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PARK WALK VEHICLE POLICY

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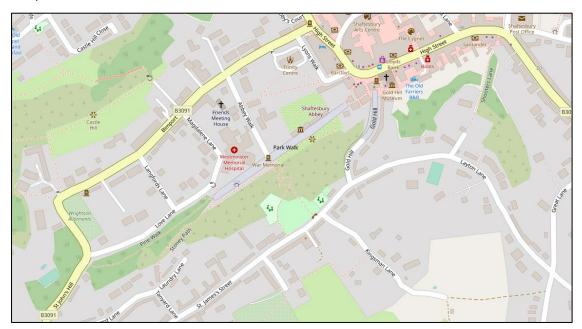
External Operations Policies

Background

Park Walk is a SCHEDULED MONUMENT - Historic England reference 1002672 Abbey Ruins include Park Walk.

Park Walk is owned by Shaftesbury Town Council and is a popular walkway along the southern edge of the town centre, offering long panoramic views over St James and across the rolling landscape of the Blackmore Vale. It provides access to the Shaftesbury Abbey, the Rose Garden and St James' Park, Abbey Walk, Pine Walk, Stoney Path and Love Lane.

It has become necessary to restrict the vehicular access to Park Walk to preserve the integrity of this important scheduled monument.



Vehicles on Park Walk

The signage, at the entry point on Abbey Walk, states no vehicles are allowed on Park Walk.



Exceptions

• Easement for Vehicular Access to 1 Park Walk (dated 2014)

- Grounds maintenance vehicles registration numbers held at the Town Hall
- No other vehicles are allowed on Park Walk, unless in conjunction with an event booked for Park Walk or for exceptional purposes previously agreed with STC.
- The maximum speed for vehicles (previously agreed) using Park Walk is 5mph and pedestrians have priority at all times
- Shaftesbury Abbey is issued with #4 passes with a maximum two cars parked at any one time. Registration numbers to be visible on the permit that are issued at the start of the volunteer shift and handed back in at the end of the shift.
- Parking permits will be issued by Town Hall staff for exceptional¹ circumstances and letters will be issued when vehicles are in contravention of this policy

¹ For residents requiring healthcare