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## **MEPAL OUTDOOR CENTRE PRESS RELEASE**

### **Hard work continues at Mepal Outdoor Centre**

Cambridgeshire ACRE and the Mepal Outdoor Centre Charitable Trust continue to put plans in place for a revitalised 2013 summer season.

In order to undertake some necessary improvement works, the Centre will now close to the public on 4 November 2012, reopening in Spring 2013, with an official launch planned for the Easter weekend.

John Yates, President of the Mepal Outdoor Centre Charitable Trust, commented:

“Mepal Outdoor Centre provides wonderful opportunities for local children and young people to experience outdoor activities. Over the next few months, staff will concentrate on preparing the Centre for the next season and give the site and Centre buildings some well deserved tender loving care. We will also be working to develop the 2013 activity programme and hope to welcome old customers, and new ones, when we re-open.”

As part of the development work on the future of the Centre, the Trust has started to work with a number of other voluntary organisations who share its vision for the Centre. All parties are confident that, with a little bit of hard work, even more people can benefit from the adventurous challenges and educational opportunities the Centre offers.

Any enquiries regarding the temporary closure of Mepal Outdoor Centre should be directed to Alison Brown at Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 865029.

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**Notes to Editor**

- Mepal Outdoor Centre is run by the trustees of the Mepal Outdoor Centre Charitable Trust. The Centre, which is surrounded by a 20-acre lake, offers activities such as canoeing and archery, and is used by families, businesses and organisations from across the region.
- Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is a rural development charity that works throughout the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area – and occasionally beyond - enabling people to take positive action to enhance their rural communities. Further details can be found at [www.cambsacre.org.uk](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk).