



The **IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM TRUST Limited** Coalbrookdale Telford Shropshire TF8 7DQ

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Corporate Covid-19 Risk Assessment Statement

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT) acknowledges as an employer and organisation which is open to the general public, that it is required to meet certain obligations to ensure the health and safety of its employees, volunteers, visitors and contractors.

The risks posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and its effects on IGMT operations require us to revisit previous health & safety risk assessments, particularly as we reopen to the public and return additional staff to site. We are aware of the specific guidance in this area, including that issued by the government in the context of reopening of tourism and visitor attractions. That guidance is clear that relevant organisations must share the results of risk assessments with their workforce, and consider publishing the results on their websites.

This document sets out the steps we have taken to comply with our obligations, and is made available on our website in accordance with the relevant guidance.

The measures detailed in this document are necessarily specific to IGMT operations and our re-opening and safe operating plans. Things will change and IGMT as an organisation will need to adapt to those changes.

No measures we implement can, at this time, completely eliminate the risk of transmission of Covid-19. We will follow Government guidance, but will not hesitate to put in additional measures where we consider these better protect the health, safety and welfare of our staff and volunteers, as well as the visiting public. We will monitor how effective risk mitigation measures are in practice, and if these need to change. We will therefore review and update this document as required.

Process:

In order to arrive at this risk assessment, IGMT have:

- Followed the specific government guidance on reducing risk of coronavirus transmission.
- Completed individual risk assessments of staff and volunteer's specific areas of work, Museum sites and individual exhibits across IGMT's portfolio.
- Spoken directly to individual staff and volunteers about wellbeing and potential return to work.
- Communicated to all staff and volunteer's changes in guidance and what is required for them to support safety measures IGMT have implemented.

Structure of Risk Assessment

The risk assessment IGMT has carried out focuses on one specific overall risk, this being the transmission of Covid-19 at any IGMT premises or as a direct consequence of its work. We have then examined the specific hazards identified in our operations and in turn proposed measures to mitigate the risks these hazards present – known as 'controls'.

Given the degree of change required across IGMT sites to mitigate the new risk presented by the coronavirus pandemic, we intend to review this risk assessment in the initial phases of reopening and update it as required.

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