

LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
Longhope, Gloucestershire

USAGE POLICY FOR MAY HILL
Revised 18th June 2018

As May Hill is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – for its grassland and heath vegetation rather than its trees – the parish council will keep this in mind when considering special events and other usage. The parish council only owns the central copse and the paths leading to it, most of the rest of the hill is owned and managed by the National Trust who should be contacted about events on their land.

Traditional seasonal gatherings will be permitted to continue as before, but both they and any privately-requested events should follow the following guidelines:

1. No activity of a commercial nature on the hill
2. No charges for attendance at events
3. No activities likely to be a danger to the general public
4. No barbecues or other fires to be lit
5. No glassware or other potentially dangerous material to be used on the hill
6. All and any rubbish to be fully cleared away, not left behind
7. Access by 4x4 or other vehicles to be only permitted for reasons of disabled access at particular events, and then restricted to one vehicle per occasion
8. On such occasions, gate keys will not be loaned, but a representative of the parish council will attend to manage access from the viewpoint gate.
9. Any events anticipated to attract more than half a dozen cars (the capacity of either the viewpoint or water tower car parks) must manage the use of vehicles to prevent blocking the road, so as not to prevent any movement of emergency vehicles. Other car parks in the area may be suitable venues from which people may share cars.
10. Anyone wishing to host an event of any kind on the hill which may attract the general public should gain the parish council's permission in writing at least three weeks in advance
11. All users of the hill must respect the livestock which has permission to graze there, in particular to control dogs near any cattle.
12. The parish council's policy is to restrict the number of memorial benches to four, currently fully served by the four benches around the central copse.

For any enquiries about this policy or the use of May Hill please contact the Longhope parish clerk on 01594 544456, or email LonghopePC@mail.com . For the National Trust please call their local office on 01452 814213.