

Guidance for Tents on Rallies is changing!

For a long time, we have only been able to permit tents on a long or holiday rally (those that exceed 120 hours or 5 days and require the Club to notify the Local Authority). The Executive Committee has now agreed to amend this to permit tents on **ALL** rallies - whether long or short! There is also some clarity that tents are also permitted to be used by members, who may be between outfits or have chosen to use a tent instead.

This is great news as I am aware that a lot of you want to encourage more people to join your rallies and I have been asked a lot about tents this year. Please remember that any non-member guests attending your rallies may result in the rally not falling under the category of a "private members event" and if you are organising other activities the Centre may need to check whether they require other licences (more information on this is available in Centre Guidance).

As always, this is down to the Centre and the Rally Officer to manage. It may be that the rally location is not suitable for tents, or the Centre and Rally Officer are not comfortable in offering/managing them. Please indicate this at the point of booking.

Placing outfits on a rally

Finally, please note that the **spacing diagram found in Annex 3-E** was created and drawn by Natural England several years ago and is a little out of date for today's members' outfits. We now have more members with continental outfits where the door and awning may not be the way around that you would normally expect. Providing that all spacing requirements are met, there are no hard and fast rules to determine which way the outfit should be sited on a rally and Centres are encouraged to be flexible to accommodate members and their outfits and adopt a similar approach to our Club Campsites.

Club Campsite rules state:

The Clubs ruling accepts outfits either being pitched nose in or reversed onto the pitch, however, the outfit, if reversed in, must be aligned with the marker post on the driver's side and if pitched nose in, must be aligned with the marker post on the passenger side. The post cannot be moved by the member, as the safety spacing rule must be adhered to.

Safety spacing:-

To avoid the spread of fire, there must be at least 6 metres spacing between facing walls of adjacent caravans, motorhomes or trailer tents and a minimum clear space of 3 metres between adjoining cars/awnings/tents and other items in any direction.

There are always some sites and pitches on sites that may have restrictions, i.e. smaller pitches/pitches in a tucked away area that are difficult to manoeuvre onto, the layout of the site etc. Therefore, we always say that there may be some restrictions on sites, where the site teams will need to advise which pitches would be suitable and how they would need to pitch. Staff have to manage outfit type/vehicle length on what they have on that particular day.

Centre Guidance will be updated to reflect both of these changes and reissued in a couple of months.