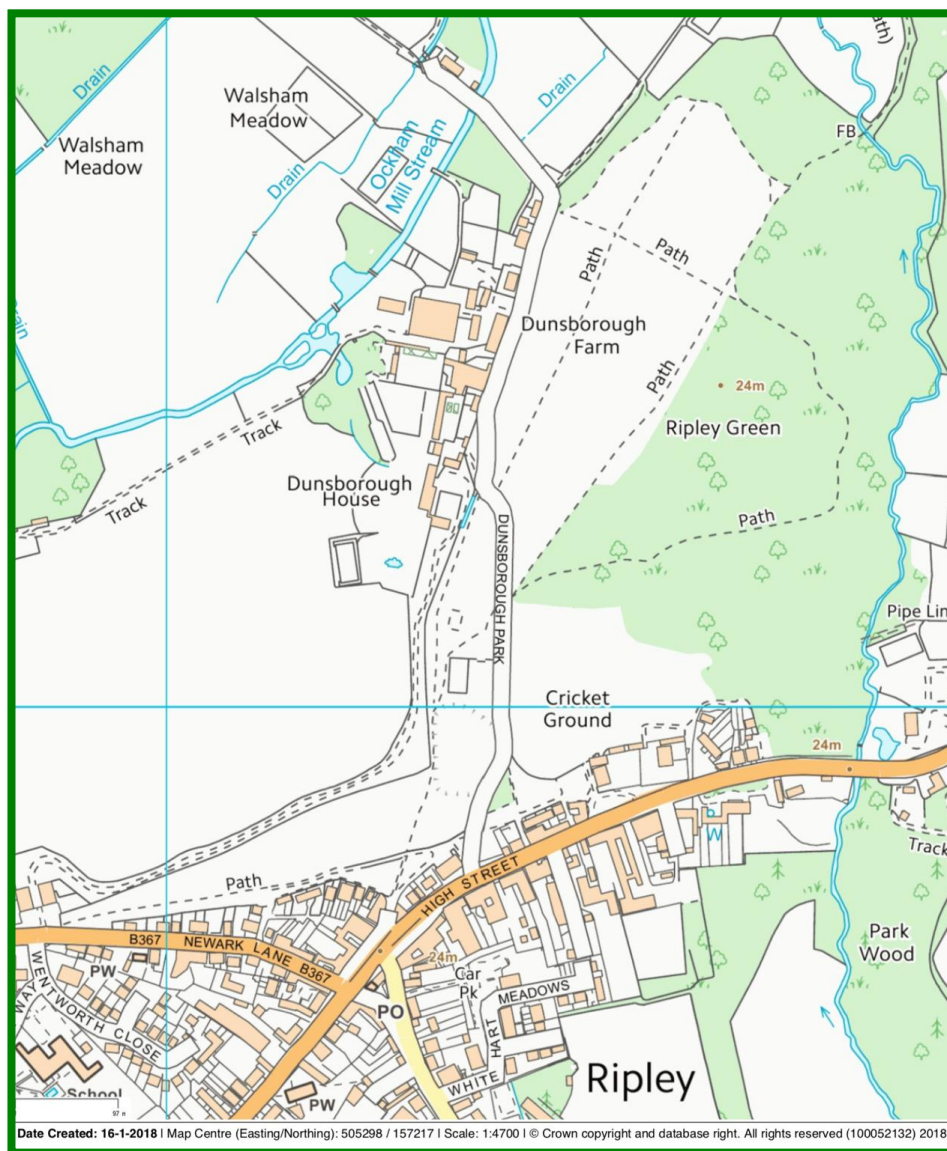


Use of The Green

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1. Introduction

Ripley Village Green is one of the largest village greens in the UK, covering approximately 68 acres. Ripley Parish Council manages The Green for the benefit of residents and visitors.

This policy sets out how members of the public, organisations, businesses and charities may use The Green for events and activities.

General informal use of The Green may include:

- picnics, barbecues and informal celebrations; and
- informal games and non-organised sport.

Barbecues must only be used with suitable equipment that will not scorch, burn or otherwise damage the grass or underlying surface.

Some uses of The Green require permission and may attract a charge. Examples include:

- markets;
- fairs or circuses;
- organised events, including live music;
- events involving temporary structures, marquees, stalls or equipment;
- commercial activity; and
- any event that generates income for an organisation, business or charity.

This list is not exhaustive. Charges support the Council's budget for the maintenance and upkeep of The Green.

