

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CLOSURE OF GAINSBOROUGH OLD HALL

For English Heritage, like many charities, the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has been significant, with a projected loss of income of up to £70 million this financial year.

As a result, though English Heritage remains committed to the future of Gainsborough Old Hall and will proceed **with the transfer of the hall into its care on 1 November 2020, the site will remain closed from point of transfer until at least summer 2021.**

English Heritage believe this course of action is the best way to safeguard the future of Gainsborough Old Hall, given that impact of the pandemic on the charity's finances, and ability to invest in conservation and visitor improvements at its sites.

During the closure, English Heritage will continue to ensure the building's historic fabric is well cared for, and will also be working to develop a new vision for the re-opening of Gainsborough Old Hall. The English Heritage team hopes to be in touch with key stakeholders with relevant updates on this vision soon.

