

Provision of Electric Hookup Facilities

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Installing electric hookups

The following information provides guidance to site owners wishing to provide electric hookups (EHU) on Certificated Sites.

The EHU installation should conform to UK wiring regulations (BS 7671). It is essential that any work is carried out by a suitably qualified contractor, preferably one approved by the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting (NICEIC) which covers the UK, or by a member of the Electrical Contractor's Association (ECA) which covers England and Wales, or SELECT which covers Scotland.

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When installing EHU's, the pitch supply point may consist of one or more socket outlets and should be positioned within 20 metres of the unit pitch. It is important to be aware that the recommended minimum spacing between caravan units is 6 metres for fire safety reasons.

Socket outlets should be mounted between 0.8 and 1.5 metres above the ground. The outlets must also comply with BS EN 60309-2 and should be protected against overload by a miniature circuit breaker (MCB). The MCB should comply with BS EN 60898.

Our Club sites normal current rating is 16 amps, although it is possible to limit the current available by fitting an MCB of 10 amps or 6 amps. However, the lower amperage could cause problems due to members wishing to operate more than one electrical item at a time.

A residual current device (RCD) must also be fitted for protection against electric shock and must comply with BS EN 61008.

If possible, cabling to pitch supply points should be by means of underground cables laid to a minimum depth of 800 mm. Some cables may require more depth if the ground may be subject to disturbance through flooding or land that is farmed etc. It is advised that cables should be marked by cable covers or marking tape.

After completion and verification of the installation, the electrical contractor is required to issue a Certificate signed and dated, which is valid for one year. The Club require a copy of the test certificate before we can include EHU in your listing on the Club's website and our edition of Your Big Sites Book.

With regard to insurance, you will have responsibility up to the socket outlet to which the caravanner connects. We advise that you check your Public Liability Insurance for adequate cover.

The Club is unable to give costs for installations, as this can depend on the nearest available supply point and length of cable runs. We suggest that you obtain written quotes before deciding to proceed with the provision of EHU's.

Whilst it is not compulsory to provide EHU's, some Certificated Site owners may set up a basic site and assess whether there is a demand from Club Members to provide EHU's, before committing to the expense.

Should you require any additional information regarding providing EHU's on your site, please contact the following:-

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