

Sandgreen Caravan Park 2025 Summer Newsletter



Another Sandgreen summer has arrived, and this year we are, as I am sure you all are, enjoying some well overdue good weather! The brighter days have brought a renewed energy to the park, with laughter and the sound of children playing drifting through the air. Whether you're basking in the warmth on your deck or taking long, leisurely strolls along the beach, we hope you are all having a great summer at Sandgreen so far.

We hope you enjoy reading this update with all the latest Sandgreen news, and a few reminders for the next few months.

Family Fun Beach Day – Saturday 2nd August

Don't forget, we are planning a Family Fun Day on the beach on Saturday 2nd August between 1pm and 4pm. Grab your picnics, beach blankets, and best cheering voices and join us on the beach for a "good old fashioned" Sandgreen get-together. We will be organising a family game of rounders, egg and spoon race, sack race, three-legged race, and rounding off with a great big tug of war.



To help us plan ahead, please register your interest with our office so we can gauge numbers. Interest can be registered by either emailing us at info@sandgreencaravanpark.co.uk or by calling our Reception on 01557 814351. Please confirm how many people (adults and children) will be attending when doing this.

Please note, if the weather is not kind to us on the day, we may have to cancel or postpone this get-together. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and noticeboard for updates.

Kirkcudbright Bridge Update

As most of you will already be aware, the bridge at Kirkcudbright is now open again – to most vehicles. We hope that this makes your trip into our neighbouring town a lot easier than it has been for the last few months!

Sandgreen Tuck Shop

Don't forget, we have our little tuck shop open in Reception – and it has been upgraded! We have a great selection of ice creams, crisps, sweets, chocolate bars and drinks (including the very tasty Rijo42 coffee machine) available for you all to enjoy!



Quiet Space

We are delighted to see that so many of our customers have used the Quiet Space since offering out this service; it is great to hear that you have found this facility useful during your time at Sandgreen. The space benefits from free Wi-Fi, printer, stationary supplies, and tea/coffee.

We have, however, found that the office space is being used a lot more than we initially expected over the past few months, and unfortunately, as this room is also used by ourselves, we have found that we now need to limit the time that this space is made available to customers.

To ensure everyone gets an equal chance, we are now limiting the Quiet Space bookings to a maximum of 3-hour slots, two times per week, per customer. If you require more time than this, you can “hire” out the room at the rate of £10 per hour. All bookings should be made in advance by contacting our Reception.

Henderson Butchers - Sandgreen Delivery

Now that we are coming into peak BBQ season, don't forget that Hendersons Butchers in Castle Douglas deliver to Sandgreen. They do amazing breakfast and BBQ packs, as well as a wide range of individual products. Deliveries to Sandgreen are every Wednesday afternoon around 3:30pm and you can collect from their van which stops in our car park.

To place an order, contact Hendersons direct on 01556 502654 - cut off time for orders to be in is Tuesday morning. Let us know if you would like a copy of their product list.



Book Library

Don't forget that we still have the book library situated within our laundry building. Unfortunately, we can't guarantee the sunshine for the entire school holidays, so this may be the perfect rainy-day activity to keep the kids occupied! There is a range of different books within the library, suitable for all ages – feel free to borrow and swap these books throughout the holidays. And of course, if you have any old books that you no longer want, feel free to donate these into the baskets for others to enjoy.

Customer Notice Board

Also within our laundry building, we have a customer notice board. Please feel free to pop an advert up on this notice board. It can be anything from items you are looking to sell, swap, or are wanting, or local events you would like to advertise.

Enjoying Your Sandgreen Summer Safely

As we are now at the beginning of the school summer holidays, we just wanted to remind you of a few Park Rules and safety points to ensure everyone, adults and children alike, can enjoy a great summer at Sandgreen.



Speed

The **maximum** speed you can drive on Sandgreen is 10 mph. For everyone's safety, please stick to the speed limit. This includes any visitors you have to your holiday caravan or lodge, so please do make sure they are aware of the speed limit on the park – and that it is adhered to.

