



The free membership club

# Freedom Camping Club

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## Freedom camping club

Welcome to the Freedom Camping Club. My name is Andrew, co-founder and chairman of the club.

The Freedom Camping Club is a new and exciting addition to the UK exempted organisation arena. We are a modern, forward thinking club with our organisational structure aimed at meeting today's open and inclusive social topology.

We are a fully exempted organisation and hold certificates for paragraph's 4,5,6 of the First schedule, Caravan sites and control of Development Act, 1960 and section 269 Camping exemption under Public health act 1936.

As a fully exempted organisation we are licensed by Natural England to issue exemption certificates for sites to be used as campsites, known as certified sites without need for planning permission or licence for a local authority.

The structure of our club and our unique stewardship programme enables us to offer more benefits and greater freedoms for site owners, which other clubs are not able to offer. Our inclusive nature encourages site owners/managers or event organisers to become part of the club and play a key role in its development. We don't just use you and your site for our members, we want you to become part of the driving force behind our club and in turn receive the benefits that this brings.

## Benefits

**Free membership** – Our Free membership principal is a great selling point for site owners to attract visitors to their site, there's no hard sell, its not limited by economic pressures and its open to everyone.

**No advertising restriction** – Unlike other clubs we encourage open advertising. The more you advertise the better for you, the club and for members. With us you are able to take advantage of social media, online forums, third party websites and other publications.

**Club advertising** – The club uses all advertising methods available to progress the club and its membership, which in turn benefits site owners. Our website lists details of club sites, site events such as rallies and special offers.



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**Non members** - As membership to the club is free, there is no detriment in allowing non members to stay on your site, although we would expect every site owner to encourage membership. Membership allows future promotions and offers.

Non members must be shown membership terms and site rules as all non members would be expected to behave in a similar manner to members.

**Unlimited tent and rallies** – Every site is different and some sites have the capacity and locality to encourage more visitors than others. We base all our certificates on individual circumstance.

**Rallies** – Unlike most clubs, site owners become a part of the club and act as club stewards, this enables them to organise, promote, host and supervise rallies on their own land or land made available to them. For Example if you wanted to organise a rally for 28 days in August you could advertise the rally and accept members and non members for the duration of the rally.

**Join on arrival**- Join on arrival and free membership allows site owners to run a site on a more commercial basis, but without the local authority or members only club restriction.

**All year camping** – Exemption certificates do not have seasonal restrictions. They can be used all year, however common sense must prevail, allowing visitors onto land which is inclined or soft in winter is asking for trouble.

**Tent or caravan hire** – It is possible for a site owner to allow visitors to reside in a tent or caravan provided to them by the site owner. The unit has to be a moveable unit and not have any permanent fixtures. A static caravan may require LA planning permission and is not allowed under exemption certificates.

**Seasonal pitches for Caravans** – Providing a caravan is not left unattended for more than 28 days or is not occupied for longer than 28 consecutive days, a pitch can be used as a seasonal facility.

**Club marketing** – We have a schedule of marketing and promotions for the club. Our overall plan to achieve wide spread membership will benefit all associated with the club

**Club data** – Organising a special event or simply want to target a group of members, we can offer direct marketing to members. We will always be sensible as we would not want to bombard members.



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**Have your say** – Site owners play a greater role in the club and although the main focus is for members you will have the opportunity to suggest improvements, steer future initiatives and vote on key developments.

**Online Booking and Live availability** – The online booking system gives a hassle free convenient way for members to book. Availability is displayed to members and is automatically updated on new bookings. Bookings can be taken on the club website or on any website that you can load your own code into. ( the code is just two lines that can be easily copied and pasted ). Manual booking allow you to easily combine online and offline booking systems into one booking diary system.

## Obligations

As a site owner/manager or event organiser, you are obliged to ensure the site to which you are inviting visitors, is safe and suitable for use as a campsite.

