Update on the Country Parks Transformation Programme

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CPT - Progress against plan

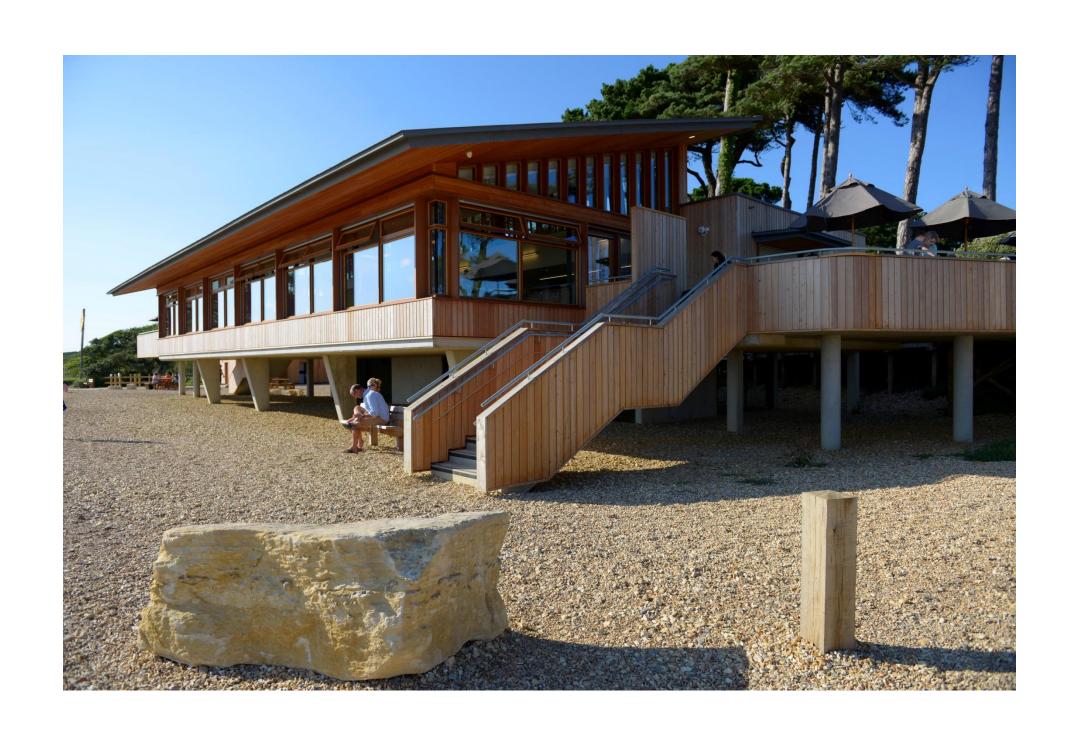
Country Park	Budget (£,000)	Capital Completion Date	ANPR Completion
Lepe	2,980*	July 2018	Completed May 2018
RVCP Chapel	3,425	July 2018	Completed June 2018
QECP - Forts & Fleets	326	Jan 2018	Completed August 2018
Queen Elizabeth	2,000	June 2019	
Staunton Parkland	4,097	October 2019	March 2019
Staunton Farm	950	December 2019	March 2019
River Hamble	855	July 2019	March 2019
Manor Farm	530	December 2019	March 2019
RVCP - Park & Empire Rm	1,200	December 2019	
ANPR	950	N/A	March 2019
TOTAL	17,313		





Lepe Country Park

- New iconic building with restaurant, visitor information point, offices, toilets etc.
- New play
- Sensory garden created by the Friends of Lepe
- Opened 4 May





Lepe Country Park

- Automatic Number Plate Recognition went live at Lepe on 17 May
- Introduced charging for Blue Badge Holders from mid July
- Over 1,000 BB holders registered at Lepe



