

April note for Parish Councils

Motorhome Proposals

Motorhome There are increasing numbers of motorhome and campervan users opting to use car parks and other locations for overnight stays in the South Hams. A report was taken to Executive on 22 April for a proposal which would allow overnight sleeping for a maximum stay of two consecutive nights for self-contained motorhomes and campervans only.

Approval was given to make a variation to the Off Street Parking Places Order to allow overnight sleeping of motorhomes within the following car parks:

Longmarsh Car Park, Totnes

Leonards Road Car Park, Ivybridge

North Sands Car Park, Salcombe

Poundwell Meadow Car Park, Modbury

Memorial Car Park, Slapton

Torcross Tank Car Park, Torcross

Park & Ride Car Park, Dartmouth

Cattlemarket Car Park, Kingsbridge

Quay (Southern Area Only) Car Park, Kingsbridge

The car parks at North Sands, Memorial and Torcross Tank proposes an overnight charge of £15 per night, with the remaining car parks at £10 per night.

This recommendation is now subject to a 21-day public consultation which will conclude on 20 May 2021.

We are very keen to hear everyone views regarding this policy and would like to invite any comments or representations to be made in writing to parking@swdevon.gov.uk. The link to our consultation page is as follows: <https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/>

Tourism Boost Possible with Self-Contained Motorhomes and Campervan Stays

A proposal for a 12-month pilot scheme allowing self-contained motorhomes and campervans to stay at nine South Hams car parks has been discussed at the District Council's Executive Committee.

A public consultation on the parking order will be held to find out the views of South Hams' residents and visitors.

With ever-increasing numbers of motorhomes and campervan users opting to use car parks and other locations for overnight stays in the South Hams, the proposal would allow overnight sleeping for a two-night consecutive stay with no return within 48 hours.

The Council proposes stays would be at certain car parks for self-contained motorhomes and campervans only for an overnight fee of £15 per night at Slapton, Torcross and North Sands, with £10 overnight for the remaining sites, overnight from 6 p.m. until 9 a.m. The aim is to improve tourism, particularly important following the recent Covid pandemic when overseas travel is limited, and to boost the local economy.

The following car parks in these towns across the District will be included in the pilot scheme:

Ivybridge, Leonards Car Park

Kingsbridge, Quay Car Park Southern Area Only

Kingsbridge, Cattlemarket Car Park

Modbury, Poundwell Meadow Overflow Car Park

Totnes, Longmarsh Car Park

Dartmouth, Park & Ride Car Park

Slapton, Memorial Car Park

Torcross Tank Car Park – coach bays only

North Sands, Salcombe

Following considerable demand for overnight parking by motorhomes at the Memorial car park in Slapton the Council would like to manage effectively the overnight sleeping while still providing visitors the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful location.

Therefore, the Council propose that the height barrier is lifted to only allow self-contained motorhomes and campervans, with on-board toilet facilities, to sleep overnight within the car park.

If antisocial behaviour happens during the trial at this car park, the Council will replace the height barrier and prevent overnight sleeping without notice or further consultation.

Before the proposals can take effect, the Council will be consulting members of the public on the proposals and the changes needed to the parking order.

Read more from the report to the Executive Committee here:
www.southhams.gov.uk/Executive

In the next few weeks, the consultation will go live and you will be able to have your say on our consultation page here: www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk

Follow us on social media, the local press and in our car parks for updates on the consultation.

Avoid Crowds and Use Outdoor Recreation Spaces Instead

This summer, South Hams District Council is suggesting residents might want to avoid the busy crowds and take the family to some of the many outdoor recreation spaces in the South Hams to have fun and keep fit.

With a wide range of sport areas on offer across the District, ranging from spacious recreation grounds, playing pitches, tennis courts to multi-use games areas, there are a huge assortment of activities to keep everyone entertained.

For the tennis enthusiasts and future Johanna Kontas and Andy Murrays amongst you, there are 37 tennis courts in the South Hams, including many free community courts, and a number of clubs, which you can pay to join.

If you know your Kick-Turn from your Ollie, or perhaps you just want to learn, then the skate parks are where all the action is. With seven across the District, it is a great place for all ages to have fun, but it might be worth getting your balance and movement right first before trying the trickier moves!

There are also nine bowling greens in the South Hams where you can take seconds to learn the sport of bowls and the rest of your life to master the skill. It is not as easy as you may think. So why not have a go and take the opportunity to get out and try something new?

You can also take advantage of the recreation grounds and play spaces for a game of football, rugby or for just simply flying a kite or throwing a Frisbee. It is the simple delights of spending time with family and friends away from the hustle and bustle of the usual tourist hot spots.

Please do continue, as you have been, to RESPECT the space you are visiting by putting litter into the bins provided and if they are full when you visit, please take the litter back home to throw away.

Help the Council to PROTECT others by following the COVID rules and PLAY safely by giving others space to feel comfortable during their visit.

Many of our towns and parishes have these areas available, they are free and open to use now.