



Shere Parish Council

Draft Shere Car Park Charging FAQs

Shere Parish council is investigating the possibility of charging visitors for use of the car park at Shere Recreation Ground. This would provide much needed funds for repairs and maintenance of the car park. If any additional funds are made, the money would be used on other parish wide community needs. This proposal was widely supported by the residents of Shere village, who are most adversely affected by visitors and traffic. Some concerns have been voiced by both residents of the village and from the wider parish. Answers to these concerns are below:

Q. I am a resident of Shere Village, can I park in the car park free?

A. Currently the Parish Council pays for an agreement with the Shere Recreation Ground Association, which permits residents and sports club members to park in the 'overflow' car park.

There are discussions still to be had on how the overflow space will be used in the future and who will be welcome to use it, how permitted entry will be better controlled and can the available space be expanded in the future. All of these questions will have to be debated and negotiated with Shere Recreation Ground Association.

Q. Do we have to pay when dropping off children in the morning and picking up in the afternoon at the nursery and school?

A. Charging will only be in force from 8am to 6pm. During the charging period, the first 30 minutes is free, which should allow for dropping off or picking up children.

Q. What will happen to those who drive to the village to work. In particular the staff working at the Surgery, Friends Nursery and the School?

A. Where do they park at present? Surgery Staff park in the Surgery Car Park, leaving patients to use the balance of spaces or the road outside the Surgery. The School and Nursery do sometimes use the car park, or Gomshall Lane. There is room for fifty vehicles to park safely along the stretch of road from the A25 to the Museum.

In addition to this there is a facility to establish a limited database of car number plates, that the ANPR parking cameras will recognise as vehicles entitled to free parking in the car park (subject to space availability). Entitlement and terms for approval of free parking, would be considered if daily parking charges is agreed.

Q. Are day time village hall users (e.g., Pilates), expected to pay for parking?

A. For village hall users there is the possibility/availability of street parking or use of the overflow parking, for those who are parish residents.

Q. What are 'residents' from outside Shere expected to do when coming to Shere to go to the Co-op, the Surgery etc. during the charging period?

A. Wider parish residents will have the 30-minute free parking in the car park, road parking (depending on space) and potentially overflow parking for residents.



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Q. Will sports club members and match spectators pay for parking?

A. No, it is envisaged, they will be able to use the overflow car park, as they do now.

Q. Will Museum and Library Volunteers be expected to pay?

A. There is private parking for three vehicles alongside the museum for museum volunteers and library volunteers could also use this, as the volunteer days do not overlap. Also drop off parking on the village hall side of the space could be used if the village hall committee granted permission.

If your particular concern has not been covered, please get in touch and we will try to answer it and include the answer for everyone to view.