

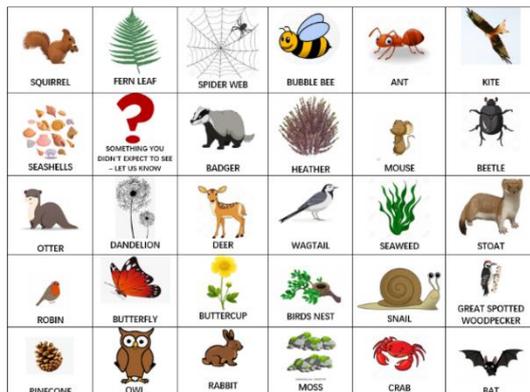
Sandgreen Caravan Park

Summer 2022 Newsletter

It is great to welcome the sun back to Sandgreen this week! We have been so busy since our last newsletter we thought we would send out an update.

We would like to start our newsletter with a welcome to all of our new customers on the park. Over the last 18 months we have welcomed 38 new families to Sandgreen and we would like to extend a very warm Sandgreen welcome to you all. We hope you are enjoying your time at Sandgreen. Please don't forget, we are always here to help; whether it be to help with maintenance, general enquiries, or simply just to say hello.

SANDGREEN NATURE TRAIL BINGO



HOW MANY YOU CAN FIND?

Summer Nature Trail Bingo

As part of our David Bellamy Pollinator Patch work, we have created a Nature Trail Bingo card for the Sandgreen children to take part in over the school holidays. This is a great, fun way for children to easily get involved in our Pollinator Patch work and learn, recognise, and appreciate the many different species and habitats we have at Sandgreen. Of course, adults can take part too!

You can collect your free nature trail bingo card from Reception – please return it to us once completed. This helps us in knowing which animals and habitats are flourishing at Sandgreen and which we need to give a little helping hand. At the end of the season, all returned bingo cards will be entered into a lucky dip prize draw and the winner will receive a voucher to spend in our tuck shop!

Name the Sandgreen Buggy

Some of you may have already noticed our team out and about on the park in our new fully electric Club Car. As we continue to try and be as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible, this is the first in our fleet of electric site vehicles and helps our team get around the park without using diesel or petrol powered vehicles – helping reduce the vehicle emissions on the park.

We would love for you to help us name our new Club Car buggy and we will shortly be running a competition on our Facebook page for this. To be in for a chance to win a sizzling summer BBQ pack from Hendersons Butchers, look out for our facebook competition and comment with your name ideas. The competition will run for a week – you've got to be in it to win it!



Facebook Page

As we have lots of new families on Sandgreen this year, we would like to remind you all of our Sandgreen Facebook pages. You can follow our main Sandgreen Caravan Park Facebook page, however, we also have an "Owner's Only" Facebook group page, called Active at Sandgreen. This is a great place for owners at Sandgreen to recommend local events/restaurants/etc, buy and sell items on the park, and keep in touch with fellow Sandgreeners.

Withdrawal of Paper £20 and £50 Notes

Just in case you didn't know, as of 30th September 2022, paper £50 and £20 notes will be withdrawn from circulation and can no longer be used after this date. We can still accept the paper notes as legal tender up to 30th September, but from then onwards, can only accept the new polymer notes.



New Website Page – Green Credentials

We have created a new page on our website called “Green Credentials” where we have posted some little articles on what we are doing to help our business become more environmentally friendly. Check the page out to keep up to date. We are always looking for new ways to improve on this, so please do let us know if you have any suggestions.

We are aware that some customers have and will say that it is impossible for us to be environmentally friendly given the industry we are in. We do and will continue to do all we can to be as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible, while successfully running our business. Every little helps!



Play it Green Partnership

We have partnered with Play it Green to make our workforce Climate Positive, lower our carbon footprint, and give back to a good cause. Play it Green is an organisation who employ a 3 Step Solution to Climate Change: REDUCE carbon footprints; REPAIR the planet and rebalance carbon footprints by planting trees; and REGIVE 10% of all revenues to a good cause.

It is important to us that, as a business, we help in any way we can to make the future brighter and take positive steps for the planet. Signing up to the Climate Positive Workforce scheme with Play it Green was a no-brainer and an excellent, manageable way to rebalance our employee's carbon footprints, educate our staff on sustainability and help in repairing the planet.

Through our partnership with Play it Green, we are provided with weekly tips and tools to lower our carbon footprint while also making an immediate environmental and social impact through the trees we plant.