Public liability insurance must be in place while any visitors reside on your site

Electrical safety certificates must be provided where electrical hook-up points are available or access to electrical sockets are available to visitors

Regular maintenance checks must be made and any repairs to facilities, appliances or site structures must be made as soon as reasonably possible. Where a facility, appliance or structure may cause injury to a visitor it should be removed or cordoned off immediately.

Accurate records of all visitors must be made available when requested by the club.

Supervise pitching of units on site to ensure correct spacing are observed

Actively encourage non members to become club members and submit new membership details to the club via the website.

Facilities such as drinking water, waste water, chemical toilet waste, recycling bins must be clearly sign posted.



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Chemical toilet waste must be disposed of appropriately, either in a mains drain or into a separate sealed container and removed by a specialist waste company. Chemical toilet waste can not be put into septic tanks, cesspools or open drains. You must consult your environmental health office if you are unsure of suitable means of disposal.

You must provide sealed refuse bins for domestic waste and appropriate storage facilities for any other waste such as BBQ coals. If waste facilities are not available, this must be clearly written in any site description published and all visitors must be made aware that they have to take rubbish away with them.

A sign with emergency procedures must be displayed on site and visitors must be made aware of its location on arrival. A suitable fire point must be designated and appropriately signaged. Where appropriate, a means of raising the alarm and tackling small fires. Where a means of raising the alarm is not provided, clear instruction must be provided of how to evacuate units.

Supervise visitor behaviour, ensuring no one acts in such a way as to cause injury, damage or nuisance to another visitor, local resident or member of the public or their belongings. Report any serious incidents to the club.

Display our club logo on websites and publication issued by the site owner.

Promote the club in a positive and encouraging way.

Where applicable, adhere to the countryside code, caravan code and seashore code.

Use the site for purposes of recreation and promotion of recreational activities only.

As part of the club recruitment and development program, we may issue vouchers to members. These are for the benefit of the club as a whole and in turn will benefit your site. Site owners must uphold any offers, vouchers and discounts which are presented by members. i.e. We will issue a voucher for 1 free night camping each year to all members. The voucher will be valid for the year printed on the voucher and terms will be clearly marked on the voucher.



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Sites should have all cost clearly advertised. The club does not promote the practise of hidden cost. Low site fees but numerous additional cost for essential facilities does not promote loyalty and in some cases creates a disagreeable experience, where these costs are unavoidable they should be appropriately priced.

## Requirements

On application for a exemption certificate, a club officer will visit your site and assess the facilities available. An overall capacity for the site will be calculated and any restrictions will be identified based on the amount of available space, access, locality and facilities. The officer may suggest improvement or give explanation as to why restrictions have to be made.

A site owner must agree to abide by the capacity and/or restriction before a certificate can be issued.

## Facilities

- *1 drinking water stand pipe, not more than 90 meters from units.*
- *Access to chemical toilet waste point*

Sites with absolute minimum requirements will only be allowed to offer visits from caravans/motor homes with built in toilet facilities

- *1 toilet and wash basin.*

May accept upto 10 tent units. Toilets should not be more than 100 meters from any unit

- *2 male toilets/wash basins, 2 female toilets/washbasins.*

May accept upto 30 units

- *1 male shower, 1 female shower.*

For 70+ units

appropriately scaled facilities for additional units, upto 120.

Laundry facilities may be required for capacity of 30+ units if there are no local facilities available, or maximum stay may be specified



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## Area

Maximum capacity of 30 units per acre, this may be increased by 10% during busy periods like bank holidays, however the 6 meter spacing rule must be maintained between units.

## Access

Access to the site off a busy well maintained road would not attract any restriction, however a narrow single lane country track or road through a quite residential village may attract a significant reduction in capacity.

3 meter access routes must be available to emergency vehicles at all times, and all units must be within 90 metres of a point accessible to emergency vehicles

## Steward/proxy

Sites must be supervised by a steward or suitable responsible person appointed by the steward to act on their behalf.

