

The Lizard Recreation Ground Trust

Policy on the use of The Lizard Recreation Ground (registered Village Green)

INTRODUCTION:

The land known as The Lizard Recreation Ground is a registered Village Green and is also held under Charitable Trust with the objects of providing facilities and open space for the inhabitants of the parish of Landewednack to freely enjoy for leisure, recreation, and sport.

Both sets of legislation apply. The Parish Council, as Corporate Body, is Sole Trustee to the Recreation Ground Charity and responsible for the Village Green.

USE BY LANDEWEDNACK PARISH RESIDENTS

Local residents are welcome to utilise the green for infrequent use on the following conditions:

- Groups must possess the necessary public liability insurance to conduct these events on a village green/charitable field/outside space (some only cover your classes indoors). Please supply a copy of your insurance to the Parish Council. Any event that is not organised by the parish council is not covered by our insurance.
- The user should conduct a risk assessment prior to undertaking the event and carry out a visual check of the area you will be utilising prior to each event, as there could be dog fouling/broken glass etc. As a charity, the village green cannot be financially disadvantaged by your use of the land and therefore we cannot arrange for checks. A copy of the risk assessment is to be provided to the parish council prior to the event being approved.
- Legislation states that the green must be freely available for use by the local residents at all times. It is not permissible for you to rope off an area for your use or for other people to be restricted from using the village green. Please be aware that other users may therefore 'join in' your event and you would not be able to prevent this.
- Please be respectful of existing green users e.g. there may already be football or cricket training/matches in progress (for which these groups have permission to use the field for their sport); we may already have agreed the use of the recreation ground by another user; or the maintenance contractor may be at work.
- Please be respectful of our neighbours and other users. Any music etc taken outdoors must be kept to a reasonable volume so as not to disturb others and your group must be responsible for all PRS/Music licences required as the Village Green/Recreation Ground are not licenced.
- No other licensable activities may take place without the prior knowledge/agreement of the parish council, as the green is not licenced for the sale or consumption of alcohol etc.
- It is a criminal offence to damage a village green and charges may therefore be brought in extreme circumstances. The charity cannot be financially disadvantaged by your use and therefore, if you take equipment etc out onto the green and it causes damage to the surface (e.g. drag marks or holes), then the parish council will be required to charge your group for the necessary repairs.
- Legislation states that it is not possible to charge residents for their use of the green.

- The Recreation Ground Charity (which owns the village green) is a separate entity to the Lizard Argyle Social and Football Club which leases the Social Club building from the Parish Council.
- Your group is responsible for ensuring that all relevant legislation is complied with, throughout your use of the village green, including health & safety, (including Martyns Law as and when enacted), coronavirus guidelines etc.
- Any complaints received relating to your use of the green will be referred to your group for action.
- Please leave the village green clean and tidy on departure.

PERMISSION TO USE THE RECREATION GROUND

You must seek (and have obtained) the permission of the Parish Council before using the Recreation Ground for the desired purpose. It is at the parish council's discretion in any individual case whether such permission is given. All the terms stipulated above, will still apply to any such permitted use of the Recreation Ground.

Use of the Recreation Ground for commercial purposes without the permission of the parish council is, it follows, strictly prohibited.

It is requested that you check availability of the ground with the Lizard Argyle Social and Football Club prior to contacting the parish council. This is because the Club may have permission for events already agreed for the date(s) required, and you may wish to use the facilities of the Club, who may require notice if they wish to engage additional staff to cover the facilities.

WITHDRAWAL OF PERMISSION

The parish council also reserves the right to withdraw permission for any group should any breach of the conditions take place or complaints be received, or should the council otherwise consider it inappropriate that a previously granted permission remains in place.

Notes:

This policy has been formalised following complaints about the use of the land and facilities. All users are required to abide by these terms and conditions, and provide details of their group, contact details and the required insurance and risk assessments prior to advertising events. If events are to be held for nonprofit or charitable purposes then Landewednack Parish Council has a grant awarding process which may be applied to for assistance with the provision of the required insurance, Alternatively, the group may approach the parish council to be involved with the event, including being named on all publicity, to ascertain if the Parish Council is prepared to include the event under the terms of their insurance. Notwithstanding this, all third-party contractors must have their own insurance and be prepared to show evidence of such prior to entering the site,

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