

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CABINET MEMBER MEETING – JOBS, ECONOMY AND**  
**TRANSPORT**

**12 November 2013**

Report of the Acting Strategic Director - Environmental Services

**CHARGES FOR COUNTRYSIDE FACILITIES 2014/16**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To consider proposed alterations to the charges made for various services provided by the Countryside Service for 2014/16.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The Countryside Service makes a number of charges for services and facilities it provides, including car parking, cycle hire, events, use of premises and entry to facilities. These charges need to be reviewed in order to take account of inflation and to maintain income to the Authority and service delivery.

An increase for two years is proposed mainly because of the associated costs involved with increasing car park charges which have to go through a legal process to approve an amendment to the Legal Order. This means that there are advertising costs as well as the costs of amending the signage and machines.

A table giving the current charges and the proposed charges for 2014/16 is attached.

In drawing up the proposals, a number of general principles have been applied. An inflation increase of 6.31% based upon the Retail Price Index (RPI) for the two years, up till the end of October, has been included. Charges have been rounded up to give easily handled figures to avoid problems with change and, in the case of car parking, so the machines can accept the coins. Wherever possible, charges have been standardised and simplified.

When setting charges local authorities have to show the basis on which such charges have been set. Charges must be set on the basis that they are either competitive, i.e, it can be shown to be the “going rate” for that service, that they are based on the actual cost of providing that service or, it is

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acknowledged that they are subsidised. The basis of how the charges have been proposed is identified in the Appendix which itemises the charges.

It should also be noted that:

- Charges for caravan rallies have not been increased as they were increased significantly in 2011 and reflect the going rate.
- Charges for the use of the Chesterfield Canal have not been increased as this is an area of activity the Authority specifically wishes to promote.
- Charges for car rallies have been amended to bring them in line with the standard car park charges proposed.
- Charges for site and room hire have been re-evaluated as they had significantly fallen out of line with the competitive rate. They have also been presented in a simpler format for ease of use.
- The charges for events (guided walks, etc) are standard charges. On a number of occasions, it is desirable to alter these, either to increase them to cover costs, for example where an event has an added cost (a cream tea is included), or where it is desirable to subsidise the event to encourage take up. In these circumstances, rather than report back each time, it is proposed to delegate authority to the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to agree the charges.

(3) **Financial Considerations** As set out in the report

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** None. Officer contact details – Chris Coombs, extension 39821.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

- 7.1 The proposed charges for Countryside facilities for 2014/16, as set out in the Appendix, be approved.
- 7.2 The Director of Legal Services be asked to promote the necessary changes to the Legal Order to make the changes to the Countryside charges.

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- 7.3 That the Strategic Director - Environmental Services be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to agree alterations to charges for events.

**Mike Ashworth**  
**Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services**

# Derbyshire County Council Countryside Charges

## APPENDIX 1

Item			Current Charge 2012/14	Proposed 2014/16	Comparison	Cost	Subsidised
Car Parking	Cars, etc	2 hours	£1.20	£1.30	Yes		
		4 hours	£2.40	£2.60	Yes		
		All day	£3.60	£4.00	Yes		
		Season	£60.00	£66.00	Yes		
	Lorries/Coaches	2 hours	£3.10	£3.40	Yes		
		4 hours	£4.80	£5.30	Yes		
		All day	£7.20	£7.90	Yes		
		Season	£120.00	£132.00	Yes		
	Horseboxes	Annual Permit	£15.00	£16.50			
MT Engine House		Adult	£2.50	£2.70	Yes		Yes
		Child/Concession	£1.25	£1.30	Yes		Yes
		Group Visits - Static	£25.00	£26.60	Yes		Yes
		Group Visits - Working	£50.00	£53.20		Yes	
High Peak Junction Admission and Audio Tour		Adult	£2.50	£2.70	Yes		Yes
		Child/Concession	£1.25	£1.30	Yes		Yes
		Family (2+3)	£6.50	£6.90	Yes		Yes
		Group Booking Rate	£25.00	£26.60		Yes	
Chesterfield and Cromford Canals Canoeing/ unpowered boats	Per boat, per session	Derbyshire Local Education Authority (LEA) Schools	£1.50	£1.60	Yes		
		Other Schools	£1.50	£1.60	Yes		
		Commercial users	£2.50	£2.70	Yes		
		Individuals	£1.50	£1.60	Yes		
Chesterfield Canal (only) Canoeing/ unpowered boats	1 week licence	Individual private boats	£7.00	£7.00	Yes		
	(Per 10 boats)	Non-profit groups	£25.00	£25.00			
		Commercial groups	£50.00	£50.00			
	Annual Licence	Individual private boats	£50.00	£50.00	Yes		

