



North Staffordshire Centre.



Guidance for all Rally Attendees.

Insurance Disclaimer

All persons attending rallies and social events or functions organised by the North Staffordshire Centre of The Caravan and Motorhome Club do so at their own risk. No responsibility for persons or property is accepted by the organisers.

Why Not Try A Rally

The Centre has around 800 registered members, a small percentage of which are regular ralliers, with some others attending occasionally. This leaves a large proportion of registered members who have never rallied before. If you are reading this, and you are a new member who has recently joined the Centre, or it is some time since you last rallied with the North Staffs, then please read on - this is for you!

What to expect on a rally

Many new members ask the question ‘what exactly is a Rally’? A Rally is simply a gathering of Caravan and Motorhome Club members, for a weekend or holiday, to promote friendship and pursue many pleasures, pastimes and sports, in a light-hearted manner, and to have some fun at the same time. Members are never obliged to join in anything that does not interest them. Some Centres use the term “event” rather than a Rally. So, what are the advantages of joining in with a Rally? Firstly, most weekend Rally fees are much cheaper than you would pay on either a Club site or a commercial caravan site – have a look at the prices charged for the rallies in the Rallies section of our website at <https://www.northstaffscc.org.uk> This is also very true of holiday Rallies where commercial sites give the Centre some very good discounts. Rallies are a very cost-effective way of using your caravan/motorhome. Also, there is no need to book months in advance, as you would have to do for a lot of other commercial sites, particularly over a Bank Holiday weekend – on most weekend Rallies, including some Bank Holidays, you can just turn up if there is not a limit on the numbers that the venue can take or when there is no booking deposit payable, although, it is always best to contact the Rally Marshals first in case there is no room. So no need to plan too far ahead. A fully charged and well-maintained battery will be more than adequate for an average weekend. The first thing to do is decide which Rally you would like to attend, choosing from a range of rallies from farmer’s fields to commercial sites. The next thing is to complete a booking slip which are included

with a Centre Rally Book or can be downloaded from the website (at the bottom of the Rallies page). When the day arrives, study the directions in the Rally Book on how to get to the site. When you are near, you should look out for the yellow 'NSC' pointed direction signs. These are blue/black letters on a yellow background and are normally located at the side of the road. On arrival, please make sure you stop at the Marshals Reception which should be clearly marked. You will be greeted by the Rally Marshal or Co-Marshal, who will give you an envelope - this includes details of what is happening over the weekend and also a Rally plaque. At this point you will normally need to pay! The Marshal will explain how the site is marked out, and you will normally need to find a vacant "peg". They will also tell you where the water and chemical toilet disposal points are. If the field is large then you will be free to choose any area in which to site your caravan/motorhome as long as you are leaving a good gap between caravans (to avoid the spread of fire, there must be a minimum of 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 in any direction. Our local rules require the 6metres spacing to be increased to 9meters if space allows). You are entitled to save a pitch for a friend - if you do, place a chair or something similar over the peg, to show that it has been reserved. Similarly, do not try and pitch your caravan where a space has already been reserved. Most rallies open at 4pm unless otherwise stated on the rally details page of the website.

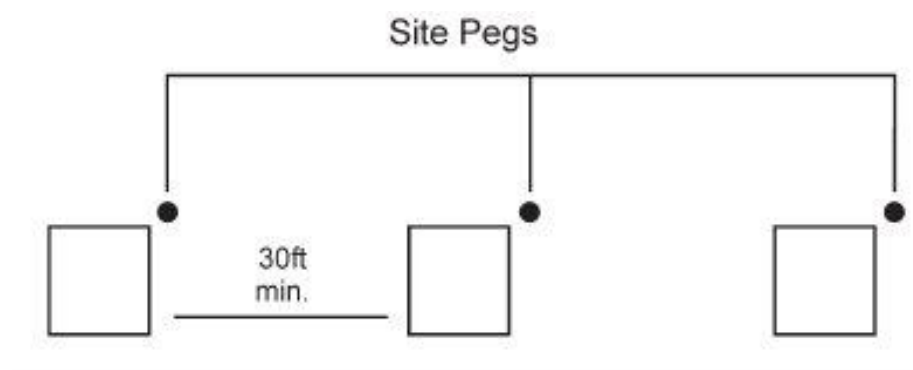
Please remember that many weekend venues are on farmer's fields without any electrics, so you will need a well-charged battery. You will need a toilet, as the landowner will not normally provide such facilities. Also remember to bring some levelling blocks, as quite often the field will not be completely flat. Dry rubbish is usually to be taken home.

