



SUFFOLK CENTRE

TIPS AND IDEAS



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Making the rally field or caravan site a safer place – with the variable weather conditions we have been having many people have had to resort to using awning tie down kits or storm supports. The use of these kits means that at least two hefty steel pegs or spikes have to be driven into the ground often leaving sharp metal work exposed and so creating an injury hazard. To improve safety, it is suggested that the spikes are protected in some way and old tennis balls or similar provide a cheap and effective method. The day glow yellow colour use on tennis balls also gives very visible identification to the presence of spikes or pegs.

All that's required is to cut a suitable size hole in the ball to allow it to fit firmly on the your pegs/spikes. Possibly the safest way to cut a hole is to support the ball in a vice and to use a hole saw mounted in an electric drill.

An alternative to using balls is to use lengths of foam pipe insulation and simply wrap this around the spike as you would a pipe. Whilst it's easier than cutting holes in tennis balls it has the disadvantage of being less visible.