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	(Per boat)	Individual British Canoe Union (BCU) Members	£25.00	£25.00			
	(Per 10 boats)	Non-profit groups	£100.00	£100.00			
		Commercial groups	£400.00	£400.00			
Chesterfield Canal Powered boats	Per boat	Per day	£5.00	£5.00	Yes		
		Per week	£20.00	£20.00	Yes		
		Annual Licence	£100.00	£100.00	Yes		
Staff led activities	Day (9.00 – 17.00)	Per hour	£25.00	£25.00		Yes	
	Out of hours	Per hour	£25.00	£30.00		Yes	
Events (Guided walks etc)		Adults	£3.00	£3.20			Yes
		Child/Concession	£1.50	£1.60			Yes
		Family (2+3)	£7.50	£8.00			Yes
		Under 5s	£0.00	£0.00			Yes
Cycle Hire	Adult	3 hours	£12.00	£13.00	Yes		
		All day	£15.00	£16.00	Yes		
	Child bike/ buggy/ trailer	3 hours	£8.00	£9.00	Yes		
		All day	£10.00	£11.00	Yes		
	Trailer (without hire bike)	3 hours	£10.50	£11.00	Yes		
		All day	£12.50	£13.00	Yes		
	Child seat/ helmet		£0.00	£0.00			
	Tandem	3 hours	£24.00	£26.00	Yes		
		All day	£30.00	£32.00	Yes		
	Group booking rate (per bike)	3 hours	£7.00	£8.00	Yes		
		All day	£9.00	£10.00	Yes		
	Extended hire	Per extra day	£0.00	£0.00	Yes		
Tramper Hire		Annual registration	£20.00	£21.00			
		Per hour rate	£5.00	£5.00			
Firewood Sales	Seasoned (per bag)		£3.50	£3.70	Yes		
	Unseasoned, unlogged	Collected (per cubic metre)	£27.50	£29.00	Yes		

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Caravan Rallies (Shipley events field/ Elvaston Caravan Site)		Minimum charge (or 7 units)	£65.00	£65.00	Yes		
		Per unit per night	£9.00	£9.00	Yes		
Car Rallies		Minimum Charge (or 10 units)	£36.00	£40.00	Yes		
		Per Unit Per Day	£3.60	£4.00	Yes		
		Per Unit day and night (inc tent/ caravan)	£9.00	£9.00	Yes		
Elvaston Showground Hire (per day)	Full Showground (27 acres)	Reduced	£1,000	£1,000	Yes		
		Standard	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	Yes		
		Full	£1,500	£1,500	Yes		
	½ Showground	Reduced	£500.00	£550.00	Yes		
		Standard	£750.00	£750.00	Yes		
		Full	£850.00	£950.00	Yes		
	¼ Showground	Reduced	£250.00	£300.00	yes		
		Standard	£400.00	£400.00	yes		
		Full	£425.00	£525.00	yes		
	Set up/Set down fee per day (large events)	Reduced	£250.00	£200.00	yes		
		Standard	£250.00	£200.00	yes		
		Full	£250.00	£300.00	yes		
Events Field - Tapton/Shipley/ Elvaston	1/2 day	Reduced	£10.00	£30.00	yes		
		Standard	£30.00	£50.00	yes		
		Full	£60.00	£250.00	yes		
	Full Day	Reduced	£20.00	£50.00	yes		
		Standard	£60.00	£80.00	yes		
		Full	£120.00	£500.00	yes		
Managed Forest Schools site (Elvaston)	1/2 day	Reduced	£20.00	£20.00	yes		
		Standard	£20.00	£20.00	yes		
	Full Day	Reduced	£40.00	£40.00	yes		
		Standard	£40.00	£40.00	yes		

Item			Current Charge 2012/14	Proposed 2014/16	Comparison	Cost	Subsidised
Room Hire - Green Room, Shipley/Classroom, Elvaston	1/2 day	Reduced	£10.00	£25.00	yes		
		Standard	£15.00	£35.00	yes		
		Full	£60.00	£65.00	yes		
	Full Day	Reduced	£20.00	£40.00	yes		
		Standard	£30.00	£60.00	yes		
		Full	£120.00	£120.00	yes		
Exhibition Space (full day only)		Reduced	£0.00	£30.00	yes		
		Standard	£0.00	£40.00	yes		
		Full	£0.00	£50.00	yes		
Gothic Hall, Elvaston	1/2 Day	Reduced	£0.00	£60.00	yes		
		Standard	£25.00	£80.00	yes		
		Full	£100.00	£100.00	yes		
	Full Day	Reduced	n/a	£120.00	yes		
		Standard	n/a	£160.00	yes		
		Full	n/a	£200.00	yes		
Staff Time per hour (support for event/opening or locking up)		Normal Hours	n/a	£25.00	yes		
		Overtime	n/a	£30.00	yes		

- There are no charges made for Countryside Service promoted events or voluntary groups directly associated with and supporting the management of a site.
- Cross departmental bookings can be made a maximum of three months ahead. To avoid loss of income - these will become chargeable on failure to attend, unless a minimum of five working days' notice is given by telephone.
- If a booking does NOT include the use of/hiring of the Green Room at Shipley Country Park or Classroom at Elvaston Castle, a £10 administration fee will be charged e.g. sponsored running events.
- Evening room hire is not routinely available: bookings are at a sites' discretion and depend upon staff capacity and an assessment of risk. An overtime charge per hour may be incurred.