

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Date considered:	25 January 2024		
Decision Maker:	Jon Dyer-Slade – Head of Countryside		
Title:	Country Park Charges 2024		
Directorate:	Universal Services		
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1. The Decision

- 1.1. To increase the charges for daily parking and annual parking passes at Lepe Country Park (LCP), Queen Elizabeth Country Park (QECP), River Hamble Country Park (RHCP), Royal Victoria Country Park (RVCP) and Staunton Country Park (SCP), as set out in Tables 1-2, to come into effect on 1 March 2024.
- 1.2. To increase the daily admission and membership prices at Manor Farm and Staunton Farm, as set out in Tables 3-4, to come into effect on 1 March 2024.
- 1.3. To maintain the daily admission and membership prices at Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve at their current level, to be reviewed in December 2024.
- 1.4. To increase the price of daily admission to the Royal Victoria Chapel Tower, as set out in Table 5, to come into effect on 1 March 2024.
- 1.5. To maintain the prices for guided tours of the Royal Victoria Chapel at their current level.
- 1.6. To increase the hire charges for the Royal Victoria Chapel, for weddings and events, as set out in Table 6, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.7. To change the hire rates for field hire at QECP and SCP, including the introduction of a cheaper off-peak hire rate at QECP, as set out in Table 7, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.8. To change the hire rates for field hire at RVCP and introduce a new hire rate for school holidays, as set out in Table 8, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.9. To change the BBQ hire slots to one per day, to finish by 17:30, for all BBQs at LCP, RHCP and RVCP and for the largest BBQ at QECP, with the rates as set out in Table 9, with effect from 1 February 2024.
- 1.10. To increase the BBQ hire rates at QECP, as set out in Table 9, with effect from 1 February 2024.

- 1.11. To increase room hire rates at LCP classroom, QECP Casson Room, SCP Tack Room and Old Dairy and Staunton Farm Garrett Room, as set out in Table 10, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.12. To increase rates for camping at QECP and caravan rallies at RVCP, as set out in Table 11, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.13. To increase the cost of annual angling permits at SCP, as set out in Table 12, to come into effect on 1 March 2024.
- 1.14. To increase the cost of birthday party packages at Staunton Farm and QECP, as set out in Table 13, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.15. To maintain the cost of the birthday party package at Manor Farm, to be reviewed in December 2024.
- 1.16. To increase the cost of dog field bookings at QECP and RHCP, as set out in Table 14, with immediate effect for bookings taken for after 1 April 2024.
- 1.17. To increase the cost of annual horse-riding permits at RHCP, as set out in Table 14, to come into effect on 1 March 2024.
- 1.18. To increase the cost of horse box parking at QECP, as set out in Table 14, to come into effect on 1 March 2024.

Table 1. Country Park daily parking charges with effect from 1 March 2024

Charge category	Peak charges (Apr.-Sept.)	Off-peak charges (Oct.-Mar.)
Up to 1 hour	£2.50	£2.00
Up to 2 hours	£5.00	£4.00
Up to 4 hours	£8.00	£5.50
Full day	£9.50	£7.00
15+ seaters	£20.00	

Table 2. Country Park annual parking pass prices with effect from 1 March 2024

Park	Standard Annual Pass	Blue Badge Annual Pass	Minibus Annual Pass
Lepe CP	£75	£55	£150
Queen Elizabeth CP	£80	£60	£150
River Hamble CP	£75	£55	£150
Royal Victoria CP	£80	£60	£150
Staunton CP	£55	£40	£150
All Park	£160	£128	N/A

Table 3. Manor Farm daily admission & membership prices with effect from 1 March 2024

Manor Farm	Charge
Membership - Individual (1 adult, up to 4 children)	£100
Membership - Joint Adult (2 adults, 0 children)	£110
Membership - Family (2 adults, up to 4 children)	£135
Daily admission – Adult	£11
Daily admission – Concession	£10
Daily admission – Child	£9
Daily admission - Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children)	£38

Table 4. Staunton Farm daily admission & membership prices with effect from 1 March 2024

Staunton Farm	Charge
Membership - Individual (1 adult, 0 children)	£55
Membership - Joint Adult (2 adults, up to 4 children)	£130
Membership - Family (1 adult, up to 4 children)	£100
Daily admission – Adult	£11
Daily admission – Concession	£10
Daily admission – Child	£9
Daily admission - Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children)	£38

Table 5. Royal Victoria Chapel Tower entrance prices with effect from 1 March 2024

Ticket type	Charge
Adults	£4.00
Senior/Student	£3.50
Child (5-16 years)	£2.50
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	£11
Armed Forces (members & immediate family)	£2

Table 6. Royal Victoria Chapel wedding and event hire charges for 2024-25 and 2025-26

**Hire rates quoted for 2025-26 are indicative and subject to review in December 2024. They will be used for advance bookings as required.*

