

Sandgreen Caravan Park

Spring 2025 Newsletter



Spring has now sprung at Sandgreen, and it is lovely to finally see the bluebells popping up around the park, and the little lambs jumping around in the fields. We have had quite a few visits from the sheep and lambs so far this year on the park, keeping the farmers on their toes!

We hope you have all enjoyed your first visits back to Sandgreen this season, and had a lovely Easter. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Bonnet Parade on Easter Sunday – what masterpieces! We were all very impressed by your creations and how much effort had gone into these. We hope you had fun making them, and showing them off to us.

As we are approaching the Bank Holiday season in May, followed shortly by the school summer holidays, we hope to see you all enjoying Sandgreen, in what, we hope, is going to be a scorcher of a summer!

With this in mind, we wanted to get in touch with your Spring Sandgreen update, and provide a few important reminders for the coming months.

***SAVE THE DATE* - Family Fun Beach Day - Saturday 2nd August 2025**

Join us on the beach on Saturday 2nd August for a good old fashioned get together! Bring a picnic and beach blanket with you, and we will arrange some games! We will be sending out further information on our Family Fun Beach Day in due course, but if this is something you and your family would be interested in attending, please save the date in your diary!



Tuck Shop

A little visit to our new look Tuck Shop is a must as we have had a revamp of our Reception and tuck shop area over the Winter and it's proving to be a huge success! Our Tuck Shop is back up and running and fully stocked with drinks, sweets, crisps, and ice cream and the introduction of our new, very popular, Rijo42 coffee machine which has a selection of all your favourite coffees and creamy hot chocolate! You even get a free coffee with each personalised insulated Sandgreen mug you buy – we have limited stock of our mugs, so don't miss out on getting your Sandgreen merch!

Sandgreen's Quiet Space

Our "Quiet Space" continues to be a hit, and we are delighted to see so many customers taking advantage of this service. Ever been enjoying your holiday or time away at Sandgreen and get an urgent email from work? Wish you could come up to Sandgreen for the week, but the kids have got revision to do? Got something you need to print or scan and email off to someone as soon as possible? Don't let this ruin your special time at Sandgreen – book a timed slot to use our dedicated office space! Our office space provides a quiet space for you to concentrate or have confidential work phone calls or zoom meetings, free WiFi, free printing supplies and printer, and a stationary set free to use! Advance booking is best, as we cannot always guarantee the room being free at short notice.

Boat Registration

A reminder that all boats must be registered with us before you bring them on to Sandgreen. As ever, we require a completed Boat Registration Form, copy of your current boat insurance, and payment of the registration fee before a copy of the new beach gate key and sticker can be given out. You should also ensure your pitch number is clearly displayed on your boat – stickers are available at Reception. There should be no boats on Sandgreen that are unregistered so please ensure you do this as soon as possible. If you



are bringing a kayak, canoe, or small craft up to and including 10ft onto the park, there is no registration fee payable, however, we do still ask that you complete a registration form and collect a craft sticker and pitch number sticker for safety reasons.

Please remember to keep to the correct lanes on the beach with your boats. The lanes are in place for safety and noted in the paperwork given with the boat rules as well as being displayed on the beach noticeboards. As a reminder, there are three separate, clearly identified lanes in the water at Sandgreen. The lane closest to the Park entrance is for power boats, the middle lane is for sail boats/kayaks/canoes/paddleboards, and the furthest away lane is for swimming.

Friends & Family Hire Fleet Discount

As a reminder, if your friends or family book a holiday in any of our hire fleet, they can receive a 7% discount if they quote your name and pitch number at the time of booking! If you are looking to host a family gathering, catch up with old friends, or have a get together for a Birthday or Anniversary, booking your friends and family into our hire fleet for a stay means you can enjoy the best of both worlds – and not have your own holiday home overrun with guests! To check availability, please feel free to get in touch with our Reception.

The Wee Yin – A Roaring Success!

We have been overwhelmed with all the fabulous positive feedback from those who have stayed in The Wee Yin so far this season! This stunning mini-lodge has been strategically positioned right on the beach, providing breathtaking views out across the bay, making it the perfect getaway for two. The Wee Yin is proving to be very much in demand; if your friends and family would be interested in staying in The Wee Yin, we would be happy to check availability for them.



