



A free invitation to Island charities and community groups to attend!

We are delighted to announce that Northwood House and Park will again be hosting the town's annual Picnic in the Park event this year for local residents. This time we are honoured to be celebrating the **Coronation of King Charles III** on Sunday 7th May from 12pm to 5pm, which is part of the extended Bank holiday weekend.

This will be eighth Picnic in the Park we've hosted on behalf of the town and as always, it will be a free community event, where all local Island residents (and in particular, those from Cowes, East Cowes, Gurnard and Northwood) are invited to bring a picnic and some friends & family to enjoy some food and relaxed entertainment in the green spaces of Northwood Park and on the lawns of Northwood House.

Cowes Town Council are again providing £2000 of generous funding for the event as the main community contributor, with event planning and organisation undertaken by volunteers and staff here at Northwood House Charitable Trust. Donations from other local businesses and organisations including the town's yacht clubs also contribute to the event costs including the programme of live music and children's activities.

As part of this popular community event, we are pleased to extend a **free invitation** to all Island charities and community organisations who want to come along and represent themselves at the picnic that afternoon. As a charity ourselves, we know how important community engagement is to help raise our profile, promote our activity, attract more volunteers and to fundraise. With several thousand Island people expected to attend this event, this is a great opportunity for local charities and non-for-profit community groups and organisations to come along and be part of the celebration and at no cost to you whatsoever. Last year we hosted nearly 30 charities at the Jubilee Picnic, and it was enormously successful for all involved.

To reserve your space simply email my colleague Sam Dean with your expression of interest and he will send a link to an online booking page where you can find out more details and make the free booking to attend:

Email: sam.dean@northwoodhouse.org

You can also call Sam on **01983 293642** during office hours for more information.

Organisations who attend will need to have their own all-weather gazebo and be able to provide a copy of the organisation's public liability insurance. If you plan to do some fundraising, you will also need to have a Street Collection Permit from the Isle of Wight Council, which most charities already have if they collect money in public.

It would be fantastic to see a great turn out of local charities and community organisations this year to celebrate the Coronation, as we continue to build the event with the whole community in mind.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

Catherine Keeble

Volunteer community organiser for the Official Cowes Coronation Celebration "Picnic in the Park"

c/o Northwood House Charitable Trust

Ward Avenue,

Cowes,

Isle of Wight

Webpage for event: <https://northwoodhouse.org/event/coronation-picnic-in-the-park/>