



Notts County Foundation

The Portland Centre

We've missed you!

We will update you weekly as our plans develop. We are looking forward to seeing you all and appreciate your loyalty and patience while we work hard to create a sustainable centre for all.

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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

OPENING MAY 17TH

NEW MEMBERSHIP OFFER

NEW EQUIPMENT
COMING SOON

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A message from our CEO

Dear Portland Users and Members,

We said that I would be back in touch closer to the point when we could start talking about unlocking and reopening the Portland Centre. Well, I'm pleased to say that this is me doing that now.

Covid-19 testing

The Portland Centre is currently being utilised in partnership with Nottingham City council, as an asymptomatic Covid testing centre; for people with no symptoms. Since the beginning of March local people have been able to drop in and receive a free, fast covid test. We will be continuing to run this vital service alongside council colleagues until 1st May 2021. After this date the testing team are likely to continue offering the service, but move to a more portable location from our carpark. Anyone looking to get a test now is very welcomed to, and we would definitely encourage people to utilise this service as much as possible. Make sure you plan taking a test into your visit to Portland; its quick and easy to do and should take around 30 mins from walking through the door, to getting your results. The testing centre is open Tuesday to Saturday, and you can get further details here: <https://www.nottscountyfoundation.org.uk/portland-covid-testing-2/>

Opening plan

We are clear around some of the next details and dates and can share these now, however there will be plenty of further details that will come out through local community conversations over the coming weeks and months. Nevertheless, I am pleased to be able to announce that we plan on restarting our schools swimming provision from 19th April which means that we can start to get local community members back in the building through the pool. Our Swimming Coordinator, Kath R will be in touch with all swim school members around specific details over the next few weeks.

We have a number of new ideas and initiatives being worked up and hope to be able to start publishing some of these new offers soon and continue adding to them over the course of the next few months. We are currently working towards a reopening date of 17th May 2021 for the bulk of our Portland based activities. This will encompass our block bookers and on-site Gym members and this date has been chosen to

give us the time we anticipate needing to make a number of internal changes to the way the staff team operates and to refresh the building, in readiness for welcoming members back.

Membership

We plan on offering a highly reduced membership for the remainder of 2021. Within these first few weeks we are also planning on offering a variety of online digital offers before members are physically allowed back in the building; these include digital workouts, online recordings, online HIIT classes, outdoor delivery and outdoor bootcamps. Our Gym and Membership Coordinator Neil M will be in touch with members around specific details over the next few weeks.

As you can probably tell, I am keen to use this message as a space to identify and describe our refreshed ambitions as a charity and how this will be seen and felt through future Portland delivery. This focus on Asset Based Community Development will be key to our work going forward and aims to listen and empower local members and residents. Our plans are exciting and I look forward to working with staff, centre members and the local community throughout this journey as we looking to embed a new culture at My Portland, Your Portland, Our Portland.

Many thanks

Ian Boyd

CEO of Notts County Foundation and the Portland Centre