

Recreation & Wellbeing community group reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group: Brundall parkun - Countryside Park

Date: 1st June 2026

Highlights for sharing

A very good period with busy Saturday mornings since our last update, the last few weeks we have seen high numbers especially over the bank holiday weekends. After a slow start and closure over February we are now hitting around 96 people as our average for 2026 and moving toward 100 as summer approaches.

The last two Saturdays have been very warm, so advising runners and walkers to take it a little easier, and bring water. Hopefully it's cooling down a little more.

The last few weeks we have seen a very busy carpark and we are squeezing in as many people as possible (65 vehicles on Saturday) as well as using The Ram car park and advising people to liftshare, walk or cycle. The Cycle stand is usually overflowing on a Saturday morning, which is good to see.

Preparations are in flow for our 11th birthday on the 20th June.

The Countryside park is starting to get a lot of over growth on to paths, we will keep monitoring and cutting back where there is significant overgrowth (Using only hand tools).

National wise, there has been quite a bit of news around the first person to complete 1000 parkruns. This is a significant achievement, and the national interest shows the passion for parkrun. We don't have anyone close to that number in our ranks, but great to see the national press grabbing the story and promoting parkrun.

Issues you wish Recreation & Wellbeing to discuss

None currently. Have move last week issues to page 2

Help requested from other Recreation and Wellbeing participants

None

Items raised previously awaiting response

- (8th April) Email request sent to Claudia and Kevin to assist with the protocol document. Not clear on next steps and require some assistance to get all sides together
 - (1st June) No further communication on the subject. Been an open action since November.
- (8th April) Countryside park still needs the removal of all trees and bramble waste from across the site or to understand the plan for what is to be done, especially on the overflow carpark and the Travalator (West Side). Unsure who is doing what, but very close to the pathway so some risk to users.
 - (1st June) Lawrence and Sarah said they would action carpark at Countryside Park meeting, NO ACTION is yet to be taken and overflow carpark still has waste. As does the west side.
- (8th April) Feedback on the main carpark from many users, especially older parkrunners. The surface is becoming an increased risk to cars and ankles as large rocks are coming to the surface. We keep removing larger ones, but something to be aware of from a risk perspective. Maybe a wider discussion is required if the surface needs refreshing for all users of the Countryside Park.
 - (1st June) Was discussed at the Countryside Park meeting, and I believe the Landowners meeting. No further communication to us, since photos were sent. Car Park is getting worse, we continue to remove larger stones, as and when we spot them.