CERTIFICATED LOCATIONS NETWORK

WHAT ARE CERTIFICATED LOCATIONS?

The Motor Caravanners' Club is authorised by Natural England to issue Certificates of Exemption, so that owners of land may permit up to five Motor Caravans or Caravans to be accommodated without the need for planning permission or a site licence. These are called Certificated Locations.

WHAT DOES HAVING A CERTIFICATE MEAN?

A landowner or tenant may take up to five Motor Caravans or Caravans on the Certificated Location, subject to four conditions as printed on the Certificate. Applicants must confirm that they are willing to keep these four conditions before a Certificate is issued.

The conditions are:

1. Not more than five Motor Caravans or Caravans on the site at any one time.

2. No Motor Caravan or Caravan shall be allowed to stay for longer than 28 consecutive days.

3. Tents and Trailer Tents are not allowed to use our Certificated Locations. Pup tents and awnings are allowed provided they are within the footprint of the vehicle.

4. The Certificated Location is for use by Members' of The Motor Caravanners' Club and nonmembers, also FICC affiliated members from Home and Abroad. It should be noted that the right to allow access to the site remains with the landowner at all times.

The Certificate may be withdrawn if any of these conditions are broken

WHAT DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE?

Level area of land

Not less than a third of an acre

Screened from view

Good road access

Safe drinking water supply

Chemical disposal point

Rubbish bin

Public Liability Insurance

Flush toilets are not necessary as our members carry their own chemical toilets. However a chemical disposal point is essential. Ideally this point should be connected to the main line of drainage since formaldehyde based chemical fluids are used in this type of toilet and could interfere with the working of the tank or plant. If a main sewer/drain is not available two options remain. We can advise members that only 'Green' toilet fluid may be used at your site, or you may insist that no chemicals are disposed of on your site.

You, as occupier of the site, will be responsible for:

Water Point

Chemical Disposal Point

Rubbish Bin (for dry refuse)

Rates, as charged by your Local Authority

ACCESS

Easy access to your site will make it better for your trade. Modern motor caravans tend to vary in size from:

2m -2.5m wide and the length can be from 5.5m-9m. The majority of our members' vehicles have a MTPLM (GVW) of 3.5 tonnes while some are up to 5 tonnes.

HOW DO I GET A CERTIFICATE?

Download the Certificated Location Questionnaire. Please complete and return this form to: Administrator/Co. Secretary The Motor Caravanners' Club Limited (By Guarantee) Wood Farm Estate, Marlbank Road, Welland, Malvern, WR13 6NA.

Before we can issue a Certificate, a club official may need to visit your land and we will check that the Local Authority has no reasonable objections. Any land within the boundaries of a National Park or a particularly sensitive area, may need further consultation with the appropriate authority. If a site Licence is already held, a Certificate will not be issued. Not more than one Certificate can be issued to any one landholding, irrespective of the area.

As you will appreciate, not every application is successful. Certificates are only issued with the utmost responsibility and we exercise great care in selecting suitable sites.

HOW WILL YOUR MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT MY SITE?

Each Certificated Location has free entries in our Sites & Touring Guide (published annually in our Handbook) and on our very active website. Every member receives a copy of our Sites & Touring Guide, which will include your directions. We provide you with a sign which you should display at the entrance. This tells Members of your Certificated Location status and shows that they are in the correct location. Also you will receive a copy of our very own Motor caravanner Magazine each month.

WHAT DO I CHARGE?

The fee for each 24 hours for a Motor Caravan or Caravan varies depending on the area and demand. We can advise you what other Certificated Location owners are charging in your area. The final decision, of course is yours – you set the fees and receive the income The Motor Caravanners' Club Certificated Locations are for use by Members of The Motor Caravanners' Club, non members also FICC affiliated members from Home and Abroad. As a landowner the right to allow access to the site remains with you at all times, although, should you encounter any problems which means you have to close the Certificated Location then please advise our office as soon as possible.