



The Formentera Council has reported that from mid May to October 2 the ses Salines park registered entry of 76,415 vehicles not belonging to Formentera residents into the natural reserve, a 6,916-vehicle increase on 2015 figures. Likewise, they reported 145,108 non-resident scooters, an increment of 19,986 compared to last year. CiF environment councillor Daisee Aguilera said the biggest change was seen before and after the high season, an indication of improved occupancy rates in May and September. The councillor also asserted that a rise was seen in parking space turnover rates during the heart of the summer season.

The company that oversees vehicle entry into ses Salines, Ibifor, collected €878,108, growth of €62,124 compared to 2015. Of that sum the Council will receive €140,000 plus €78,175, a portion which is based on exact entry figures. The money is reinvested in park maintenance, which includes signage and path maintenance, installation of new signs and a tailor-made road cleaning and waste collection service. This year that service was staffed with an additional employee to steward care of the park's image and outreach around environmental issues.

In total, there is parking for 384 cars and 1,132 scooters at Formentera's part of the ses Salines park. This year was the first time officials banned entry of quad bikes to minimise impact and boost conservation efforts within the park. Furthermore, entry to the park by municipal and private buses was regulated to tackle rush hour traffic slowdowns. Heavy-load vehicles carrying products to area restaurants also saw their access restricted during peak hours.

Toilets and shade

Moreover, this summer Ibifor installed four portable toilets adapted for use by disabled individuals at the park. The Council assumed costs related to cleaning costs.

In addition, the councillor signalled a drop in the fee the CiF pays to the coastal authority, Demarcació de Costes, in return for permission to occupy the car park areas. The Council will also undertake the progressive installation of shade-providing structures for parked vehicles.