Kirkcudbright Bridge Closure

As many of you will already be aware, the bridge from Merse Road into Kirkcudbright town centre is currently closed to all vehicles, with no signs of this changing any time soon. There is a signed diversion in place on the A75, meaning you can still visit Kirkcudbright and enjoy all that this bustling little town has to offer; from its several shops and cafes to the many superb events that Kirkcudbright organise for everyone – locals and visitors alike, Kirkcudbright really is worth the visit. We really do hope that this does not prove too much of an inconvenience for you all, and that you still take the time to visit our neighbouring town. If we hear any further updates or news on if, or when, the bridge may be reopening, we will, of course, let you know.



New Additions to our Sales Stock

During February and March our Pre-Season Sale was a huge success, resulting in us just about selling out of stock! As some of you may know already, this can only mean one thing; Elspeth and Jan have therefore been shopping! Please see below for details of all the holiday caravans and lodges currently for sale at Sandgreen.

| Pre-Owned Holiday Caravans | | | |
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| 2015 Carnaby Lifestyle | 35ft x 12ft, 3 Bed | £18,000 | *Private Sale* Sited and Sold on Pitch 157 |
| 2019 Willerby Skye | 38ft x 12ft, 3 Bed | £28,000 | *Private Sale* Sited and Sold on Pitch 139 **REDUCED FROM £32,000** |
| 2022 Delta Langford | 38ft x 13ft, 2 Bed | £39,500 | *Private Sale* Sited and Sold on Pitch 92 **REDUCED FROM £44,500** |
| Brand New Holiday Homes | | | |
| 2025 Willerby Malton MK2 | 35ft x 12ft, 2 Bed | £44,744 | |
| 2025 Willerby Rio | 38ft x 12ft, 3 Bed | £46,789 | |
| 2025 Willerby Linwood MK2 | 38ft x 12ft, 3 Bed | £47,390 | |
| 2025 Swift Provence | 35ft x 12ft, 2 Bed | £49,055 | COMING SOON! |
| 2025 Swift Ardennes | 38ft x 12ft, 2 Bed | £51,564 | COMING SOON! |
| 2025 Swift Morlaix | 38ft x 12ft, 2 Bed | £52,135 | COMING SOON! |
| Lodges | | | |
| 2023 ABI Ambleside (Single Lodge) | 40ft x 14ft, 2 Bed | £85,000 | *Pre-Owned* *Private Sale* Sited and Sold on Pitch 32 |

All our holiday homes for sale are listed on our website and include full descriptions, photographs and details.

If you are thinking of upgrading your holiday home, be that to a new or pre-owned holiday home, now is the time to do it! We can offer part-exchange deals on your current holiday home. Just get in touch with our office and we will help you through the process.

****REMINDER on Park Rules and Park Health & Safety****

The Easter holiday is the first really busy time across the park in a new season, and it has been great to see you all at Sandgreen, enjoying the good weather we had. However, there have sadly been quite a few Park Rules broken over the past few weeks, and so, as a further important reminder to everyone:

SPEEDING – You **must** not drive on or through the park at more than 10mph. There is really no other way to state this, and this is the one rule that gets broken countless times. Please note, this speed limit also applies to your friends and family members visiting the park. Speeding through the park at any time of the year is simply unacceptable, however, is especially dangerous during busy times and school holidays as there are children out and about on the park, cycling, playing, etc. We can also have farm animals moving through park. For your sake as well, we would hate for there to be a tragic accident on the park due to the fact you would like to get to your holiday home a few seconds earlier. Please do adhere to this park rule. As a reminder, the Park Rules form part of your Licence to occupy your pitch at Sandgreen. Persistent breaches of our Park Rules could put you at risk of losing your Agreement to occupy your pitch at Sandgreen, which none of us wish to happen.



Dogs on Leads - We all love our pets here at Sandgreen and we have the Park Rules regarding dogs in place to protect everyone, including your own pets. Please remember our Park Rules regarding dogs on Sandgreen state: *Whilst on the Park, dogs must be on leads at all times* (this includes around your holiday home). *Whilst on the Beach, dogs must be on leads between the hours of 8am and 9pm. During the hours of 9pm and 8am, well behaved, controlled dogs can be left off the lead on the beach to have a good run around.* Please do not leave your pet alone in your holiday home, especially if it is hot or if your pet is prone to getting upset and barking when left – this is really unfair on your pet, and also your neighbours.

Children's Playpark - Our play park is there for children, under the age of 12 years old, to enjoy between the hours of 9am and 9pm, **while being supervised by an adult.** To be clear, an adult is a person over the age of 18. As we are coming up to the bank holidays in May, we ask that all customers whose children will be using the play park stick to the park rules in place. That means using the park between the appropriate times and supervising your children. Please remember, the park rules regarding the play park are in place to protect your children, for Health and Safety reasons, and to allow **everyone** to enjoy Sandgreen as they should be able to – children and adults alike. It is not our staff's responsibility to look after other's children while playing at the park, or making sure your children have left the play park by 9pm each evening.



