

Six Bells Park Toilets

Good afternoon Erika,

Thank you for your email in requesting information regarding usage of the toilets which are in the community kiosk at SB park. I believe Chris Hill (SBT chairman) provided you with some information back in May regarding toilet usage, etc therefore my information will not be an awful lot different.

However, what I can say is that this summer saw an appreciable upturn in the use of the toilets, linked to the regular opening of the kiosk. I was at the centre of organising a volunteer group who opened the kiosk (Mon-Sat) throughout the school holidays. There are now 15 key holders/volunteers who regularly open the kiosk and toilets. Moreover, running from April to October, there are regular coaching sessions taking place at the park(approximately 50 children from local schools attend weekly) as well as twice weekly social and team practice sessions where naturally the toilets will be opened to the public. Finally, running throughout the year, local residents meet in the log cabin twice weekly, as part of the loneliness project where again the toilets will be open.

I would like to stress that every effort is made to open the toilets for tennis players (and park goers)and since May, 2530 hours of booking time has taken place.

I hope that the above shines a light on the frequent use of the kiosk toilets during the spring, summer and early autumn months. Members of the local community were at pains to thank the community tennis volunteers for opening the toilets this summer. Can I stress the point and I quote Steve Edwards, clerk of the council, when attending a SB Community tennis meeting in June 2024..." the toilets are not public toilets and do not have to be open all the time."

Naturally, due to far less footfall within the park, the winter months sees a reduction in the amount of times that the toilets are open.

Regards

Rob Vaughan(Secretary of SB Community Tennis).