Over the weekend there may be activities organised such as a social, sometimes at a local Village Hall, a bar-b-que, or other activities - you are not obliged to attend any of these, although most people do as it is often the focal point of the weekend. Also, a "Flag" will be held, normally sometime on the Sunday. This is an opportunity to welcome people and make any necessary announcements about forthcoming events and lasts about 10-15 minutes. As a first time rallier, you will be given a welcome and also a special Rally plaque. The Rally normally closes around 4pm on the closing day during the lighter summer months - it is often earlier at the beginning and end of the year. Finally, please read the Code of Conduct below for members attending Rallies.

If you would rather speak to someone before making a decision to join us at a Rally, please feel free to telephone any Officer or Committee member for further information. We look forward to your company.

SITING OF CARAVANS/MOTORHOMES AT RALLIES.

Where the Rally Venue has been pegged out by the Marshals the caravan/motorhome should be parked with its front offside corner as near to the peg as possible, unless advised otherwise on arrival.



CODE FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING CENTRE RALLIES

1. Rally signs will be set out at a reasonable distance from the venue along the route given in the Rally details.
2. A 'NORMAL' rally begins at 4.00pm on the opening date and closes at 4pm on the closing date unless the Marshal advises otherwise.
3. Charges for this year's rallies are listed under each entry and are inclusive of VAT.
4. Club membership cards must be available on request. Attendance at rallies is limited to those who have paid their CAMC membership fee. A Rally Marshal **can** insist on your Membership Card being produced for INSPECTION **especially on all Competition Rallies**.
5. Please Park, if at all possible, AROUND THE PERIMETER of the site allowing a minimum of 30ft (9m) between vans. A member may save ONE PITCH ONLY for the caravan/motorhome of a friend, unless, due to the type of site or conditions, the Marshal suspends the privilege. Each unit used as living accommodation must be in the charge of a club member and must be paid for separately. A small tent may be erected to provide extra sleeping accommodation only for persons in a club members' unit and should be pitched as inconspicuously as possible.
6. Please keep all dogs, however obedient and well behaved, on a lead at all times. The lead should not extend more than 10 feet in any direction from the caravan/motorhome. Please also exercise your dogs away from the caravans and if possible off the rally field. It is the responsibility of the owner to clean up after unfortunate accidents. Children should be aware that not all dogs are friendly. **Members who continually fail to adhere to this rule, will receive a written caution from the Committee and if this warning fails further action will be considered.**
7. Please take all refuse home, leaving no litter, including tea bags, on or about the rally field. Please check your pitch before leaving the field.
8. Provide your own sanitation and only empty the contents of chemical toilets into the designated chemical disposal point provided. THE WASHING AND FILLING OF TOILETS AND WASTE WATER CONTAINERS AT THE DRINKING TAP IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. Waste water must be piped into a receptacle which does not leak, overflow or otherwise allow waste water to permeate the ground under or near to the van. The waste water container may then be emptied by e.g. judiciously distributing the waste along a hedgerow. At certain rallies special arrangements for the disposal of water will be made. This instruction precludes the use of filters or similar contrivances.
9. Should you accept a tow by a 4x4 or other vehicle, you do so entirely at your own risk. No responsibility will be accepted by the Club, Marshal or the owner or driver of the towing vehicle.
10. Powered models, drones, kites, guns, catapults and other weapons are not permitted to be used on the rally field, and ball games must not be played within the vicinity of caravans/motorhomes. **IMPORTANT: Laser Pointers are banned from all Centre events**
11. The speed limit on the rally field is no more than walking pace or 5 m.p.h. This applies to all vehicles and bicycles. Members, their families or visitors who continually fail to adhere to this rule, will receive a written caution from the Committee and if this warning fails then the guilty members will be asked to leave the rally. Learners or unlicensed drivers must not practice on the rally field.
12. **Noise:** The playing of music or T.V. sets, etc. should not be audible outside the caravan/motorhome, awning or tent between the hours of 23.00 and 08.00.
13. Generators can only be used on rally fields between the hours of 09.00 and 21.00 (but not continuously, nor unattended) and Marshals must ensure this rule is adhered to. Generators can be used outside of these hours in emergencies only, providing the user has consulted with the Marshal first.
14. Please honour the Country Code and respect the property of your host.

