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## **Introduction**

It is the Policy of Trysull and Seisdon Parish Council to protect all open space owned or leased by the Parish Council and ensure a safe and well managed environment for all users.

## **Key principles of this policy**

The Parish Council recognises that the provision of open space and their design and layout are important for play and recreation and in contributing to the quality of the environment.

## **Areas of open and or recreational space**

This policy applies to:

- Trysull Playing Field
- Trysull Play Area
- Seisdon Playing Field
- The Pound – Trysull
- School Car Park – Trysull
- Poor's Piece – Trysull (adjacent Village Hall)

## **Prohibitions on the use of open spaces and play areas**

The Parish Council seeks to protect the physical environment of the open spaces, the wildlife and the public by putting into place, prohibitions on activities, which may cause damage to the Open Spaces and the public

The following activities are prohibited, unless the permission of the Council has been obtained in writing:

- The removal of any barrier, post, seat or any other item provided for use on the open spaces and play areas or for the maintenance of them
- The erection of any barrier, post, ride, swing or any other structure
- The removal of any plants, trees or soil from the Open Spaces
- The killing, injuring, taking or disturbing of any animal; and no person shall engage in hunting, shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares
- The turning out of or permitting any animal to graze on the Open Spaces
- The erection of a tent or the use of a vehicle, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping
- The lighting of fires or the disposal of a match or any other thing likely to cause a fire
- The use of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices
- Engaging in the use of any air rifle, bow or crossbow
- The playing of golf, including the driving, chipping or pitching of a hard golf ball
- The holding of any event, be it charitable, commercial or private, without seeking the consent of the Council beforehand
- Driving or other use of any motor vehicle, motor cycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle
- The depositing or dumping of litter or other waste materials of any description

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## **Damage caused to any open space or play equipment**

Any damage or faults to items on the open spaces or any other related issues should be reported as soon as reasonably practicable to the Parish Clerk

Please note that Parish Council reserves the right to make a reasonable charge for any damage caused.

## **Use of open spaces**

Users of these areas should take care and have consideration for their fellow users at all times.

Whilst every care is taken to maintain these sites, the Council cannot be held responsible for damage caused out of their control, for example, by animals.

## **Use of play area**

The Parish Council seeks to provide play areas of a high standard.

Trysull Play Area and Playing Field is inspected as follows:

- Weekly– by visual inspection of equipment and playing field (2-4 times per week)
- Annually – engineers report on Playing Equipment.

The play equipment provided by the Parish Council is suitable for children up to the age of 13 years.

**The safety of children whilst using and visiting the Play Areas is the responsibility of the child's parent, guardian or carer.**

Any damage or faults with the play equipment, fencing, gates or other items in the Play Area; or any other related issues should be reported as soon as reasonably practicable to the Parish Clerk.

## **Re-Opening after COVID 19 lockdown period.**

**We would ask all parents, guardians and users of the play area to please read and take seriously the advice given in the guidance and posters which are clearly visible in the play area. These are provided for your safety. Please act responsibly and courteously at all times when using the area.**

**Please enjoy SAFELY !**