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RIGHTS OF WAY STAY OPEN – BUT REMAIN UNDER REVIEW

Following careful consideration, it has been decided to keep Pembrokeshire County Council's public rights of way network open **for now**.

The decision will remain under review and may change if areas are identified where groups of people are congregating and actively ignoring measures set out by the Government.

"Members of the public **must** follow the directions for social distancing if using the paths," said Cllr David Simpson, Leader of Pembrokeshire County Council.

"They must also use local routes and not travel to other parts of the countryside unnecessarily."

Cllr Simpson said great care must be taken by anyone using the public right of way network.

"Many footpaths and bridleways cross private land, working farms and in some cases are close to private homes," he said.

"Please keep to the paths, keep your distance from landowners and continue to follow the restrictions.

"These measures are in place to protect you and others."

Within Pembrokeshire many public rights of way, including the coast path, are managed by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA). Details of any path closures within the National Park area can be checked via the PCNPA website at https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/

Any future path closure notices will be published online and on site. This is under The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Closure of Leisure Businesses, Footpaths and Access Land) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

New information has also been released on which coastal car parks have been closed by the County Council.

It follows yesterday's announcement that such car parks – together with council-run play areas - would close with immediate effect.

The list is as follows:

1. Dale seafront
2. South Beach, Tenby
3. Newgale (upper and lower)
4. Marine Road, Broad Haven
5. Parrog Goodwick (main section)
6. Merrival St Davids
7. Eagles Lodge, Canaston Woods
8. Salterns, Tenby

Ends