



SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

*Serving the villages of Gomshall,
Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake, Shere
and a large part of Abinger Hammer*

October 2021

Dear Resident

Shere Parking and The Square

Changes in behaviour prompted by the Coronavirus and the continuing uninvited promotion of the village as a tourist destination by social media and tour guides, has led to an increase in visitor numbers. These factors have prompted the parish council into looking at ways to readdress the balance between residents and visitors, with residents being the priority. The cost of maintaining the car park and public toilets has become too great to cover effectively using the parish council precept (money collected on our behalf by Guildford Borough Council, through council tax). The parish council would like to consider charging visitors for parking and using that money to maintain the car park and to refurbish the toilets. After the toilets have been refurbished, to then consider charging for the toilets, to cover the cleaning and maintenance.

The council would also like to tackle the inconsiderate parking and the dominance of parked cars in the village centre, with potentially additional double yellow lines.

Below the council is asking for your opinions on some potential schemes, to help reduce the impact of visitors on the village.

Based on the outcome of the consultation, a proposal will be made to Surrey County Council. Parts of the proposal will incur a cost to the community, which must also be considered.

This is a central part to our Strategic Five-Year Plan – please consider how you want to see your village over the next five years and help us make it happen.


Proposals

1. Charging for Car Park

Question	Yes	No	Other Comment
Are you in favour of charging visitors for the car park?			
If yes, what level would you consider acceptable:			
• 50p per hour			
• £1 per hour			
• First half hour free and then minimum 3 hours for £3			
• Other			
Are you in favour of overnight parking?			
Should there be some parking reserved for residents in the car park?			
Should residents' use of the car park be free?			


Or a resident's parking permit with a yearly fee? (Bearing in mind there may not always be a space within the car park)

2. The Square

Question	Yes	No	Other Comment
<p>Would you like the part of The Square, formerly sectioned off with social distancing barriers, to be permanently pedestrianised, to become a community space furnished with benches and planters?</p> 			
Do you think that such a community area would improve our village environment?			
Do you think that a community area will improve your quality of life/sense of wellbeing as a resident of Shere?			
Would you like to see The Square with much reduced parking available, through the introduction of some double yellow lines?			

3. Yellow Lines

Question	Yes	No	Other Comment
Are you in favour of double yellow lines in the following areas in order to reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking, to ensure free movement of public vehicles such as ambulances, safe use of mobility scooters and pushchairs and to reduce the amount of parking in the village centre?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A large part of The Square – not including potential pedestrianised area 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shere Lane – both sides of the road from Trek, Hire and Run to before the Hop Gardens 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shere Lane – both sides of the road outside the White Horse 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper Street - both sides of the road from the junction with Middle Street to the end of the wall for Denton and Gareth 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Street – non-river side to junction with Orchard Road 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle Street – both sides of the road from the bridge to the junction with Upper Street and Gomshall Lane. Excluding the area outside the CO-OP made available for short term parking 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are in favour of a virtual path opposite the entrance to the William Bray car park to the junction with the Square (similar to Queen Street, Gomshall)? 			

Any other comments – please continue overleaf if necessary

All information will be held confidentially by Shere Parish Council and will not be used for any other purpose. Your details will not be passed to anyone else without your permission.

I am happy for Shere Parish Council to share this information with Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council (Please tick)

Name	Address (with postcode)

Email	Signature

Please return this form by post/email/through the letterbox at Tanyard Hall by **1st January 2022**

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Thank you for your reply
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