To discuss a proposal, or to check whether permission and a fee apply, please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@ripleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

2. Conditions of use

Hirers must either keep the gates locked when not in use or provide a minimum of **three marshals** for the duration of the event. This requirement also applies where the overspill car park is used.

Hirers are responsible for ensuring that The Green is left clean, tidy and free from litter after the event. All arisings from the event must be bagged and left at the approved collection point. The Parish Clerk will arrange collection with Guildford Borough Council Cleansing Services, where applicable.

Hirers are responsible for any damage caused to The Green, gates, access points, furniture, fixtures or surrounding land as a result of their event or activity. The Council may recover the cost of repair, reinstatement or additional cleaning from the hirer.

Hirers must ensure that any required licences, permissions, temporary event notices, insurance, risk assessments, safeguarding arrangements, traffic management, first aid provision and health and safety requirements are in place before the event.

Vehicles are not permitted on The Green except where expressly authorised by the Council.

Amplified music should finish by 11.00pm unless otherwise agreed by the Council. **Events must finish by 11.30pm at the latest.** A further 30 minutes is permitted for clear-down only.

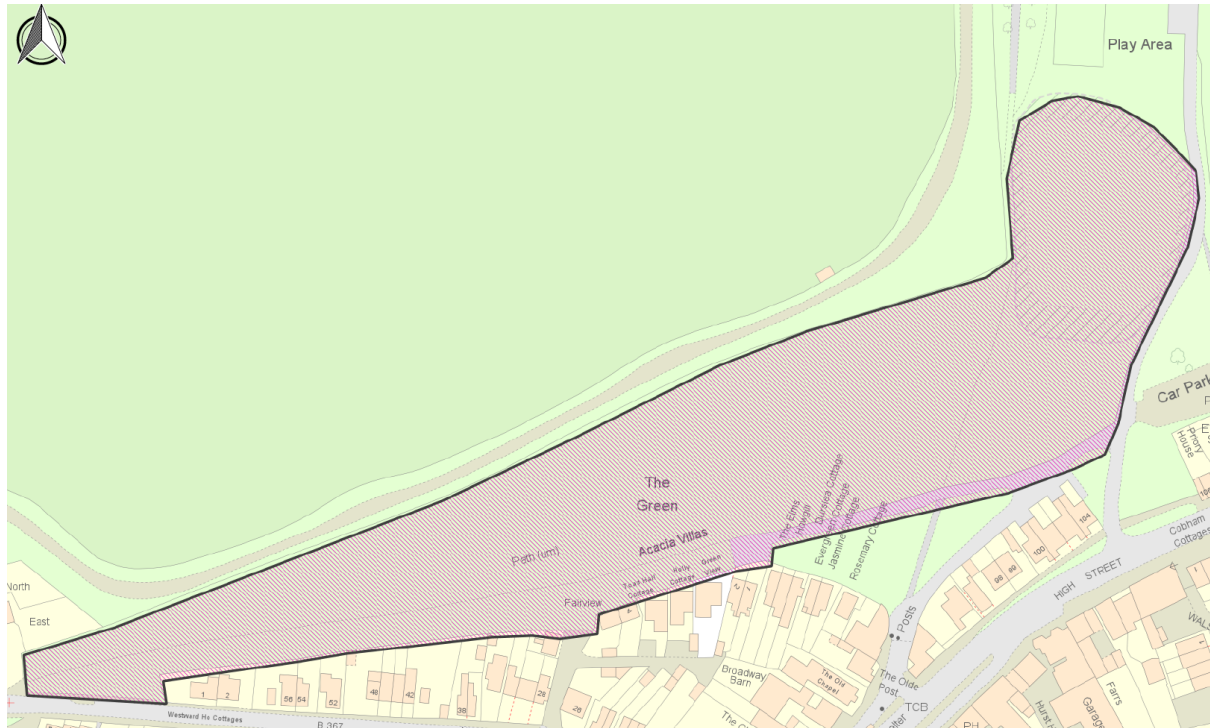
The Council reserves the right to refuse, amend or cancel any booking where it considers this necessary for safety, legal, environmental, operational or amenity reasons.

3. Fees for use of The Green

Use of The Green is charged at a daily rate:

Parish organisation	£175 per day
Out of parish rate	£360 per day
Film & Television crews	£1,275 per day minimum to be discussed with council

This charge covers use of The Green on all or part of the area between Dunsborough Lodges at the westernmost end and the beacon at the easternmost end, including the former pond dip:



An overspill car park at the northern end of the Green is available as an add-on hire (see Section 4).

4. Fees for use of the overspill car park

Use of the overspill car park is charged at a daily rate set by the Council.

