

Press release from Newton Abbot Town and GWR Museum

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NEWTON Abbot Museum is due to be closed indefinitely from Thursday November 5 in line with conditions expected as part of the Government's second national lockdown.

On Wednesday parliament will vote on the proposal which was set out by Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Saturday.

The Labour Party has indicated it will support the motion meaning it's likely to be carried, despite some opposition from MPs including Newton Abbot representative Anne Marie Morris.

The museum, a central part of the £2.2 million Newton's Place project, opened to the public on October 3 and has been a huge hit with nearly all the visitor slots booked until the scheduled Christmas break.

Curator Felicity Cole said: 'We are hugely disappointed to see the doors closing only a month after opening but the matter is out of our hands.

'Anyone with bookings for November 3 and 4 will still be able to come but thereafter all visits will be cancelled I'm afraid.

'We don't yet know when we'll be able to re-open so for now we'll not take any further bookings.

'As soon as the situation becomes clearer we'll make sure that everyone knows how and when they can visit.

'Until then keep safe and we look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.'