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	Update on Tintagel Castle Opening

**Work is now well underway on Tintagel Castle's new footbridge and pathways, and the historic site will reopen to the public in June.** We will confirm a specific date as soon as possible.

The next few months will see the finishing touches to landscape works, and the bridge will start to take shape. New pathways on the island are nearing completion, and work on the bridge abutments continues apace.

The steel sections of the bridge have been fabricated offsite and will be brought to Tintagel Castle in April and May. The sections will then be slotted into position, recreating the historic link between the mainland and island one piece at a time. There are no planned road closures or plans to close an entire car park. Any disruption to Atlantic Road should be similar to that of normal business deliveries.

During the works the coastal path and public footpaths will continue to be accessible.

Staff will be employed as per their contracts from 1<sup>st</sup> April. This will mean we have staff that can be deployed in the village Visitor Centre to answer enquiries.

We are promoting through our group bookings team, website and social media that Tintagel village is open for business and there are great attractions in the area.

**When the site reopens in June there will be a few changes to how our visitors experience Tintagel.**

We will be introducing timed ticketing, to manage the flow of visitors through the day. This means that for the first time visitors will be able to book their tickets in advance. Booking is not compulsory and tickets can be purchased on the day at our normal ticket outlets.

To help ease congestion on our busiest days, we will be encouraging visitors to take a circular route and enter the castle from its original entrance on the mainland before walking across the bridge to the great hall. Our newly improved footpaths on the island will make it easier for visitors to explore all the points of interest before heading down the existing steps towards the exhibition, toilets and beach. Anyone who cannot use the steps will be allowed back across the bridge. Anyone who would rather not cross the bridge will be able to use the existing steps up to the island instead.

**If you have any questions please email [tintagelbridge@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:tintagelbridge@english-heritage.org.uk) or pop into the Top Shop between 3pm – 5pm on Wednesday 20 March where members of the project team will be available to answer your questions.**