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IMPORTANT PARKING ANNOUNCEMENT - Changes effective from 9 March 2026

Dear Members, Centre Users and Local Community,

Ingatestone & Fryerning Community Association (IFCA) is announcing important updates to parking arrangements at Ingatestone Community Centre, **effective from 9 March 2026**.

As a registered charity, IFCA aims to encourage parking at the Community Centre for IFCA members, Centre users, and the wider local community at low cost and to be available throughout the day. Income generated from the car park plays a vital role in supporting the running, maintenance, and ongoing development of the Centre, helping us to keep facilities affordable and available to all.

Why Changes Are Needed

The car park has increasingly been used for longer-term parking. This has reduced availability making it difficult for members and Centre users to find spaces. Accordingly, it has become necessary to introduce some adjustments to the charging arrangements.

Changes to Parking Arrangements

With effect from **9 March 2026**, the following changes will apply:

- **Maximum stay:** Vehicles will not be able to stay for more than 5 hours (except valid permit holders)
- **Revised parking charges** (first revision in three years) leaving short-term parking the same low cost with modest increases for those staying between 2 hours and 5 hours
- **Enforceable charging period:** Car park charges will apply between 7:00am – 5:00pm, Mon - Sat (previously 9:00am – 6:00pm, Mon - Sat)

Permit holder arrangements remain unaffected at this time. However, permit numbers continue to be limited, and a waiting list remains in place.

These changes are designed to:

- Increase vehicle turnover and availability of spaces
- Protect access for Centre users and members
- Maintain parking as a low-cost, community-focused facility
- Secure essential charitable income to sustain the Community Centre

We are grateful for your continued support and understanding. By making these measured adjustments, we hope the Community Centre remains accessible, welcoming, and affordable for everyone who depends on it.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the IFCA office at welcome@ifcc.org.uk

Kind regards,

Ingatestone & Fryerning Community Association (IFCA)