Park Entrance - We all know that the “Sandgreen Stone” and telephone box at the entrance to the park is a novelty to the children and teens on Sandgreen, however, please ensure that your children are not climbing on the Sandgreen stone or on top of the telephone box, for obvious safety reasons. **This area should not be used as a “play area” at all**, especially at night or when it is dark. Vehicles can be coming down the main road and into the park quite quickly at times before slowing for the 10mph speed limit; there is often bicycles, and children, in the middle of the road which is very likely to cause a serious accident one day. We have also had vandalism caused to the telephone box and the Dumfries & Galloway grit bin at the park entrance which neither are our property, and therefore are other businesses responsibility to come out to make repairs. We are really hoping we, as a community, can keep the red phone box at the entrance of the park, however, if BT are needing to be called out to make repairs to this throughout the year, they will be more inclined to remove this, which would be a real shame as it is a Sandgreen tradition. As the darkness falls, there are huge health and safety risks with your children and/or teens “hanging around” this area. The biggest is from vehicles coming in and out of the park – no children have hi-vis clothing on and they are practically invisible at night when out on the park, until it is too late. Secondly, as you are all aware, we are located in the Dark Sky Park and therefore have no streetlights on Sandgreen. It would not take much for your child to trip over the grass verge in the dark, and possibly really hurt themselves, for example, banging their head on one of our verge boulders? It is also not enjoyable for anyone to have children at the entrance of the park playing music from their mobiles, shouting, and causing noise disturbances until past 10pm/11pm – Sandgreen is so still at night, this noise travels far across the park and then causes us to receive complaints out of hours.

There really are far safer and more appropriate places for your children to play or catch up with each other on the park than at the entrance road! Please also ensure your children are safely home by a sensible time at night.

It is not our staff's responsibility to be watching over your kids on an evening and making sure they are, firstly safe, secondly behaving, and finally getting home to you safe. We will be moving children away from the park entrance and contacting the parents of persistent offenders.

Moving Boats through the Park - For obvious Health & Safety reasons, please do not let children, or adults, sit in or be on top of your boat/trailer/or boat attachments when transporting it to and from the beach. This is extremely dangerous, and we would hate for there to be an accident.

Electric Scooters – we have noticed that we have gained a new vehicle at Sandgreen this Spring – electric scooters. As stated in our Park Rules, the Rules of the Road apply to all roads in Sandgreen. Therefore, for

the avoidance of doubt, please see below for the current Laws and Regulations, for Scotland, regarding e-scooters.

In Scotland, it is currently illegal to use privately owned electric scooters on public roads, pavements, or other public spaces, as they do not meet the necessary legal standards. They may be permitted on private land with the landowner's permission. E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) and are treated as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means they need insurance, a valid driving license, and must comply with various vehicle regulations.

Please ensure, as the Law states currently, that electric scooters or e-scooters are not used on Sandgreen and for complete clarity note that we DO NOT permit them at Sandgreen.

Pitch Limitations – as a reminder, each pitch can have a MAXIMUM of either one vehicle and one boat, or, two vehicles at the pitch at any one time. If you have friends or family visiting where there would be more vehicles than this, you can use our Reception Car Park, free of charge, for any additional vehicles. Please remember, no commercial vehicles are allowed on Sandgreen at any time.

Drones – We have also been made aware that there was a drone flying over and around Sandgreen during the Easter holidays. Please remember, as per our Park Rules, drones are not permitted at Sandgreen, at all. We have no idea who or where this drone was being flown from, and understand it may be the case that the person was not even at Sandgreen and, for example, could have been across the other side of the bay.



Septic Tanks – since the start of the season, we have been informed of a few blockages in our drainage and septic tank pipework affecting the “facilities” within some holiday homes. Following our team clearing these blockages, we understand that these have been caused by a build up of substances like grease, fat, and oils which have solidified over the winter closed period within the pipework, and then, when everyone comes back and starts using their holiday homes, the pipes are quickly getting clogged due to the restricted diameter of the pipes caused by the build-up of the blockages. Please remember, as stated in our Park Rules:

You must not introduce any foreign items into the drainage system including cleaning cloths, wet wipes, babies' nappies, sanitary towels, condoms, cooking fat, engine oil, grease or paint. Pitch holders blocking the drains with non-disposable items are liable to be charged for clearing them.

