

ELLESMERE BOATING MEMBERSHIP

Name(s)	
Telephone	
Email	
Type of boat(s)	

Shropshire council will not pass on your personal data to any third parties. We contact new members to confirm receipt of forms/payment and when the mere cannot be accessed due to events - regatta, carnival, large group bookings etc.

This membership allows the above-named person to use a canoe/kayak/paddle board/non-motorised boat on The Mere at Ellesmere as often as they wish for a year (excluding events taking place), subject to the following conditions:

- An annual licence fee of **£35** has been paid (£17.50 for under 16s, £90 family – 2 x adult + 3 x under 16s all with own craft – please call or email if family share craft or for any additional information).
- Day rate / Organised group bookings are charged at £7 per craft per day. Group leaders need to provide copies of risk assessment(s) and public liability insurance.
- Please keep a copy of your joining email in case you are asked for proof of membership by a member of the team on site.
- The no go areas on the map are strictly observed to protect wildlife & marginal plant growth. Please note this includes a **10-metre margin around all of the mere** apart from the launch areas. [Click here to see the map.](#)
- Buoyancy Aid/lifejackets **must always be worn** by everyone using craft on the water.
- Vehicles are not normally allowed into the park. Boats must be carried/wheeled to the launch area.
- **The peak times for water birds and roosting gulls at the mere is between October and March when we ask members to keep well away from exclusion zones**, especially the northern one, as getting to within 30-50 metres of this area can flush out the birds. Giving the margins an extra wide berth would also be appreciated in trying to reduce disturbance to the wildlife and **to only use the mere between 9:00 and 15:00 during these months** to prevent disturbance.
- Please respect & look out for other users of the mere. These may include hired rowing boats, canoes/kayaks (including educational groups at times) as well as anglers. The fishing pegs/platforms are not to be approached or used to tie up canoes or to access/exit the water.
- **Please note – there are no rescue facilities at The Mere. Anyone putting a boat on the water does so entirely at their own risk. We encourage users to obtain liability insurance cover.**
- Please also note that there are no changing facilities at the mere.
- **Under 16s** must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Blue green algae can appear at the mere** - please assess water quality before using the mere and wash kit off before entering other bodies of water. It can make humans poorly if ingested but can be really dangerous for dogs if they enter and drink the water when algae is present.

I agree to the above conditions:

Name: **Signature:** **Date:**

Please return form and payment (cash or cheque made payable to 'Shropshire council') by post or by hand to:

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