

USE OF THE COUNTRY PARK

The Country Park serves Cranbrook through the following primary functions:

- As a nature reserve to support and enhance the local biodiversity through landscaping and habitat creation;
- As an open space to provide a safe recreational and leisure resource for residents and visitors;
- As a flood defence for the town to assimilate the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) and flood compensation requirement for the development.

Uses of the Country Park should contribute to and support the strands above and not seek to detract from them.

Some uses are inconsistent with the vision and are not permitted, including:

- Access by motorised vehicles except authorised for the purposes of maintaining the Country Park and environment;
- Fires;
- Flying motorised model aircraft and drones.

The use of barbeques is permitted in the designated area where the Council installed two permanent barbeques.

Events may take place within the Country Park but the following criteria apply.

Where the event involves an entrance fee, charge or the intention is to raise funds:

- Prior permission for the event to take place must be obtained from the Town Council;
- The organisers must have valid public liability insurance of no less than £5million;
- The organisers must have carried out a current and valid risk assessment;
- The organisers must also obtain any licences which are required under relevant legislation.

Where the event does not involve an entrance fee, charge or fundraising, prior permission to hold the event must be obtained from the Town Council where **any** of the following apply:

- The erection of any structure such as a tent or gazebo;
- The use of any music or sound system;

- Where the use of the space by the general community is restricted as a result of the event;
- Where the number of people attending is expected to exceed 20.

Use of the Country Park by Professional Dog Walkers

The Council recognises the importance and obvious benefit to everyone of promoting responsible and considerate dog walking. As a profession, dog walking companies must treat the safety and welfare of dogs and people as paramount at all times. Professional dog walkers may use the Country Park but are required to sign up to a voluntary code of conduct which is set out in a separate document.

The Town Council does not wish to constrain uses of the Country Park but does wish to ensure that both users, event organisers and the Town Council:

- Adhere to relevant legislation;
- Protect the environment and landscape;
- Do not offend nor discriminate against any group or individual;
- Adhere to relevant health and safety legislation and guidance.

Event Organisers and the Town Council must consider the following:

- Impact of the event on the physical and social environment of the area;
- Enjoyment, safety and quality of life for residents, visitors and local businesses; and
- Financial implications.

In applying this policy the Town Council seeks to ensure that:

- It meets its responsibilities in terms of relevant event legislation and guidance;
- If authorised, the event is delivered safely and effectively with minimal disturbance to the local community surrounding the area;
- All the necessary considerations have been taken into account allowing for the delivery of a safe and successful event that does not have a negative impact on the Council's land or local community.

Fees and Charges

Events involving an entrance fee, charge or fundraising. Number of attendees	Fee payable in advance
Less than 20	£25.00
20-100	£50.00
100-500	£100.00
500 or more	£200.00

Cranbrook Town Council

Date of Approval: 18 February 2019

Date of Review : May 2023

Cranbrook Country Park

Code for Cyclists

The Country Park serves the Cranbrook development through the following primary functions:

- As a nature reserve to support and enhance the local biodiversity through landscaping and habitat creation;
- As an open space to provide a safe recreational and leisure resource for the community and visitors;
- As a flood defence for the town to assimilate the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) and flood compensation requirement for the Cranbrook development.

Users of the Country Park should contribute to and support the three strands above and not seek to detract from them. We want everyone to enjoy the Country Park equally and we ask that cyclists have regard to the following points:

1. Slow down and be mindful of pedestrians, children and dog walkers;
2. Ensure that others know of your presence;
3. To protect the landscape and wildlife, follow the laid-out paths and avoid widening paths or creating new lines through the undergrowth;
4. Take care of yourself and the paths which can be sensitive to damage, particularly during wet weather;
5. Do not modify paths or build jumps as this can affect the flood protection measures;
6. Obtain the required consent from the Town Council for organised cycling events;
7. Report any problems to the Town Council.

The Country Park is a valuable local resource and, by respecting both the environment and other users, cyclists can enjoy the facilities that are present today and those that will follow as the town develops.

Cranbrook Country Park

Professional Dog Walkers Code of Conduct

The Council recognises the importance and obvious benefit to everyone of promoting responsible and considerate dog walking. As a profession, dog walking companies must treat the safety and welfare of dogs and people as paramount at all times. As a condition of using the public open space in the town, professional dog walkers are invited to sign up to the following voluntary code of conduct.

- to comply with the Control of Dogs Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 issued by East Devon District Council on 26th April 2017 available at <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/public-spaces-protection-orders>
- to keep dogs in my charge under proper control at all times
- to ensure operatives have an identification badge stating the company name and contact details. This must be worn while exercising dogs in public spaces
- to attach visible identification to dogs in my charge, giving details of the company, in addition to the visible owner's identification tag
- to keep abreast of any forthcoming changes in legislation regarding micro-chipping of dogs and dangerous dogs
- to do everything to minimise the impact of exercising multiple dogs on other open space users, therefore avoiding causing concern to members of the public
- to provide appropriate insurance cover for the business
- to only exercise the maximum number of dogs covered by insurance
- to only transport dogs in vehicles that are fit for purpose, with current insurance, tax and MOT
- to ensure there is adequate ventilation and extraction for the size of vehicle and number of dogs carried, and efficient heat and temperature control or air conditioning
- to always carry clean, fresh drinking water and clean bowls to offer dogs after exercise
- to not restrain dogs by leashes or chains within the vehicles. Caging or containment within vehicles must be suitable for the size and number of dogs, to safely transport them. Ideally, cage doors should be fitted to the vehicle
- to have a good knowledge of dog behavior and skills in dog training and handling
- to have a sound knowledge of canine first aid
- to be registered with a local vet
- to have a plan of action in the event of an emergency