Parking

There should only ever be either a maximum of one car and one boat or, two cars parked at any pitch at any one time. If there are more than two vehicles visiting your holiday home, all additional vehicles need to be parked in the car park at Reception.

Dogs

Please remember to keep your dogs on leads while walking around the park, at all times. This includes around your holiday home. No matter how well you know your dog, you do not know other people's dogs, or if other people walking around the park are fearful of dogs, so please keep your own pet safe by keeping them on a lead.

Well behaved, controlled dogs can be left off the lead to have a good run around on the beach between 9pm and 8am.

Please do not leave your pets unattended indoors. During summer, it can get very hot and stuffy in your holiday home, and you run the risk of your pet overheating. They can also become quite distressed when left, and a dog which is constantly barking is no good for your pet or 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. We ask that all customers whose children will be using the play park over the school holidays stick to the park rules in place regarding this. 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 (the play equipment is only built by the manufacturers for children of this age group), and to allow **everyone** to enjoy Sandgreen as they should be able to – children and adults alike.

Please remember, all children under the age of 10 years old must be accompanied **by an adult** whilst out playing or cycling around the park or on the beach.

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 already witnessed a couple of close calls over the past few weeks. 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 local icon. 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.

Responsibility cannot be put on our staff to watch over your kids and make sure they are, firstly safe, secondly behaving, and finally getting home to you safe.

For these Health and Safety reasons, we will be moving children away from the park entrance if they continue to use this space, and contacting the parents of persistent offenders.

Tents

A gentle reminder that tents are not permitted on Sandgreen.

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.

We remind you of these important rules and guidelines to first and foremost ensure everyone's safety, and to also 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 summer at Sandgreen and enjoy themselves, safety is, and needs to be, our top priority.

Please don't ruin your Sandgreen summer 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 the emergency number if out of office hours.

Sandgreen Benches

You may remember from our last newsletter that we had installed two beautiful new benches on the park, and we were offering the opportunity for our customers to sponsor a bench. We now only have one bench left available for sponsoring. This could be for dedicating to you and your family, or to someone who is sadly no longer with us and able to enjoy Sandgreen.



The sponsorship fee is £180 (inc VAT). If you would like to sponsor this bench, please just let us know. We would ask you to confirm the details with us by email and let us have a note of the message you would like on the bench. We can then make a personalised plaque for attaching to the bench.

Sales Open Day – Saturday 9th August 2025

We are holding a Sales Open Day between 9am and 4pm on Saturday 9th August. All of our sales stock units will be open and available for you to peruse at your leisure, and our team will be on hand to help answer any queries you may have. Therefore, if you are thinking of upgrading your holiday home at Sandgreen, this may be the perfect opportunity for you to come along, view our available stock in your own time, and have a chat with us about your options – No Obligation whatsoever. To preview our holiday caravans and lodges currently available, check out our website here: <https://www.sandgreencaravanpark.co.uk/sales>



Rates & Environmental Charges

As usual, these charges are payable by 30th September, therefore, the invoices for Rates & Environmental Charges will be emailed out to everyone at the end August. We are in the middle of calculating this year's fee for Rates & Environmental Charges, and will be emailing everyone at the end of July to confirm these. The good news is, so far, it does look like there will be a reduction on last year's fee!

Upcoming Local Events

There are lots of great local events running throughout the summer holidays. Here's a handy little list of some of our top picks to help you plan your 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>



Up to 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/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610996119052180>

1st – 4th August Kirkcudbright Arts and Crafts Trail

Going from strength-to-strength Kirkcudbright's award-winning arts and crafts 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/>

All that is left to say is, thank you very much for your continued support – we really do appreciate this. Please do get in touch if you have any queries; as always, we are here to help. We really do hope that the sun continues to shine on us, and that you all have a superb summer at Sandgreen!

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