



Adderbury 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

As explained in earlier correspondence, further to Party in the Park 2018, some of us were invited to a meeting with representatives from Cherwell District Council, the Police and the security firm we employ to safeguard our event. All bodies were incredibly supportive of PIP and the meeting was very positive.

We were advised by the CDC and the Police that we now need to fence off and make it a ticketed event, in order to deter the anti-social element that has crept in over the last few years. Party in the Park is the only remaining event in the area that hasn't implemented this, and thus it has become a draw to certain elements of youth that we don't want in the village.

Furthermore, by having a "perimeter" of the event, we will be able to manage the requirements of our premises licence in a much better way, as it will be much easier to implement CHALLENGE 25 and conduct bag searches etc. at the entry points.

Our security firm would be responsible for the area within and just outside the perimeter fence, with the support of the Police safeguarding the village.

This would inevitably ensure greater security for attendees and for the village as a whole.

The attached plan shows the perimeter fence with entry and egress points.

We are proposing that the playing area by Dog Close be outside the fenced area, with access for children of parents attending Party in Park to be able to access on/off the field via the main access point. Tickets will be exchanged for wrist bands on arrival, so it will be very easy to let any children using this facility back in.

However we would like to retain the Basketball court within the fenced area so that it doesn't become a "hang out" area for the youth that we are trying to keep away from our event.

If a group of children arrive with the intent of using the facilities for their true purpose, one of the committee will happily assess this on a case by case basis, and give them access to the playing area. Over the last few years the area has been used by children whose parents are attending Party in the Park during the day, and later on it's been a "hang out" area for teenagers who haven't been using the facility for playing. Party in the Park's committee gazebo is always just by this area hence we are very aware of this areas usage during the day.

The fencing would be erected the day before, and removed on the Sunday, leaving access gaps until the Saturday morning and leaving a wide access route round the majority of the field so if using the cut through from Mill Lane one can easily follow the fence perimeter to Dog Close. Any walkers using the shortcut from The Leys who are not attending Party in the Park would be escorted through the fenced area from Lucy Placket Activity Centre, to the gate by Round Close Road, so access is still left open for anyone using this cut through who isn't attending Party in the Park.

The PIP committee would of course, on a case by case basis allow an older member of the community through who just wants to cross the field for a short period of time if this seemed the appropriate thing to do.

## **TICKETING**

As advised by CDC we now have to make PIP a ticketed event so we can deter the unwanted youths who have started attending the event over the last few years, drawn in from outside the village by social media on the basis that there is a FREE event on in Adderbury.

We don't want to set the price too high, as every intention is to retain it being an accessible community event, but on the other hand we need to raise enough funds to be able to hold the event, especially with the additional cost of the fencing.

In previous years the majority of the funds have been raised on the day on the entry buckets & raffle. Our plan is still to run a raffle on the day to help boost funds as we are a non-profit making event that struggle to raise the funds we need each year.

We won't be forbidding food or alcohol onto the field, as we know how much people enjoy their picnics during the day, nor do we have any plans to sell the concessions or bars to a single external company, as we think this would change the feel of PIP too much.

Tickets will be available to buy in the village, online, and on the gate on the day

### **INDIVIDUAL TICKET**

- £ 10 Early bird price (cut off 30<sup>th</sup> May)
- £ 15 Ticket price after 30<sup>th</sup> May & on the door
- Children under 12 go free

Tickets will be exchanged for wrist bands on the gates, this way we can also manage everyone only being given access to cross the site either with a different coloured wrist band, or with no wrist band.

Other than the fence & ticketing we aren't planning on any other changes, as every intention is to keep the community feeling that makes Party in the park so popular.