



WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

LOWER RECREATION GROUND

Guidance and Rules of Use for Casual Activities



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Philosophy

Winsham Parish Council wishes that the Recreation Ground be of benefit to parishioners and other members of the public alike. It is committed to ensuring it shall remain an open space for the enjoyment of pastimes by the public and will not willfully obstruct, deny or prevent such enjoyment unreasonably. It does reserve the right to act as it sees fit for the preservation of the Lower Recreation Ground for the majority of the parishioners.

The Parish Council is open to suggestions, comments and advice from parishioners and welcomes such at Parish Council meetings, the dates of which are detailed on the parish council website www.winshamparishcouncil.org.uk and generally are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Terminology

In this document the following terms will be used:

'WPC' means Winsham Parish Council

'Rec' means Winsham's Lower Recreation Ground in its entirety including all equipment and fixtures.

'Play area(s)' means the lower recreation ground playground and the "new" play equipment.

'Casual Activity' means any legal activity not requiring permission from WPC, as defined wherein.

'User(s)' is any person(s) using the Rec for a Casual Activity.

General Rules

1. Casual Activities as defined and specified wherein require no specific permission from WPC, only adherence to these general rules.
2. All Users will make every effort to respect the Lower Rec, the equipment and structures therein, and its environs.
3. The Play Areas are designed for use by children. With regard to these areas the following should be noted
 - Small children should be supervised by an adult at all times ;
 - No dogs are permitted within the Lower Rec;
 - No glass or alcohol should be taken into the Play Areas;
 - Consideration of neighbouring residents should be given at all times;
 - Any dangerous, damaged or misuse of the equipment should be reported immediately via the parish council's email address – winshampc@hotmail.co.uk.
 - Users are requested to put their litter in the bins provided or take litter home with them in the event the bins are full.
 - No structure, marquee, tent or similar may be erected without the permission of the PC..
 - The use of the Lower Rec for Casual Activities is permitted only in so far as the User complies with relevant laws of the land applicable at the time.
 - The PC reserves the right to disallow Casual Activities in any area of the Lower Rec temporarily or permanently. It will act reasonably in exercising this right.

Health and Safety

1. No User shall perform any action or permit any action to be performed that endangers the safety of other users or casual passers-by.
2. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep the Lower Rec (and Play Areas within) in a state fit for use by regular inspection.

3. From time to time maintenance vehicles may be on the Lower Rec. Care must be taken to avoid injury by approaching these vehicles or the areas in which maintenance work is being undertaken.
4. The User undertakes to leave the Lower Rec in a safe state for other Users.
5. From time to time there may be objects or materials on the Lower Rec which are dangerous or in a dangerous state. Care must be taken to avoid injury by not using or approaching these objects. The danger must be reported via the parish council's email address as soon as possible – winshampc@hotmail.co.uk.

Maintenance

1. WPC shall be responsible for the general maintenance of the Lower Rec to include mowing, and general repairs. This will be carried out by appointed volunteers or hired contractors at our discretion.
2. WPC shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that the Lower Rec is fit for the purpose intended.

Casual Activities

Definition

Casual Activities are what may be classed as informal recreational activities, normally undertaken in a park setting. The following is a list of typical casual activities which may take place on the Lower Rec without specific consent from WPC:

- Frisbee and other Children's games;
- Informal running, and the taking of exercise;
- Picnics (BBQ restrictions apply);

This list is not exhaustive and if any User wishes to query whether an activity not on the list constitutes Casual Activity they should contact WPC via winshampc@hotmail.co.uk

Limitations

Casual Activities exclude any activity ran as a commercial venture. This includes sporting clubs where fees/subs or membership is/are paid and fundraising activities. Such activities are classified as Organised Activities and may only take place with permission from WPC.

The Lower Rec shall not be used for the following purposes:

- Driving motorised vehicles (except by authorised Maintenance staff);
- Ball games;
- Golf practice of any kind;
- Bonfires or ground based barbecues;
- Fireworks or Chinese Lanterns;
- Flying of powered model aircraft of any kind;
- Shooting or archery;
- Cycling
- Or any activity that is illegal or overtly dangerous or offensive to other Users.

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