Noise

And finally, please respect your neighbours. We all like, and expect our customers, to have an enjoyable time out in the sunshine with friends and family, but Sandgreen is a special place where customers come to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet too. Please keep noise to a minimum between the hours of 10pm and 8am.

We remind you of these important rules and safety guidelines to try and minimise the number of times our team have to speak with individuals regarding rule breaks this year. It is not a pleasant experience for anyone when this happens. Although we want everyone to have a superb Spring and Summer at Sandgreen and enjoy themselves, safety is, and needs to be, our top priority.

Please don't ruin your special time at Sandgreen by breaking the rules.

If, of course, you see or are experiencing an issue on the park regarding any breach of our Park or Safety Rules, please do call our office between the hours of 9am and 5pm, or call Jan on the emergency number if out of office hours.

Sandgreen Benches

Some of you may have already noticed that we have bought and installed two new benches out on the park – one is situated at the top of the beach hill at the far end of the park, and the other is situated on the main road along from the office – great little spots to sit back and relax, and catch your breath while out and about on the park.



We have an opportunity for you, if anyone would like, to sponsor these benches. There are only two benches, so we are limited to two sponsorships only – if this is something you would be interested in, let us know as soon as possible. You can sponsor a bench for £180 (inc VAT). You could dedicate the bench to you and your family, or to someone who is sadly no longer with us and able to enjoy Sandgreen. We would ask you to confirm the details with us by email and let us have a note of the message you would like, we would then make a personalised plaque for attaching to the bench.

Proof of Residential Address

As is the case each year, in our New Season Newsletter, we asked that you provide us with this year's Residential Proof Documents. This is an annual check that we need to do. One of the conditions of your Licence Agreement is that you do not use your holiday home as your only or main residence. As an operator, we have to prove that we have nobody living on the park at any time, and if we are "spot checked" by the Local Authority, we need to provide them with this evidence. In our New Season Newsletter, which was sent out to you all on 11th February 2025, we asked that you provide this year's proof by the end of March. Unfortunately, there are still quite a lot of customers who have not provided us with these documents, and this then means our Reception team have to "chase" this up with each person. Please do ensure you provide, as soon as possible, any of the accepted documents below as your 2025 Residential Address Proof:

- ✓ Utility Bill issued within the last three months
- ✓ Local Authority Council Tax Letter for current year
- ✓ Current Driving Licence
- ✓ Bank or Building Society Statement issued within the last three months
- ✓ Inland Revenue self-assessment or Tax Demand

Beach Borrow Box

We have now reinstated the borrow box at the entrance to the beach. We have several different items in the borrow box – beach games, buckets and spades, etc for everyone to use while visiting the beach. If you would like to donate anything to our borrow box this year, please feel free to either drop something into the office for this, or pop your donation straight into the borrow box.



Maintenance Packages and Additional Services

Don't forget, we have created some additional maintenance services and packages to take the strain off you, our customer, allowing you more time to enjoy your beautiful holiday home. All details for these maintenance services are below and if you would be interested in ordering any of these, please do let our Reception know.

| Additional Services / Maintenance Packages | NET | VAT | TOTAL | PAYABLE |
|--|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Caravan Washing | £ 125.00 | £ 25.00 | £ 150.00 | As Required |
| Grass Cutting (per cut) | £ 32.00 | £ 6.40 | £ 38.40 | As Required |
| Grass Cutting - Over 70's (per cut) | £ 16.00 | £ 3.20 | £ 19.20 | As Required |
| Seasonal Grass Cutting Service (1 cut per month from April - September) | £ 170.00 | £ 34.00 | £ 204.00 | As Required |
| Wasp Nest Removal | £ 54.17 | £ 10.83 | £ 65.00 | As Required |
| Open Up Service (lights on, heating on, water checked) | £ 16.67 | £ 3.33 | £ 20.00 | As Required |
| Tap Cover | £ 39.17 | £ 7.83 | £ 47.00 | As Required |
| Install Shed Shelving - Option A (One Shelf at 1.8m x 9") | £ 41.25 | £ 8.25 | £ 49.50 | As Required |
| Install Shed Shelving - Option B (Two Shelves at 1.8m x 9" each) | £ 70.77 | £ 14.15 | £ 84.92 | As Required |
| Install Shed Shelving - Option C (Three Shelves at 1.8m x 9" each) | £ 100.43 | £ 20.09 | £ 120.52 | As Required |
| Gutter Clean | £ 50.00 | £ 10.00 | £ 60.00 | As Required |
| Deck Treatment with Anti-Algae Solution | £ 75.00 | £ 15.00 | £ 90.00 | As Required |
| Deck Power Wash | £ 100.00 | £ 20.00 | £ 120.00 | As Required |

