



I'm sure that this will come as no surprise to you that with a heavy heart I have to tell you that

The Durham Ox will be closed from 7 pm today (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March)

No one wants to be in this situation and we're so grateful for all the kind messages of support and for all of our guests who have kept bookings or popped in this week for a pint – this faith in us will not go forgotten when we open the doors again.

We're taking guidance from the government every day & if this situation changes, we'll update you as much as we can but we can't be naïve to the world around us and morally we're not comfortable asking you to visit us with so much advice to the contrary being given.

***So for today, we're looking to close for 4 weeks (20<sup>th</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> April)***

We've taken advice from our HR department, solicitors and insurance brokers to ensure we can have a business to open again in a few weeks.

Our priority is to take care of our team – as I hope you agree we've got some amazing people working for us, we've had to make some really tough decisions but we've done what we can to keep as many of them in employment.

We want to say thank you again for the support - we know there is hardly an industry not affected by this pandemic; the spirit shown and the "we're in this together" motto adopted by so many has been something we should all be proud of.

We hope to have more information to share with you soon – please keep looking after each other, stay safe & be ready for a massive party once this has passed.

With love from us all at The Durham Ox

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