



## **IMPORTANT SITE SAFETY UPDATE**

### **Disposable BBQ Ban Remains in Place- 26th September 2026**

We appreciate that some guests may be disappointed, but safety of our guests, site, and staff remains our absolute priority. We want to clear up any confusion regarding our outdoor cooking rules.

The government-wide ban on disposable BBQs still remains fully in force, making them completely illegal to use on our site.

The Hidden Risk: Charcoal embers and disposable foil trays retain intense heat for hours, easily sparking major fires in dry underlying terrain.

Kettle barbecues (reusable charcoal or gas models) can be used under the current safety regulations. Because they are designed with stable legs, an enclosed bowl, a lid, and precise airflow vents, they do not carry the same uncontrolled fire risks as flat, single-use disposable models.

However, their usage is still subject to strict local and safety rules, especially during the temporary national sales ban on disposable units.

If using charcoal or gas kettle BBQs, you must comply with standard site codes of conduct:

- **Raised Off the Ground:** Kettle BBQ's (reusable charcoal or gas models) must be structurally elevated. It is a strict violation to place the base of the kettle BBQ directly onto the grass or on a wooden/plastic site picnic table, as this scorches the pitch and risks a ground fire.
- **Carbon Monoxide Warning:** You must never bring a kettle BBQ inside your caravan, awning, or tent. Even when the coals look extinguished, they give off deadly, odourless carbon monoxide fumes for several hours.
- **Ash Disposal:** When packing down a charcoal kettle model, you cannot empty the debris into standard caravan site rubbish bins or hedges/forest. Hot ashes must be thoroughly cooled with water and placed only inside designated "hot ash bins" provided by the site.
- **Curfews:** We enforce a site courtesy curfew (typically requiring all outdoor cooking and entertaining to conclude by 10:00 pm) to protect other holidaymakers from smoke and noise.
- Additionally, we would appreciate your cooperation in disposing of any cigarettes with caution.

Please help us keep everyone safe and report any hazards to a team member straight away. A reminder that open flame fires/fire pits are **NOT** permitted on site.

**We thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

**The Blakemere Holiday Park Team**