

Painshill Events – Issues around not having second vehicle access point

1. Large Scale Events – Fireworks, Concerts, Open air cinema, Food Festival (1000 – 6000 attendees per day)

As we continue to grow our larger events in 2020 and beyond, we are focusing on increasing our capacity up to and potentially exceeding 6000 visitors including a high percentage of children as these are likely to be a family event. Such events are critical to the future of the Trust in delivering essential visitor income.

These events take place on the site underneath the Gothic temple and around the lake with the firework display being launched from Grotto island. Parking will be in the main visitor car park and the meadow on the left after entering the trade entrance to Painshill and potentially leg of mutton field in Cobham. We would anticipate upwards of 2000 cars and vehicles will be parked across site.

There is likely to be queuing along the A245 (in both directions towards Painshill) as vehicles enter and exit the parking areas.

Although there will be volunteer marshals guiding guests to the route down to and away from the event site, visitor services at the main entrance and marshals elsewhere in the landscape, visitors will be moving unaccompanied across the site to the event.

In case of the site needing to be evacuated, the trade gate entrance, in addition to the main visitor entrance could be used to get visitors away from site. This in turn would block ANY emergency vehicles attempting to enter at this location as up to 6000 pedestrians could be forced to leave the site via the gate . Alternatively, if parking is allocated on the meadow then this would equally block any entrance to site.

2. Walking / Running Events – Alzheimer’s, Santa fun Run, Naked Walk and Company sponsored charitable Events (500 – 3000 attendees)

Since 2018 we have been increasing the use of Painshill as a venue for **Companies and** other local charities to hold large scale “fun walks”. During these events the entire 158 acres is required as the route will take the walkers past the Tower, Hermitage and waterwheel.

During these walks a large portion of the meadow is required including the access road from the trade entrance to the meadow as this road often acts as a “starting point” for either a 5k or 7k walk - which results in the road and trade gate entrance being “closed” to all traffic.

Should emergency vehicles need to attend to an emergency towards the “back” of Painshill then access from the trade gate would be greatly reduced due to the restrictions in place on the road and the addition of up to 2000 walkers along the route walking / running around the Landscape