Enough trees are planted every month to more than rebalance the carbon footprint of our staff's personal lives and all their work-related travel. This helps lift vulnerable people out of poverty, as they are employed not only to plant but to care for the trees as they grow in developing areas of the world. Everyone who signs up to Play it Green receive their own webpage called a "Forest Garden". This shows how many trees we have planted and our resulting carbon offset. You can track how many trees Sandgreen have planted by following the link below to the Sandgreen Caravan Park Forest Garden:

[Sandgreen Caravan Park Forest Garden](#)

Through Play it Green's unique three-step solution to climate change, a tenth of all revenues also go to a good cause. We have chosen to support Sea Shepherd UK; a non-profit marine wildlife conservation organisation working to protect marine life and ecosystems around the world's coasts.

Park Rules Reminder

Yet again, just as we are coming into one of the busiest times of year on the park, we feel the need to remind customers of a few of the park rules. Please remember, the park rules are there to protect you, our customers, for health and safety reasons, and to protect the natural environment of the park.



× Dogs

Unfortunately, we have received several reports over the last few weeks that customers are coming back to their holiday homes and being welcomed with dog mess at their pitches. Please remember to pick up after your pets while out walking on the park. There really is no excuse for this, we have several dog waste bins situated across the park and beach for everyone to use – please use them.

Please also remember to keep your dogs on leads while walking around the park – AT ALL TIMES. This includes around about your holiday home. We have had instances of dogs attacking other dogs that have passed by or chasing rabbits and being lost – not pleasant for anybody. No matter how well you know your dog, you do not know other people's dogs, so please keep your own pet safe by keeping them on a lead. Dogs can be left off the lead to run on the beach between the hours of 9pm and 8am but only if they are under control.

× Speed

The MAXIMUM speed you can drive on Sandgreen is 10 mph. For everyone's safety, please stick to the speed limit.

× Parking

There should only ever be either 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 will need to be parked in the car park at Reception.



Beach Borrow Box

We have now reinstated the beach 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.

Beach Shower

We now have the beach shower reinstated at the bottom beach entrance. Please feel free to make good use of this during the summer months. It is extremely handy to wash all the sand off after a fun filled day at the beach – but also off little paws before heading back to your holiday home!

Insurance Renewals

It is nearing that time of year again when many of you will be due to renew your holiday home insurance. As you all know, the price of EVERYTHING is increasing at the moment, therefore, you should really be looking to reassess your holiday home stated value. We are in discussions with the insurance companies we work with regarding this and will be sending out a separate email with an update.

School Holiday Safety

As we are now in the early stages of the school holidays, we all look forward to seeing the Sandgreen children out playing and enjoying time with their friends here on the park. Sandgreen is a fantastic natural playground, however, safety must come first. Whilst we appreciate Sandgreen is a haven for youngsters we must advise that it is not always safe to have very young children walking or cycling by themselves. There are far more cars on the park than years ago and there is a significant increase in the number of delivery vehicles visiting both the private householders as well as our own customers. Please, for the sake of your children's safety, do not let them wander around, unaccompanied unless they are fully road safety aware. We would really hate for an accident to happen.



We would like to remind all the parents on Sandgreen that the play park at Sandgreen is restricted to children 12 years and under and all children must be supervised whilst using the play park.

Extended Season

As we do every year, we will be getting in touch with our caravan holiday home owners later in the season regarding the option to take the Winter Extension. As this year is flying by already, we thought we would remind you of this option now to help customers plan their winter at Sandgreen. As you know, the caravan season ends each year on 31st October. Opting to take the extended season means you can use your caravan from 1st November right through to 5th January. The 2022 cost to do this is £475.34 (inc VAT). We will need to know if you would like to take the extended season this year by 15th October 2022, and the extension fee is also payable by this date.

Upcoming Local Events

There are lots of great local events running throughout the summer holidays. We have made a handy little list of some of these to help you plan your summer at Sandgreen. For further information and to find out 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>.

21st to 24th July

James Richards Circus, Dee Walk Field, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4DR

Tickets can be purchased online – www.ticketsource.co.uk/jamesrichardscircus

Children £8 – Adults £10

Ticket Office opens on 21st July at 10am

23rd to 30th July

Castle Douglas Civic Week

A variety of activities on across this week, including fancy dress cinema, prize bingo, treasure hunt, pet show, and much more.

29th July

Outdoor Cinema – Douglas Park, Newton Stewart

An open-air cinema experience – just bring yourself, a chair and as many blankets as you'd like. Free food provided to those who book in advance. Showing Sing 2 and 2pm and Spiderman: No Way Home at 5pm. To book your place, call 01671 401449.

