# **Guidelines for Football Car Parks**

Thank you for volunteering to help park cars during the football season, football car parks are an extremely important source of revenue, raising thousands of pounds each year for the club. However, we do need to remember that we are a Rowing Club first and foremost. There's a balancing act to be had between enthusiastic fundraising and allowing members to continue to train, promoting the sport which we love.

# **Essential kit**

- Parking sign Inside the front door, to be placed outside the club gates
- Yellow jackets under the front stairs
- Side gate key If the side gate to the river isn't locked the key is attached to a wooden block in the medicine cabinet between the boat bay doors.

## Start Time

Fans typically start arriving 3 hours before kick-off e.g. 12 noon for a 3pm kick off, it's best to be in place on time to avoid rogue parking which messes up the parking plan.

## Payment

Allocate a person to collect money from cars coming in the main gate. It can be frustrating when cars have sneaked in early and not paid. However, no one other than members of the club should approach them for money.

## **Parking Map**

Allocate at least 1 person to park cars following the parking layout guide overleaf but expect dodgy parking skills to impact the final layout. Always leave the sections down the side of the boathouse and next to the landing stages clear for emergency access and crews disembarking. Filling the top carpark first can help stop chancer parkers ignoring instructions to park round the back.

#### **Security Guard**

A security guard will have been booked to attend the carpark and will arrive 45 minutes before the games start. Their only role is to guard the cars and grounds, they should not be asked to park cars or handle money at any time. If they don't turn up the numbers for NISE Security are 0116 2359902 and 07810 888898

#### Weekday Matches

When there is a weekday carpark on the water rowing can still take place. Those that are boating have the primary responsibility to make sure they can get their boats back in. Cars should only be parked in the red boxed section in the rear carpark as marked on the diagram overleaf.

#### **Club Members**

When there's a football match on a weekday evening, whilst members will be encouraged <u>not</u> to park their car at the club, any member who does want to park will be allowed to do so. They should not be asked to pay and they should also be able to extricate their car when they need it.

#### Closure

Once the carpark is full, secure the boathouse, inform the security guard and close (don't lock) the main gates. If you don't have a boat house key ensure the rear boat bay shutter doors are closed and shut the front door. Cash takings are to be taken offsite, paid into the club bank account and the total emailed to <u>treasurer@leicester-rowing.co.uk</u>

### **University Clubs**

Extract from the official University agreements which University of Leicester Boat Club sign up to: On football match days with a 3pm kick off the University Clubs must ensure they are boated promptly at 1pm to ensure LRC can maximise the car parking revenue. The University Clubs can keep crafts on the water and return to the landing stages once the car park has cleared.

If any student crew is blocking carparking activities they are in breach of the agreements with their University and can be asked to move\boat without delay.