Upcoming Local Events

There are lots of great local events running throughout the next few months. Here's a handy little list of some of our top picks to help you plan your Spring and Summer at Sandgreen. For further information and to find out more about other local events happening, there is a great Facebook page called "Dumfries & Galloway! What's going on?". You can also visit their website at <https://www.dgwgo.com>

Starting 14th May with various dates throughout the Month **Queen – Heaven: Full Dome Experience (Kirkcudbright)**

Held at the Dark Space Planetarium. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience Queen's legendary music in an entirely new way! For further information visit <https://www.darkspaceplanetarium.org/events/>

25th May **Kirkcudbright Farmers & Producers Market**

Held in Kirkcudbright town centre from 11am – 3pm and repeating every fourth Sunday, this market offers a wide range of fantastic foods, drinks, crafts, and much much more – all from local producers, many of them award-winning!

12th – 15th June **Jazz Festival, Kirkcudbright**

A celebration of new Orleans, Dixieland and Swing Jazz. Tickets are priced for this event. For further information <https://kirkcudbrightjazzfestival.co.uk/>

14th & 15th June **South of Scotland Horse Trials, Twynholm**

The "South of Scotland Horse Trials" will take place at Valleyfield Farm, Twynholm over the weekend of 14th & 15th June 2025. The event combines dressage, showjumping and cross country tests. There will also be a number of trade stands and mobile food outlets attending this event. For further information visit <https://www.southofscotland.com/about>.

17th July **Kirkcudbright Scottish Nights – Every Thursday Night until the end of August 2025**

A great night throughout the summer with the world famous and unbeaten Kirkcudbright Tug o' War Team. For all dates and further information visit www.kirkcudbright.town/calendar

19th & 20th July **Kirkcudbright Country Fair**

Bigger and better than ever, Kirkcudbright Country Fair 2025 welcomes a spectacular programme of guest performers and display teams. For more information visit www.kirkcudbright.town/calendar

20th - 26th July **Galloway Pageant, Newton Stewart**

BBQ, golf competitions and car treasure hunts – and that's all before the actual Pageant Day! For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066469282889&locale=en_GB

27th July – 3rd August **Gatehouse of Fleet Gala**

The Gala just gets bigger and bigger each year, with so many events throughout July and August to enjoy. For the full list of events visit <https://gatehousegala.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/610996119052180>

1st – 4th August **Kirkcudbright Arts and Crafts Trail**

Going from strength-to-strength Kirkcudbright's award-winning trail is not to be missed. Over four days artists, craft makers, halls, galleries and businesses open their doors. For further information visit www.artandcraftstrail.com

23rd August **Kirkcudbright Tattoo & Firework Display 7:30pm to 10pm**

The world comes to Kirkcudbright each August when our town puts on its most spectacular of shows, with a stunning explosion of creative performances culminating in a lone piper serenading the gathered crowd before the sky bursts into a shimmering firework display. Add in the assembled local pipe bands, country dancers, and much more and you have a performance to stir all the senses and emotions. Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kirkcudbright>

24th August **Classic Car Rally, Kirkcudbright**

One of the most popular events in the Kirkcudbright calendar, the Classic Car Rally is a spectacle to behold. Held every year in the Harbour Square car park 9:30am to 4:00pm.

4th – 8th September **Kirkcudbright Fringe Festival**

The Kirkcudbright Fringe is back for its second year, promising a weekend filled with entertainment, culture, theatre, art and fun for all. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the Kirkcudbright Fringe website. <https://kbtfringe.com/>

Looking ahead

Just a few reminders for the coming months in relation to invoices that will be due.

Bulk Gas – We have just read the Bulk Gas Meters on 30th April and invoices will be emailed out for this within the first two weeks of May.

Electricity – We have just read the Electricity Meters on 30th April and invoices will be emailed out for this within the first two weeks of May.

Rates & Environmental Charges – We have yet to have the Rates and Environmental Charges fee confirmed for this year, however, as usual, these charges are payable by 30th September, therefore, the invoices for Rates & Environmental Charges will be emailed out to everyone in August. Please remember, these charges are made up of the Rates, of course, but also water usage, refuse collection, and drainage across the park. Therefore, it is beneficial to all if you are as economical as possible when using these services.

All that is left to say is, thank you very much for your continued support and please do get in touch if you have any queries – as always, we are here to help. We really do hope that the weather is kind to us this year, as Sandgreen truly is the best place on earth when the sun shines!

From all the team, we hope you all have a fabulous Sandgreen Spring!

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