

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Date considered:	24 January 2023		
Decision Maker:	Jon Dyer-Slade – Head of Countryside		
Title:	Country Park Charges 2023		
Directorate:	Universal Services		
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1. The Decision

- 1.1. To increase the charges for daily parking and annual parking passes, as set out in Tables 1-2, to come into effect on 1 March 2023.
- 1.2. To increase the daily admission prices at Manor Farm and Staunton Farm and remove the large family ticket option, as set out in Table 3, to come into effect on 1 March 2023.
- 1.3. To maintain the current membership prices at Manor Farm and Staunton Farm, subject to review in Spring 2023.
- 1.4. To maintain the daily admission and membership prices at Titchfield Haven NNR at their current level for 2023/24.
- 1.5. To maintain the prices for guided tours and admission to the Royal Victoria Chapel Tower at their current level for 2023/24.
- 1.6. To increase hire rates for the Royal Victoria Chapel for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, including weddings and event hire, as set out in Table 4, with immediate effect for bookings taken after 1 April 2023.
- 1.7. To introduce a seasonal structure for field hire at Royal Victoria Country Park, as set out in Table 5, with immediate effect for bookings taken after 1 April 2023.
- 1.8. To increase BBQ hire rates at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, River Hamble Country Park and Royal Victoria Country Park, as set out in Table 6, with effect from 1 February 2023.
- 1.9. To move to one hire slot per day for the large BBQ pitches at River Hamble Country Park and Royal Victoria Country Park, with effect from 1 February 2023.
- 1.10. To retain the current BBQ hire rates at Lepe Country Park but move to one slot per day, with effect from 1 February 2023.

Table 1. Country Park daily parking charges with effect from 1 March 2023

Time band	Charges at: Lepe CP, Queen Elizabeth CP & Royal Victoria CP		Charges at: River Hamble CP & Staunton CP	
	<i>Peak</i> (Apr.-Sept.)	<i>Off-peak</i> (Oct.-Mar.)	<i>Peak</i> (Apr.-Sept.)	<i>Off-peak</i> (Oct.-Mar.)
Up to 1 hour	£2.50 <i>(no change)</i>	£2.00 <i>(no change)</i>	£2.50 <i>(no change)</i>	£2.00 <i>(no change)</i>
Up to 2 hours	£5.00 <i>(no change)</i>	£3.50 <i>(no change)</i>	£5.00 <i>(was £4.50)</i>	£3.50 <i>(no change)</i>
Up to 4 hours	£7.50 <i>(was £7.00)</i>	£5.00 <i>(was £4.50)</i>	£7.00 <i>(was £6.00)</i>	£5.00 <i>(was £4.50)</i>
Full day	£9.50 <i>(was £9.00)</i>	£6.00 <i>(no change)</i>	£8.00 <i>(was £7.00)</i>	£6.00 <i>(was £5.00)</i>

Table 2. Country Park annual parking pass prices with effect from 1 March 2023

Park	Standard Annual Pass	Blue Badge Annual Pass
Lepe CP	£65 <i>(was £60)</i>	£45 <i>(was £40)</i>
Queen Elizabeth CP	£75 <i>(was £65)</i>	£50 <i>(was £40)</i>
River Hamble CP	£65 <i>(was £60)</i>	£45 <i>(was £35)</i>
Royal Victoria CP	£75 <i>(no change)</i>	£50 <i>(was £45)</i>
Staunton CP	£55 <i>(was £50)</i>	£35 <i>(was £30)</i>
All Park	£140 <i>(was £120)</i>	£110 <i>(was £95)</i>

Table 3. Daily admission prices to Manor Farm and Staunton Farm with effect from 1 March 2023

Charge type	Price
Adult	£10 <i>(was £9.50)</i>
Concession	£9 <i>(was £8.50)</i>
Child	£8 <i>(was £7.50)</i>
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children)	£34 <i>(was £32)</i>

Table 4. Royal Victoria Chapel event hire charges for 2023/24 and 2024/25

Hire time	Hire rate 2023/24	Hire rate 2024/25
Day-evening hire (9am-midnight)		
Peak weekend	£6,000 <i>(was £5,400)</i>	£6,120
Weekday/off-peak weekend	£5,100 <i>(was £4,800)</i>	£5,220
Additional hours (8-9am and/or midnight-1am)	£140/hr <i>(was £120/hr)</i>	£145/hr
Evening event (4pm-midnight)		
Peak weekend	£2,100 <i>(was £1,800)</i>	£2,160
Weekday/off-peak weekend	£1,800 <i>(was £1,500)</i>	£1,860
Additional hours (from 2pm and/or midnight-1am)	£140/hr <i>(was £120/hr)</i>	£145/hr
Day event (9am-5pm)		
Peak weekend	£3,500 <i>(was £2,700)</i>	£3,570
Weekday/off-peak weekend	£2,800 <i>(was £2,100)</i>	£2,880
Additional hours (8-9am and or 5-7pm)	£140/hr <i>(was £120/hr)</i>	£145/hr
Community hire		
Charities & not-for-profit organisations	£80/hr <i>(no change)</i>	£82/hr

Table 5. Royal Victoria Country Park field hire rates with effect from 1 April 2023

Field name	Peak (Mar.-Oct.)	Off-Peak (Nov.-Feb.)
Chapel Field North	£825 (was £750)	£750 (no change)
Chapel Field South	£715 (was £650)	£650 (no change)
Lower Terrace North	£400 (was £300)	£325 (was £300)
Lower Terrace South	£400 (was £300)	£325 (was £300)
Large Caravan Field	N/A	£750 (was £500)
Small Caravan Field	N/A	£350 (was £200)
Hawthorns	£220 (was £200)	£200 (no change)
Oak	£220 (was £150)	£180 (N/A)
Oak 3-day package	£700 (was £500)	£600 (N/A)

Table 6. BBQ hire rates with effect from 1 February 2023

Park	BBQ type (capacity)	Hire rate* Monday - Thursday	Hire rate* Friday – Sunday (& Bank Holidays)
Lepe CP	Medium (30)	£66 (no change)	£80 (no change)
	Small (12)	£40 (no change)	£48 (no change)
Queen Elizabeth CP	Large (100)	£55 (was £50)	£80 (was £75)
	Medium (40)	£35 (was £30)	£45 (was £40)
	Small (12)	£18 (was £15)	£24 (was £20)
	Pizza Oven	£60 (was £55)	£70 (was £65)
River Hamble CP	Large (75)	£70 (was £64)	£90 (was £80)
	Medium (30)	£25 (was £20)	£32 (was £26)
	Small (12)	£15 (was £10)	£20 (was £15)
Royal Victoria CP	Large (75)	£70 (was £70)	£90 (was £86)
	Medium (30)	£25 (was £20)	£32 (was £26)

*Prices listed are per slot for two slots per day, with the exception of the large BBQs at River Hamble CP and Royal Victoria CP and all BBQs at Lepe CP, which are per slot for one longer slot per day.

2. Reason(s) for the Decision(s):

- 2.1 The decisions regarding charges, pricing and hire rates are in line with the Countryside Service principles to review charges on an annual basis and adjust based on data analysis and benchmarking against similar providers, to provide affordable but competitive pricing. They are also in line with the [CCBS Charging and Pricing Policy - Principles](#).
- 2.2 Improvements continue to be made to attractions and services offered; increased prices reflect the improving offer to customers.

3. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service: None

5. Supporting Information: Please see the links in the above report.

Approved by: Jon Dyer-Slade

Date: 24 January 2023

Jon Dyer-Slade, Head of Countryside
On behalf of the Director of Universal Services