15. Do not use your car unnecessarily in wet conditions. Report any damage to the rally Marshal.
16. Always carry levelling blocks, a fire extinguisher, a first-aid kit.
17. In all matters appertaining to the running and conduct of the rally, ***The decision of the marshal is final.*** Please co-operate with the Marshals.
18. Where the rally field is small, a limit which will be strictly adhered to, is placed on the number of caravans/motorhomes attending. No field is of infinite capacity and those arriving at any rally without booking or who have booked late, may be turned away. **Booking slips should be in the hands of the marshal 7 days prior to the rally. Please note:** Special rallies and holiday rallies require more booking notice usually around 3 weeks and are quite often pre-paid. Where this rule applies the deposit and final payment dates are clearly shown on the rally details page.
19. Rally booking slips are available from any Committee member or can be downloaded from the Web site (rallies page).
20. Only North Staffs Centre members and their children who are 5 years and over are eligible to win a formal trophy. This is providing they are attending the rally, unless the Committee agree otherwise in advance. Visitors may compete for pleasure, but are not eligible for a formal trophy, unless otherwise stated in the rally book.
21. All members, their families and visitors who take part in or watch any event organised by the Centre, do so at their own risk.
22. Members attending any social or formal meeting organised by the Centre are not permitted to use vaping cigarettes.
23. **Refunds:** Any request for the refund of a Rally Fee must be in the hands of the Treasurer in writing no later than 30 days after the Rally has closed.
24. Any complaints, grievances or comments must be made in writing to the Secretary.

CENTRE REGISTRATION

In order to receive a list of Centre Rallies and details of other Caravan Events
YOU MUST RE-REGISTER WITH THE CENTRE ANNUALLY.

In order to do this, when you receive your new Membership Card from The Caravan and Motorhome Club, it is essential that you complete the bottom of the covering letter (as shown below) and return it immediately to The Caravan and Motorhome Club offices at East Grinstead. Alternatively you can register online through The Caravan and Motorhome Club (www.camc.co.uk) or ring them directly to register.

CENTRE REGISTRATION ADVICE

If you wish to register/re-register please complete one of the following

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| I am currently registered with <u>North Staffs</u> Centre and wish to re-register | ☒ |
| I wish to alter my Centre Membership and register with _____ Centre | ☐ |
| I wish to register as a new Centre Member with _____ Centre | ☐ |
| Your first name _____ Telephone No _____ | ☐ |

FACEBOOK

The centre now has a Facebook page which displays information regarding forthcoming rallies and events along with pictures taken at recent events.

Our group name is “North Staffordshire Centre (The Caravan and Motorhome Club)”.

Access to the group is administered by a team from within the Centre’s Committee and you can also request access by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



Have a FREE Rally on us.

How to claim

Attend any 10 rallies in the season starting from January 2nd 2025 to claim your free rally!
Subject to the following conditions:

- All ten rallies to be completed in the 2025 season to claim.
- Your free rally must be taken before the end of the Easter 2026
- The free offer only covers the nightly fee as specified in the rally book. It is limited to a maximum amount of £23:00.
- You can claim for a rally of a higher value and time period, but a maximum amount of £23:00 will be deducted from your rally fee.
- Evidence of attending will be taken from the Marshals attendance sheets. Verification will be obtained by the committee before a rally is claimed.
- The rally you choose should be confirmed with the Chairman in advance of attending so that the rally marshals can be made aware.
- This offer is open to registered North Staffordshire Centre members only.
- The £23:00 is based on what the committee feels is the average cost of a typical two-night rally.
- This offer ends on the 31st December 2025.
- The committee reserves the right to cancel or amend this offer at any time.
- No cash alternative is available, and it is not transferable.



Please make sure you stop at the Marshals reception and pay your Rally fee (unless pre-paid), before pitching up.

GET OUT - STAY OUT - CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE OUT

*****IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT*****

In accordance with the latest C.A.M.C guidelines, Fire Extinguishers are no longer required to be provided on Rallies. Members are thus strongly advised to carry their own Fire Extinguisher and/or provide a fire bucket for their own personal use.