

Thornhackett Parish Council

Recreation Ground Letting Policy

This policy indicates how the Council will approach requests for use of the Recreation Ground in Thornford which it manages for the benefit of residents.

Background information

The recreation ground in Thornford is leased to The Parish Council from the current owners Sherborne Castle Estates. The Parish Council only holds Public Liability insurance for the Recreation Ground land and casual use by the general public.

Organised Activity

Local charitable and other organisations may use of the recreation field for fund raising activities on prior application in writing or email (clerk@thornhackettpc.org.uk) to the clerk to the Council. No fee is charged for this use.

Those taking advantage of the facilities have to provide the Clerk to the Council with a copy of the organisations 3rd party insurance cover and a risk assessment.

At the end of the event the organisers will be responsible for clearing all waste material from the site.

The Parish Council are unable to allow an individual booking of the recreation ground unless in conjunction with the hire of the Village Hall and to include a pre-payment to be agreed.

Where an organisation wishes to use the recreation ground on a regular basis which may or may not result in expenditure by the Council appropriate costs will be recovered from the organiser.

Limitations as to use

The Ground shall not be used for the following purposes:

Motor car or motorcycle rallies or the riding of motorcycles or motor cars;

Golf or Golf practice of any kind;

Ground based fires or barbecues;

Flying of powered model aircraft of any kind;

Bonfires and or firework displays and Chinese lanterns;

Horse riding;

Shooting or archery;

Overnight camping;

Organised events without permission from The Parish Council.

Dog Behaviour

Dogs must be kept under control at all times. Dogs must be kept on a lead while any organised activity is taking place on the Recreation Ground or in the vicinity of children. Dog faeces must be collected by the owner immediately and may be deposited in the waste bins provided or taken home.

Change History

April 2025: Change 4th paragraph under 'Organised Activity' to allow letting to individuals where the booking is associated with a village hall booking and for which a fee may be applicable.

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