



POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD AND BROOKS FIELD

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Described Areas

The field known as the King George V Playing Field (KGVPF) is a very well visited area of south Maidstone and is located within the Parish of Loose. There are two play areas for different age groups providing various play equipment, and also there is an outside gym area. There is a hall known as the Parish Pavilion located near to the main entrance, which is accessed via Walnut Tree Lane. There is limited car parking available, which is available for use by persons visiting the field or Parish Pavilion. Other entrances to the field are accessible on foot.

Brooks Field is located within the Loose Valley and can be accessed via Old Loose Hill. The gated open space is favoured for its flora and fauna, and is very well visited. There is a pond which offers a good natural environment for many species of wildlife. There are no car parking facilities, but the field can be accessed on foot through kissing gates.

Loose Parish Council as Landowners & Visitors/Hirers

Both of these areas, as described above, are owned and maintained by the Loose Parish Council, who have a duty of care to visitors and consideration to local residents. It is important that the areas are kept safe, secure and as litter free as possible. The Loose Parish Council are also entitled to lock any access point to any area, and for any length of time, if it is felt appropriate to do so, and relevant signage will be erected outlining the reasons for doing so.

The Loose Parish Council are entitled to ask for a copy certificate/evidence of Public Liability Insurance (PLI) from any person or known hirers using the open spaces, and Pavilion facilities, for any public activity as felt relevant.

Permission should be sought from the Loose Parish Council, through the Clerks Office, if any person wishes to hold any organised event in the open spaces, as described which may include use of limited apparatus, and with over four persons. Any person/organisation wishing to hire the Pavilion, KGVPF, or Brooks Field should do so by contacting the Clerk's Office. *(Current tariffs and schedule standard conditions of hire are published on the LPC website).*

Activities which are forbidden at the King George V Playing Field and Brooks Field, unless prior permission has been given by the Loose Parish Council.

- Flying of drones
- Metal detecting
- Use of any motor/non motor vehicles
- Erection of gazebos/tents
- Use of barbecues/fires of any kind
- Temporary structures of any kind
- Large inflatables of any kind
- Activities such as Golf/hockey/archery
- Brooks Field – no dogs or horses



Reference is made to the following documents:

- Bylaws for KGVPF
- Policy for booking the Parish Pavilion and Open Spaces
- Standard conditions of Hire
- MBC Policy for large events in open spaces
- Insurance cover for the LPC as defined in the Policy schedule