

# **FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Council parks remain open to the public**

Fenland's parks and open spaces continue to be accessible to the public as the Government encourages communities to enjoy them but remain vigilant.

The Government's new coronavirus guidance, which came into effect on Wednesday May 13, encourages "unlimited exercise" and invites residents to enjoy the sunshine in their local parks, but asks that the public continues to adhere to social distancing guidance.

Members of the public using open spaces are asked to continue to observe the Government's guidelines, which include keeping 2 metres away from those not in your household and avoiding any large gatherings. Those who do not adhere to social distancing guidelines are still liable to face fines and the police will still ask large gatherings to disperse.

Cllr Peter Murphy, the Council's Portfolio Holder for Environment, said: "Over the past months our parks and open spaces have become increasingly important to the health and wellbeing of our local communities."

"Daily exercise is one of the key factors in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and, in light of the Government's new guidance, I encourage local residents to get out in the sunshine and enjoy their local green spaces in a responsible manner."

Fenland District Council's grounds maintenance contractor, Tivoli, has been working hard throughout the lockdown to ensure that local green spaces are well maintained and ready for the public to enjoy as part of their daily exercise.

Residents are also now permitted by the updated guidance to travel to other destinations to enjoy green spaces, rather than being limited to only their closest available spaces.

In the interest of safety and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, play areas and skate parks within Fenland's parks and open spaces will remain closed until further notice.

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