Bristol Ferry Press Release re: COVID-19

Bristol Ferry will be returning to the water on 3rd April 2021.

It was with great sadness that we halted our services for lockdown in March 2020.

Throughout this pandemic public safety has remained our upmost priority, and it is for that reason, after consultation with our staff and membership, we have taken the difficult decision not to reopen yet - despite Summer being our busiest and most profit-making season.

As a community organisation providing a much-loved ferry service to the city, historically we have been on the water 364 days a year. However, the realities of a seasonal business mean we always operate at a loss throughout the Autumn & Winter months, which we subsidise via the profitable Spring & Summer.

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown we have been unable to generate these profits this year, and therefore are not in a financial position to resume our service in 2020. Instead to ensure the long-term future of the organisation, we will resume operations on the 3rd April 2021.

Although our services are on pause until the spring, our blue and yellow boats will still be getting their annual TLC when we commence our maintenance programme in November 2020. To follow our ferries getting ship shape in Bristol fashion find us on Instagram and Facebook.

Our office will also re-open in November to accept boat party bookings for next year, and public trips & tours for 2021 are available now via our website at www.bristolferry.com

We look forward to busy and safe times ahead in 2021!

Bristol Community Ferryboats Ltd is a non-for-profit community benefit society, with 800+ different members and has been serving Bristol's waterways since 1977. BCFB Ltd serves 16 different stops providing transport and custom to many of Bristol's central businesses and offers tours for schools, corporate occasions, celebrations and more on their iconic blue and yellow boats.

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