

Ely Outdoor Sports Association

Safeguarding Policy for Children and Vulnerable Adults

Ely Outdoor Sports Association takes its environmental responsibilities very seriously. We want you to have a great time whilst using our facilities, but we would appreciate your help and support.

We have set out below a few principles that we would like you to try and adhere to:

1. We do not want any plastic straws on site. We do not believe that straws are necessary, but if you disagree please use paper (or other alternatives).
2. Please do not use plastic cutlery, plates or single use plastic glasses. There is a good supply of china plates, knives, forks and spoons in our kitchen as well as mugs. Feel free to use those - we simply ask that you wash up afterwards. Again, if you wish to use disposable, please purchase wooden or paper equivalents.
3. We would encourage you not to use balloons for a party where possible and certainly appeal against the use of helium as these can disappear off from the balcony and affect local wildlife.
4. We would also ask you not to use confetti either. All confetti is a nightmare for the cleaners to clear up, although we accept that this isn't an environmental issue. If you feel that it is vital to the success of your event, please use paper rather than the metal/plastic alternatives.
5. Please consider all decorations that you use for your event. Please try and use more environmentally friendly alternatives.
6. Please use the bins around the site as labelled. It's a big site and we have much to do to make it better from a recycling point of view but where possible please follow the instructions.
7. If you wish to drink outside or on our balcony, please ask for a plastic 'glass' at the bar when ordering. This is mainly for safety reasons as we would hate for a glass to land on someone below. We have also moved away from single use plastic glasses and we will take a refundable deposit of £1 from you when ordering. Please don't put them in your bag because you like the design. Please help us by returning it to the bar to collect your deposit. We really want to keep them for future events.
8. Our hot drinks, including tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be served to you in a mug or a paper cup. Please return them to the kitchen for washing up, or dispose of your cup accordingly. Please only take a plastic lid if you absolutely need one, but we are trying to source a better alternative.
9. You may notice that we have stopped stocking certain items, such as Fruit Shoots, because of their single use plastic container. We appreciate your support in this matter.
10. If you are having a buffet, or meal, please try and consider how it will be packaged and transported. Trays of sandwiches can be a great way to cater for a big party but perhaps if we all complain about the plastic it comes in, we can influence the supermarkets in future.

Please let us know if you think there is more we can do. We know we are not perfect and we are not here to lecture you, but if we all make a little effort, between us we can have a bigger impact – thank you for your consideration.

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