consider if local green space can provide you with that important breathing space you need at this time. If you do choose to visit the National Park, please take note of the recommended guidance above and maintain social distancing at all times.

Our national park will be there for people to enjoy in the weeks and months to come. As Her Majesty The Queen said:

*"Better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."*

We have produced a short video to discuss this further. Please keep an eye on our respective social media channels.

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