

POLICY FOR USE OF OPEN SPACES **FITNESS AND OTHER ORGANISED GROUPS**



Introduction

It has become more and more popular for our open spaces to be used by organised groups of people, usually under the direction of a leader, to run, exercise, and operate other forms of physical activity.

It has therefore become important to monitor the level of activity, to ensure that general rules such as byelaws and local 'open space' rules are adhered to.

In addition to the current set of rules governing the use of an open space, it is Petersfield Town Council's intention to gain information regarding the use of open spaces by organised groups. This will ensure that we can regulate the number of groups meeting, and also be consciously aware of all activities taking place on our open spaces, as we often receive enquiries from the general public.

The current open spaces are The Heath, Bell Hill Recreation Ground, Love Lane playing fields, Avenue Playing Fields, Penns Farm, Borough Road recreation ground, High Meadow, Woods Meadow or Paddock Way.

There is currently no charge for use of our public spaces for outdoor activity – however, you may wish to make a donation toward the upkeep of our grounds.

General rules that apply to all groups

1. All groups must adhere to the rules and guidelines of the open space they are using. These are available from the Town Council, or can be found on our website www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk
2. All groups of 15 or more should complete the 'Open Space Group User' form, which requires some basic information about the group. Copies are available from Petersfield Town Council or the Web Site www.petersfield-tc.gov.uk. Your form will be approved by Petersfield Town Council and where applicable we will provide a map of the designated area to be used.
3. All groups of 4-14 should inform Petersfield Town Council of their existence for reference only. No official registration is required for these groups.
4. Any group discovered, who have not registered their activity with Petersfield Town Council, will be asked to register immediately.
5. All groups must have their own liability and professional indemnity insurance.
6. All groups are required to undertake a risk assessment for their activities.
7. All serious injuries are to be reported to the Town Clerk within 24 Hours.
8. No activities should be conducted during unsociable hours, that is before 7am or after 11pm.