Hire time	Hire rates 2024-25	Hire rates 2025-26*
Day-evening hire (9am-midnight)		
Peak weekend	£6,120	£6,400
Weekday/off-peak weekend	£5,220	£5,500
Evening event (4pm-midnight)		
Peak weekend	£2,160	£2,300
Weekday/off-peak weekend	£1,860	£2,000
Day event (9am-5pm)		
Peak weekend	£3,570	£3,800
Weekday/off-peak weekend	£2,880	£3,100
Community hire		
Additional hours (to extend booking period)	£145/hr	£160/hr
Second floor – weddings (2-hour minimum hire)	£145/hr	£160/hr
Main hall – community hire	£82/hr	£85/hr
Second floor – community hire	£28/hr	£30/hr
Whole building – community hire	£145/hr	£160/hr

Table 7. Queen Elizabeth CP and Staunton CP field hire rates for 2024-25 and 2025-26

**Hire rates quoted for 2025-26 are indicative and subject to review in December 2024. They will be used for advance bookings as required.*

Field name	Peak rates (April-October)		Off-Peak rates (November-March)	
	2024-25	2025-26*	2024-25	2025-26*
Cannonball	N/A	N/A	£150	£160
Coney Acres	£350	£370	£300	£320
Cannonball & Coney Acres	£650	£650	£550	£575
Bottom Field	£200	£200	N/A	N/A
Head Down	£400	£400	£400	£400
Butser Events Field	£750	£750	£650	£650
Cannonball, Coney Acres & Butser	£1,000	£1,100	£800	£840
Dog Field (day rate)	£150	£165	£150	£165
Coach House Lawn	£500	£500	£500	£500
Storey Garden	£500	£550	£500	£550

Table 8. Royal Victoria Country Park field hire rates for 2024-25 and 2025-26

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***£50 extra for use of BBQ hearth.*

Field name	School holiday rates		Peak rates (April-October)		Off-Peak rates (November-March)	
	2024-25	2025-26*	2024-25	2025-26*	2024-25	2025-26*
Chapel Field North	£900	£950	£850	£900	£750	£790
Chapel Field South	£800	£850	£750	£780	£650	£675
Lower Terrace North	£450	£475	£400	£425	£350	£370
Lower Terrace South	£450	£475	£400	£425	£350	£370
Large Caravan Field	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£750	£750
Small Caravan Field	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£400	£400
Hawthorns	N/A	N/A	£150	£160	£100	£100
Oak	N/A	N/A	£200	£210	£150	£160
Oak 3-day wedding package**	N/A	N/A	£900	£950	N/A	N/A
Oak wedding reception day8**	N/A	N/A	£500	£530	N/A	N/A

Table 9. BBQ hire rates for 2024-25

Park	BBQ type (capacity)	Time slots	Hire rates <i>Monday - Thursday</i>	Hire rates <i>Friday – Sunday (& Bank Holidays)</i>
Lepe CP	Medium (30)	10:00-17:30	£66	£80
	Small (12)	10:00-17:30	£40	£48
Queen Elizabeth CP	Large (100)	11:00-17:00	£160	£175
	Medium (40)	11:00-16:00; 17:00-22:00	£40	£50
	Small (12)	11:00-15:00; 16:00-20:00	£20	£25
	Pizza Oven	10:30-15:30/ 11:00-16:00	£70	£80
River Hamble CP	Large (75)	10:00-17:30	£70	£90
	Medium (30)	10:00-17:30	£50	£65
	Small (12)	10:00-17:30	£30	£40
Royal Victoria CP	Large (75)	10:00-17:30	£70	£90
	Medium (30)	10:00-17:30	£50	£65

Table 10. Room hire rates for 2024-25 and 2025-26

**Hire rates quoted for 2025-26 are indicative and subject to review in December 2024. They will be used for advance bookings as required.*

Room	Hire period	Rates 2024-25	Rates 2025-26*
Lepe CP - Classroom	Hourly	£13	£15
	Half day (4 hrs)	£30	£35
	Full day (8 hrs)	£55	£60
Queen Elizabeth CP – Casson Room	Hourly	£30	£35
	Half day (4 hrs)	£120	£130
	Full day (8 hrs)	£240	£250
Staunton CP - Tack Room	Half day (4 hrs)	£50	£55
	Full day (8 hrs)	£80	£90
Staunton CP - Old Dairy	Half day (4 hrs)	£60	£70
	Full day (8 hrs)	£120	£130
Staunton Farm - Garrett Room	Full day (8 hrs)	£150	£160

Table 11. Camping rates for 2024-25

Location	Rate type	Rates
Queen Elizabeth CP – camping pitch	Pitch price	£15
	Price per guest	£5
Royal Victoria CP – caravan pitch	Pitch price	£15
	Price per guest	N/A

Table 12. Staunton CP angling permit rates for 2024-25

Permit type	Rates
Adult	£55
Concession	£50
Junior	£40

Table 13. Birthday party package rates for 2024-25

Location	Rate type	Rates
Queen Elizabeth CP	Party package	£7pp
	Catering	£7pp
Staunton Farm	Party package	£250
	Catering	£100

Table 14. Dog field, horse riding permits and horse box parking charges for 2024-25

Location	Charge type	Charge
Queen Elizabeth CP	Dog field hire – 30-minute slot	£5
	Horse box parking – 4 hours	£8
River Hamble CP	Dog field hire – 1 hour slot	£15
	Horse riding permit – annual	£90

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 departmental [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: 25 January 2024

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