

Information for Potential Hirers of The Ham

Dittisham Parish Council owns and maintains The Ham and the Ham Car Park on behalf of the Parish of Dittisham. It is the sole authority to grant or deny permission for any activity held on The Ham. Organisations or individuals seeking to use The Ham must obtain such permission stating the purpose and type of activity The Ham is requested to be used for. An Application Form and Terms and Conditions of Hire document are included with this Information Sheet to assist you in assessing the suitability of The Ham for your proposed event. Should you wish to proceed with a Hiring, please complete the Form and return it to the Parish Clerk whose address and Email contact details are included on the Application Form.

Location and Size

The Ham is located within Village of Dittisham, adjoining the River Dart and boasting beautiful views up and down river. It is approximately 2.35 Acres in size and can therefore accommodate events large and small. A diagram is included to indicate its location within the Village and its shape.

A Pay & Display Car Park holding up to 30 vehicles is located adjacent to The Ham. Charges will apply to each vehicle using the Car Park. With prior agreement, it is possible to reserve spaces for your event.

The Ham will normally be hired in part only, the area for the event being designated by the Parish Council prior to the event taking place and following discussion with the event organiser.

Suitable Events

The Ham space is ideal for many events both Private and Commercial, including:

- Wedding Receptions
- Birthday Parties
- Craft Fairs
- Charity Fund Raisers
- Galas

As the land is owned by the Parish Council, Political Rallies will not be permitted. Due to the proximity of the Ham to residential properties, events that would generate high levels noise such as a Music Festival also will not be granted permission.

For other events where Music will be played, live or recorded, we ask that volume levels are kept at a reasonable level due to the Ham's proximity to Residential property. All playing of music must cease at 11PM

Marquees, gazebos, stalls etc. are accepted for erection on The Ham and subject to adequate Insurance, prior Risk Assessment and Adult Supervision during an event, inflatables such as a Bouncy Castle may also be erected.

It is NOT Permitted to light fires, bonfires or use low-level barbeques on The Ham. Suitable precautions must be taken to protect the grass surfaces from heat should high level Barbeques, Pig roasts or other cooking devices be

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used. The Event Organiser will be expected to pay for any damage caused through their use.

Note that the Parish Council can not accept any responsibility for Property associated with the event (marquees, generators etc.) so we require the Event Organiser to take out suitable insurance against loss, damage and third party liability.

Facilities

Potential Hirers should be aware that there are limited facilities available on The Ham.

There is a Public Toilet with a Male WC (one toilet and two urinals) & a Female WC (one toilet), and one unisex Disabled access toilet. For larger events the hire of Portaloos is recommended.

Note that the Public Toilet is the only source of fresh water on The Ham.

There is no power available so any event requiring electricity will need a generator. This will be the responsibility of the Organiser, the Parish Council is unable to provide such equipment.

Organisers are responsible for the disposal of rubbish after an event. There are no local facilities so all rubbish must be taken away and disposed of at one of the public re-cycling sites, the nearest of which is at Torr Quarry 1 mile North of Kingsbridge on the A381 Totnes Road.

Vehicles on The Ham

Subject to weather conditions and prior permission, certain vehicles may be allowed onto The Ham during an event – St Johns Ambulance, Ice-cream vans or other catering vehicles for example - but please note that after extended wet weather, this may not be possible due to parts of the ground becoming waterlogged. There is sufficient hard-standing alongside The Ham for this not to be an issue in most cases.

Vehicles will also be allowed onto the Ham for unloading and loading during event set-up and tear-down, again, subject to weather and ground conditions.

Any other questions?

If we have not answered all of your questions here, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk who will be happy to help.

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