31st July - 7th August Gatehouse Gala Week – our own local Gala

A variety of events on across this week, including torchlight procession, fireworks, Gala Parade, and much more. Gala day is Saturday 6th August and held in Garries Park.

3rd August

Wigtown Agricultural Show, Bladnoch Park, Wigtown, DG8 9AB

A show with a mixture of livestock, horse and poultry shows, outdoor trade stands, craft marquee and food hall. Entry Fees: Adults & Children Over 14 - £10, OAPs and Children aged 12 to 14 - £5, Primary School Children – FREE, Car Parking – FREE.

4th August

Stewartry Agricultural Show, Stewartry Rugby Club, Castle Douglas, DG7 2LH

A fun family day out with livestock showing, horse classes, stalls, crafts, flower show, food hall, dog show and much more.

6th August

Dumfries Show, Park Farm, Dumfries, DG2 7LU

A show for all the family to enjoy including The Sheep Show, main ring entertainment from Riders of The Storm, vintage machinery display, a rodeo bull, Dumfries Pipe Band, face painting and Nithsdale Alpacas.

14th August

Dumfries Motor Show, Park Farm, Dumfries, DG2 7LU

Amazing stunt show, vehicle displays, kids' inflatables, trade and food stands. 12pm – 5pm. Admission: £8 per ticket if booking in advance, £10 at the gate on the day. Kids under 14 go FREE and FREE parking. Book your tickets at www.motor-shows.co.uk.

20th & 21st August

Galloway Country Fair, Drumlanrig Castle

A two-day event taking place in the picturesque surroundings of Drumlanrig Estate and Castle. From four legged friends to falconry and fast-moving main ring entertainment to an exciting array of free activities in the children's zone there is something to keep all the family entertained. There will also be first-class traders showcasing everything from crafts, home furnishings and clothing to the very best of local food and drink, including live demos.

Henderson Butchers – Sandgreen Delivery

Now that we are coming into BBQ season, don't forget that Hendersons Butchers in Castle Douglas now 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 will be 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.



Sandgreen Tuck Shop

We have been adding as much as we can to our tuck shop stock over the last few months and now sell a selection of ice creams, flapjacks, crisps, sweets, chocolate bars, and juice.

Sales Stock

We are continuing to do our best to source new and pre-owned stock. Unfortunately, the way the industry is at the moment with supply chain issues and delays, and manufacturers suffering recruitment issues, there is a substantial delay in getting stock delivered to the park. There is also a substantial price increase on both new and pre-owned units. Do not despair though – we still have 7 stock units due to be delivered to us this year, so please do speak with us if you are thinking of upgrading.



Pitches

This year we have noticed that some customers are leaving their pitches and holiday homes quite unkempt. Please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure your grass is cut, outside of your holiday home is washed and clean, and your deck is painted if needed. If you are unable to do this yourself, do let us know and we can always quote for completing maintenance works for you.

Please note, when ordering a grass cut, if your grass is overly long and your pitch is overgrowing around your holiday home, for us to clear and tidy this, it is not a standard grass cut. This would be classed as pitch clearance and would attract a higher cost than a grass cut. Pitches which are overgrown and require clearing will be priced on a case-by-case basis.

Tabletop Sale

We are thinking of hosting a bring, buy, or swap tabletop sale at Sandgreen on the last Saturday of July – 30th – where customers can have a good clear out and get rid of any unused or unwanted items. This would be on the grassy area outside the office.

If this is something you would be interested in doing and you would like to bring a table along, please let us know by Monday 18th July 2022. If there are enough customers interested, we will run the tabletop sale and promote the event on social media.

Electricity & Bulk Gas Invoices

As we mentioned previously, due to the price hikes on utilities, we are now reading the gas and electricity meters every 2 months. We have just read these again at the end of June and will be sending the invoices out over the next week.

Photography Competition

We will soon be running a photography competition where you can win a 6-person BBQ pack and a Sandgreen goody bag! This competition will be running on our Facebook pages within the next week or so – so keep an eye out for it on our social media.

Your photograph entries should capture the essence of Sandgreen and there is no limit to the number of submissions. Due to parental permissions and Data Protection, please do not include children or



adults within your submission – unless they are your own family - because the photographs submitted may be used for advertising purposes. You can submit your photographs either via Facebook or by emailing them to info@sandgreencaravanpark.co.uk

We hope you all have an amazing summer at Sandgreen! Here's hoping we have a scorcher!

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