25 October 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST –1314/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you provide me with the following information:

1. What is the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area, and what was the figure in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks – 50 currently. 46 in 2009/10.

b) Village greens – Rutland County Council does not hold this information, as Rutland County Council does not own or manage any village greens. This was also the case in 2009/10.

c) Community gardens – Rutland County Council does not hold this information, as Rutland County Council does not own or manage any community gardens. This was also the case in 2009/10.

d) Woodland – Rutland County Council does not hold this information, as Rutland County Council does not own or manage any woodlands. This was also the case in 2009/10.

e) Allotments – Rutland County Council does not hold this information, as Rutland County Council does not own or manage any allotments. This was also the case in 2009/10.

f) Nature reserves – Rutland County Council does not hold this information, as Rutland County Council does not own or manage any nature reserves. This was also the case in 2009/10.

2. What is the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves in your local authority area for which members of the public are charged to access (including spaces which only
charge for access on particular days of the year or for certain events), and what was the corresponding figure for each in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks – 0 currently. 0 in 2009/10.

b) Village greens – N/A

c) Community gardens – N/A

d) Woodland – N/A

e) Allotments – N/A

f) Nature reserves – N/A

3. What is your local authority’s total budget allocation for spend on a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves in your local authority area for 2017/18, and what was the total budget allocation for each in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks - £82,800 for 2017/18. Rutland County Council does not hold this information for the budget for 2009/10.

b) Village greens – N/A

c) Community gardens – N/A

d) Woodland – N/A

e) Allotments – N/A

f) Nature reserves – N/A

4. How many staff are employed by your local authority to maintain or manage a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves, in your local authority area in the year 2017/18, and how many were employed for each in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks – 0. No relevant staff are directly employed by Rutland County Council, as the grounds maintenance service is contracted out. This was also the case in 2009/10.

b) Village greens – N/A

c) Community gardens – N/A

d) Woodland – N/A
5. What is the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area which have limited opening hours, and what was the figure in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks – 0. This was also the case in 2009/10.

b) Village greens – N/A

c) Community gardens – N/A

d) Woodland – N/A

e) Allotments – N/A

f) Nature reserves – N/A

6. What is the current total area in km2 of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area, and what was it in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks – 0.147 km2 currently. 0.142 km2 in 2009/10.

b) Village greens – N/A

c) Community gardens – N/A

d) Woodland – N/A

e) Allotments – N/A

f) Nature reserves – N/A

7. What was the total number of publicly accessible a) parks, b) village greens, c) community gardens, d) woodland, e) allotments, f) nature reserves currently in your local authority area for which the management or services are provided by an outside organisation rather than the local authority, and what was the corresponding figure for each in 2009/10?

Answer:

a) Parks – All grounds maintenance for Rutland County Council public open spaces is contracted out. This was also the case in 2009/10.
b) Village greens – N/A

c) Community gardens – N/A

d) Woodland – N/A

e) Allotments – N/A

f) Nature reserves – N/A

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Yours faithfully

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