

Covid-Secure Guidance for Rallies

The Suffolk Committee has had to make some very hard decisions having received updated information from the Club on Covid-Secure Guidance. The whole nature of a rally will be altered and there will be many aspects that can not go ahead such as social gatherings - even flagpole. The wellbeing and safety of all our members is our first consideration. A rally is a sociable event, we are sociable people, and so we have taken the hard decision to cancel all Suffolk rallies for July and August 2020.

Below are some of the reasons from the document:

Prior to the rally

Ensure members are familiar with new practices and procedures.

Numbers to be limited or controlled to ensure physical spacing and reassure members. At the present time members should understand that the rally is for siting of leisure vehicles only - the advertised programme may be reduced or not able to go ahead at all. Members should be aware social gatherings and meeting of groups from other households, either inside or outside their own units, should only take place within government guidance at the time. Gatherings and social activities organised by rally marshals is dealt with below under Flagpole/Social Activities.

Travelling to a rally - If possible, when travelling to the rally avoid busy transport hubs such as motorway services - toilets, food service areas and petrol pumps - to reduce the risk of contamination.

Payment for a rally - No cash payments on arrival will be allowed, other means of payment must be sought. Cheque in advance of the rally or perhaps it could be made by a cheque in a sealed envelope which is dropped into a receptacle for the rally marshal with name and amount on the envelope which can be dealt with after the rally (or 72 hours later). Centres to explore card machine options.

On arrival at a rally - Please do not leave your car on arrival but follow marshals' instructions. A noticeboard may be in place, or contact made prior to the rally. No plaques or rally envelopes will be given. No welcome drinks. **No access** by any member or non-member (visitors) to the rally to ensure track and trace ability is not compromised and there should be limited numbers on site - please do not invite any friend or family member to visit you.

Pitching Up - The Club's minimum spacing requirement of 6m between outfits must be applied which as well as maintaining safety standards, ensures good social distancing is in place. Pitches will be marked out by marshals who will assist to pitch at a safe social distance. Every effort has to be made to keep rally density as low as possible so members are reassured events will not be too "busy"

Flag pole/Social Activities - It will not be permitted to hold a gathering at flagpole, and a rally should not offer any social type events/gatherings which are in conflict with Government guidelines in place at the time, this could see large changes to advertised programmes. The marshals cannot erect any awnings/gazebos/marquees/event tents, which could be used for common shelter or social activities. Personal awnings or gazebos as part of a family's own outfit are permitted for the family use only.

Sports and games in accordance with government regulations only

Water Taps and Service Points - Signage should be placed around water and service points to allow for social distancing, queues to be avoided, increased regularity of cleaning of touchpoints and every member attending will be responsible for cleaning the point before and after use. Reminders to handwash and distance should be displayed.

Waste Disposal and Refuse - There should be an effective system for waste disposal and grey waste should be disposed of into disposal points agreed with the landowner. Handwashing and social distancing reminders should be displayed. Those attending the rally should take their own refuse home with them for disposal, unless the landowner has arrangements in place to ensure the proper disposal of refuse.

Hygiene Procedures - All members attending a rally should be advised by signage to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds after using service points, waste disposal points or electrical hook-ups, if appropriate. Consideration should be given to the provision of hand sanitiser stations across the rally field.

Discipline

Everyone attending a rally has a responsibility to be mindful and considerate to their fellow ralliers, particularly by following any procedures, practices and Government guidelines in place.

The Rally Officer/Marshal is not expected to police that members attending a rally are complying with any government guidelines in place at the time e.g. visiting other outfits.

Any allegations of misbehaviour on the rally field should be looked into in accordance with Centre Guidance. Ralliers should respect the comfort and safety of their fellow attendee