

# The Camping and Caravanning Club

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**To:** Region, Section, DA & Section Area Secretaries

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The Club is permitted to operate Certificated Sites throughout the country without the need to obtain a site license normally required by planning legislation. It is so entitled because it holds a 'Certificate of Exemption' as described in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

Our Certificates are issued to the Club by Natural England (previously administered by DEFRA), The National Assembly for Wales, The Scottish Parliament and The Northern Ireland Government, which enables the Club to use land for the purpose of recreational camping and caravanning without the need for site licensing.

Other organisations have similar rights, such as The Caravan Club, the Scout and Guide Associations and the Association of Caravan and Camping Exemption Organisations (ACCEO).

The 1960 Act applies in England and Wales with Scotland and Northern Ireland having adopted similar legislation.

Regular meetings and discussions are held with the various regulators to review the Exemptions both with ourselves, Local Authorities and other public bodies. Generally the system operates satisfactory for all parties, giving the Clubs opportunity to use land for recreation without the need to go through lengthy discussions and possible site licensing.

Certificated Sites (CS) operate under the Club's Paragraph 5 Exemption to the 1960 Act and are an additional benefit of Club membership for members' use only. They offer alternative sites which may only provide basic facilities. The Club issues approximately 1600 such Certificates each year. Certificated Sites are included within the Club's publication, *Your Big Sites Book*, and on the Club's website [www.siteseeker.co.uk](http://www.siteseeker.co.uk).

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Each unit must be occupied by at least one full Club member during a stay on a CS. Units must not be left unoccupied overnight and sites may only be used for recreational purposes.

As Certificated Sites are exclusively for Club members, non-members must enrol as a Club member prior to camping overnight, which can be completed via the Club's website, or at the Certificated Site if the site-owner is part of the Club's membership recruitment scheme.

### **Arrivals & Departures**

Members must report to the site-owner before pitching and pay any site fees due, unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

Members should show their membership cards when requested to do so and must pitch where directed to by the site-owner.

Members should vacate their pitch on the day of departure at the time requested by the site-owner. Vacated pitches must be left clear of all property and refuse.

### **Site Rules**

1. Members must obey all instructions given by the site-owner and should observe any site rules displayed.
2. Rubbish, waste water and chemical waste should be disposed of as directed by the site-owner.
3. All pets must be kept on a lead of no more than two metres. Children should be supervised at all times.
4. Noise must be kept to a reasonable level at all times. There should be no noise or vehicle movement whatsoever between 11pm and 7am.
5. Members may only use generators with the site-owner's permission.
6. Vehicle speed must be kept to 5mph at all times.
7. Camping units are not permitted to be left unoccupied overnight on a Certificated Site.
8. The use of gas cylinders, with a capacity greater than 15kg, is not recommended on Certificated Sites for supplying touring caravans, motorhomes or tents.
9. The use of gas cylinders to supply a camping unit via an external barbeque supply point is not permitted.
10. The use of Sky Lanterns or similar is not permitted onsite.
11. If a site-owner feels that a member's behaviour, or that of children or pets, is causing a nuisance, they may to ask the member to cease the behaviour or leave the site.

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