

Proposed Operational Overview

Park Centre

Park Centre anticipates operating within a broad time window, potentially between 7:00am and 11:00pm. In practice, daily opening hours are expected to be shorter and tailored to community need and hire demand. On occasion, we may apply to extend hours for specific one-off events (e.g. seasonal celebrations or community activities).

Intended Use of Spaces

The centre will offer a range of flexible, hireable spaces designed to support inclusive youth and community use.

Anticipated uses include:

Smaller rooms suitable for one-to-one sessions, meetings, support services, and low-capacity activities such as counselling or advice provision etc.

Mid-sized halls appropriate for small groups, well-being sessions, community meetings, toddler activities, youth activities, fundraising events and informal support groups.

A large hall with stage, adaptable for a range of leisure activities, sports and fitness sessions, performing arts, community programmes, community fundraising events, and other structured group activities.

Youth Provision

Youth services will be a key component of Park Centre's future use. These may include drop-in sessions, targeted support groups, recreational activities, and partnership work with local organisations to meet the needs of young people in the area.

Outdoor Space

There are existing outdoor spaces which include modest landscaping and we intend to add seating and planters, with the space intended to support light community use such as sensory engagement, gardening projects, and calm recreational activities.

Community Considerations

The trustees have taken the decision not to accommodate certain high-impact private events (such as 18th/21st birthday parties) to help maintain a safe, community-focused environment.

Hirers will be encouraged to make use of nearby public parking at Cyprus Road and to consider noise management and respect for neighbouring properties.

All activity providers will be expected to meet appropriate safeguarding and supervision standards.

Charity Information

Park Centre Burgess Hill's Charitable Objects are:

(a) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Burgess Hill and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

(b) To relieve the needs of people resident in Burgess Hill and the surrounding area who are in need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances by providing support and activities that develop their skills, capacities and capabilities.

Kind regards,

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