

EMAIL FROM ALICE PARK CAFÉ

Hi Rob

Sorry to bother you, I know you are busy with the multitude of hats you have to wear, but if you kindly don the Trust hat for a moment, it would be appreciated.

As you know, along with most businesses in the hospitality sector have had a tough time over the last 18 months; however, the glimmer of light in the darkness has always been that, basically, meeting outdoors is now not only just good for you, it is proven to be much less bad for you than indoor meetings.

This in turn means that we have been hoping for more bookings for our marquee than previous years which, unfortunately, has not really materialised. What we have seen though, is an increase of use of the community garden oak building which - as I have been informed by two users - is free and therefore a more attractive proposition.

Normally, I wouldn't moan about these things but there is an obvious disparage between the two offerings; I pay an additional premium to use the space we have always used and it seems completely unfair to have separate systems; if me and the nursery have to pay towards the upkeep of the park, which neither of us have a problem with, it seems strange that if the community garden are venturing into commercial opportunities, however small, that there isn't a level playing field.

I know it's only a small thing and probably not even on your radar, but I thought you should know.

Let me know your thoughts when you have a couple of minutes.

Kindest regards

Tony