

SUFFOLK CENTRE

TIPS AND IDEAS



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Breakdown Cover

Luckily the problem with my tyre didn't happen whilst on the road and I managed to reach my site before total deflation or a blowout occurred. I did however contact Mayday and enquire whether they could help in swopping tyres around etc. It appears that as I only had Recovery cover any roadside or site assistance would cost me £150. Naturally I declined but before getting on the road again I did decide to up my cover to include Roadside assistance as well. An additional £6.31 for two months cover to next renewal – good value?

Although I have a relatively new tow car still under manufacturers guarantee with road side assistance etc, I decided to join Mayday as my vehicle manufacturer's customer services department could never give me a total guarantee regarding what would happen to the caravan if the car was unable to be repaired at the roadside. If the car had to be taken to a dealership who could accommodate the caravan on their site as well - no problems. If the dealership couldn't, the caravan would be secured at the roadside. This prompted me to enquire what would happen if I wasn't towing a caravan but a horsebox with a horse or horses in tow. "Good question sir – sorry I cannot answer that"

So my recommendation is to thoroughly check what your tow cars assistance package covers (if applicable) and/or what additional assistance/breakdown packages you have. Too late when that unfortunate breakdown occurs!