## Locality

Special consideration may be given to a site if there are existing sites, adjacent to or near by. An area with high density of sites may not be suitable or it may be appropriate to restrict capacity

Where the location and position of a site may cause intrusion or lack of privacy, restriction may be imposed. General screening from public right of way and residential buildings will be required for privacy of members and local residents.

A site may not be suitable or may be restricted, if it is deemed to have a significant visual impact on a place of natural beauty.

## Objections

Where an objection has been registered by a local resident, Local authority or any impacted party the club will investigate and if the objection is found to be valid the site may not be suitable or may be restricted.



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## Overuse

A site owner must take reasonable precautions to avoid overuse of a site. A site should only be used to its maximum capacity for short periods of time.

## Playing field

Recreational areas must be provided in proportion of 10% of the overall area used for camping.

## Speed limit

Onsite speeds must be limited to 5mph with signs on the entry point of the site.

## Spacing density

To prevent the spread of fire, a main unit must be situated not less than 6 meters, from any other main unit. Any ancillary parts of a unit must be not less than 3 meters from other main unit or ancillary part.

## Boundaries

Units must be positioned not less than 3 meters from a boundary with another property, public highway or public right of way.

## Fires and BBQ

It is at the discretion of the site owner to allow fires and BBQs, however, site owners must ensure that fires and BBQs are situated away from any unit or ancillary part.

## Live stock

Camping activities can not take place in the same area to which livestock/poultry is currently occupying. All livestock/poultry must have been removed from a camping area at least 30 days prior to commencement of camping. Where livestock/poultry are kept as pet animals and allowed to roam freely, every effort should be made to ensure the site remains uncontaminated by droppings and human contact is kept to a minimum with hand sterilisation facilities available.





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## National Parks

Sites situated in National parks may be subject to more stringent restrictions, The site owner will need to contact the national park rally co-ordinator before hosting any rallies.

## Differentiation

Site owners must organise areas for simultaneous events and keep a clear definition between different events. For example a rally organised on a site must be segregated by a permanent barrier ( fence, hedge, wall ) from the 5 pitches allocated for paragraph 5 use. Tents and caravans must be separate, although a permanent barrier is not required.

## Rally duration

A rally may last for upto 28 days. Consecutive rallies are not allowed and a period of 24 hours must be observed between rallies. Tent and caravan rallies may overlap but rallies of identical type are not allowed to overlap on the same landholding.

## Fire precautions

Where fire extinguishers are provided there should be 2x BS5423:1980 extinguishers not more than 90 meters from any unit.

Where a fire hose is provided, the hose point should not be more than 30 meters from each unit and there must be sufficient pressure to project water 5 meters from the hose nozzle.

Designated fire points must be clearly signed and clear instruction for emergency procedures displayed on site.



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## APPLICATION FOR FCC EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE Caravan sites control of Development Act, 1960 Public healthy act 1936

Certified Sites Dept  
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1 Name & Address of Applicant

Name .....

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Address .....

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Postcode .....

Telephone .....

Email Address .....

If applying for a Certificate on a site that you do not live/occupy please state the address of the proposed location:

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Postcode .....

- 1 Area available for Certified site .....
- 2 How far is your address from proposed site location .....
- 3 If you do not live onsite, how will it be supervised .....
- .....
- .....
- 4 Are you the owner/tenant of the land    Owner/Tenant
- 5 If you are the tenant, has the landowner agreed to the proposed site?  
Yes/No



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## 2 Licences requested

- Stewardship only
- 5 Caravan pitches ( paragraph 5 )
- Rallies upto 28 days ( paragraph 4 )
- Meetings upto 5 days ( paragraph 6 )
- Tent camping ( section 269 )

## 3 Description of the land to be used.

The exact identification of the land is important so please supply the information requested below.

For what purpose has the land recently been used

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Please describe access roads to the land

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What local amenities are close by .....

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Is the site clearly visible from neighbouring properties .....

What Local authority area is the site in .....

What facilities are onsite

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Please enclose a copy of ordnance survey map with the area of land proposed for site clearly marked out



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