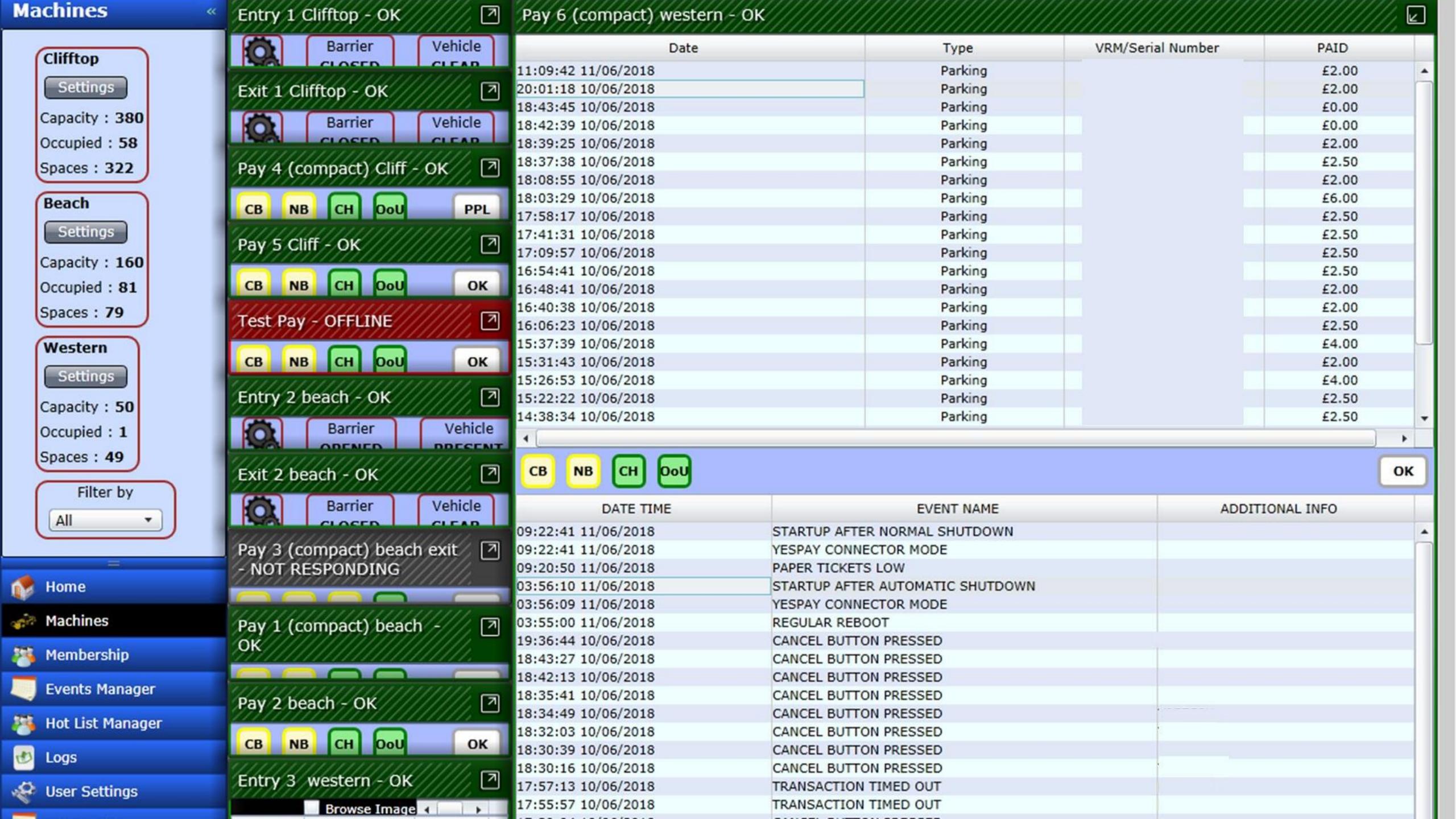


Lepe Country Park – successes and challenges

- Budget very tight 5% over. Still sorting some snagging issues.
- Soft launch did not happen as hot summer brought in the numbers. Extra resource needed
- Introducing ANPR
- Evening openings supper club very popular
- Range of events to showcase the new building. Official opening 21 August







Lepe Country Park – successes and challenges

- The numbers are looking good...
- 50% increase in the car parking income (£98k to 148k) June-Aug
- Compliance up from 73% to 96%
- Visitors up 43%
- Catering income up 50%





RVCP - Chapel

- Restoration of the Chapel inc. new catering facilities, toilets and entrance
- New exhibition and interpretation of the hospital
- Improved access to the Tower





RVCP – Chapel successes and challenges

- Contractors went bust so had to retender
 delayed project and extra cost
- Exhibition proved challenging and still some snagging
- Volunteers raised money for the roof and were shortlisted for a heritage award





RVCP – Chapel successes and challenges

- Opened to the public 1 August
- Unprecedented press interest & response has been amazing
- 3,300 visitor in the first 3 weeks. Over 1,000 up the tower generating £2.8k income and £1k retail
- ANPR live 18 June. Compliance is up from 67% to 97%.
- Car park income up 33% on same period last year





Other news...

- Staunton Country Park has received planning permission and recruitment for volunteers is going really well.
- QECP also received planning consent and ANPR just gone live there also.
- Thank you for your support
- The journey continues.....





Questions?



