

GREAT GRANSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Commercial Use Policy for the MUGA

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

- The Great Gransden MUGA, is provided for the enjoyment of residents - with all having equal rights to its use,
- There is no formal booking system in operation,
- The facility is available on a 'first come – first served' basis,
- No charge is made for individuals or community groups,
- Users are requested to be accommodating of others and to share the facility.

Great Gransden Parish Council (GGPC) is responsible for the management of the site. Users should report any damage to the facilities or inappropriate use to the Parish Clerk at gransdenpc@hotmail.co.uk

Conditions for Commercial use of the MUGA facility

GGPC are open to commercial use of the MUGA facility, but prior permission must be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Requests for organised activities / commercial use will be considered on a 'case-by-case' basis and GGPC reserves the right to refuse permission and review these rules at any time. Great Gransden Parish Council does not provide any facilities for equipment storage.

For guidance, commercial / organised activity should meet the following criteria for permission to be granted:

- Organisers will be required to provide evidence of commercial public liability insurance that includes the use of third party owned / hired facilities for your sports purposes to the Parish Clerk.
- Commercial use will be restricted to a maximum of 3 sessions per week – if sessions are in excess of 1½ hours duration, permission will be at the discretion of the GGPC, taking the needs of other users into account.
- Organisers will be liable for any damage caused to the MUGA and its associated equipment fencing etc. whilst in use and beyond normal wear and tear.
- Sessions should be attended predominately by village residents – if sessions were to be mainly attended by people outside of the Bluebell village, (Great Gransden, Little Gransden, Waresley and Abbotsley) then permissions for use may be rescinded.
- The MUGA should only be used for the activities that it is designed for.
- Correct and clean footwear should be worn by users.
- No booking system is in place and availability of the facility cannot be guaranteed.
- If the MUGA is already occupied, then existing users should be accommodated and cannot be asked to vacate the facility.

- All participants should abide by the general rules of use and follow the code of conduct.

MUGA Rules of Use and Code of Conduct

- MUGA opening hours are 8:30am – 8:30pm. Please respect our neighbours and do not use the MUGA outside of these hours without prior permission of GGPC.
- Please do not trespass into neighbours' gardens to retrieve lost balls. You must always request permission from the homeowner.
- Players/users must not intentionally damage the MUGA in any way.
- Users must not climb the fences or hang from the basketball or netball nets.
- No form of vehicle, bicycle, roller skates, skateboards, scooter etc. is allowed on the facility. Wheelchairs are allowed.
- All players and spectators to ensure that they are equipped with soft shoes (trainers, tennis shoes or plimsolls) for playing on the artificial surface. Footwear must be clean prior to entering the Games Area. Football or other forms of studded or bladed boots are not allowed.
- Food and chewing gum are prohibited on the MUGA.
- Drinks may only be used in plastic water bottles. No glass is to be brought onto the MUGA.
- The MUGA is a no smoking area.
- Dogs or animals are not allowed in the MUGA.
- Please remove all litter when leaving and place in the large grey bin at the gated entrance to the park (next to the reading room).
- It is forbidden to sub-let the facility.
- If others are waiting to use the facility, please finish your game or activity within a reasonable time period or perhaps consider inviting others to join you if feasible (for example, do not start a new set of tennis if other villagers have been waiting for half an hour to use the court).
- Please respect the amenities of any local residents living near to the MUGA by keeping any noise to a minimum.
- No music can be played.
- The MUGA may be closed or locked at the discretion of the Parish Council and/or for maintenance.

Anyone using the MUGA or surrounding areas do so at their own risk, liability will not be accepted for personal injury or the loss or damage of valuables.

Adopted by Great Gransden Parish Council on 7th February 2022

