

## CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB HOME COUNTIES REGION

Meeting 18 May 2022 – Precis

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1.	<p><b>Club Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership in April 2022 stood at 388,000 households. This compared with 344,000 in April 2020, and it appeared most had renewed membership.</li><li>• Centre membership was 56,000 in April 2022, a 37% increase on centre membership in April 2020.</li><li>• The main issue facing Sites was the increase in energy costs. The question of introducing metering was raised: it was confirmed this was under discussion and there was already a group reviewing overall energy consumption to try to identify ways of reducing this.</li><li>• Major capital refurbishments at Clumber Park, West Ayton and Morn Hill (to be known as Winchester when it reopens) were all on schedule to reopen during the summer. The fourth at Lady Margaret's Park was behind schedule due to planning issues; the refurbishment was going ahead but the planned extension was currently on hold.</li><li>• There were two pop-up sites planned for the summer at Beaulieu and Holkham Hall in Norfolk.</li><li>• By the end of 2022, there will be 38,000 more site nights available than 2 years ago. The increase was due to new pitches, converting grass pitches to hard-standing and extending site opening times.</li><li>• There had been a net increase of 47 Certificated Sites in 2021, and it was hoped there would be a similar increase in 2022.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Rallying:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It had been noticeable that some ralliers were starting to keep an eye on their finances, particularly the cost of fuel, and to pick and choose which rallies to join. The key was to put on good, interesting rallies and advertise well.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Website &amp; Facebook pages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was reported that the regional Facebook site had 594 likes and 624 followers. This was very good in comparison with other regional Facebook sites.</li><li>• Disappointment was expressed in the Club regarding the lack of support in promoting rallies and events as they had originally promised. This had been recently tested with the Bucks event, the Royal Windsor Horse Show. The information had been uploaded as directed and its inclusion on the Club Facebook site pushed, but to no avail.</li></ul>
4.	<p><b>Rally Risk Assessments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was reported that some rally officers had refused to undertake risk assessments for their rally, as they considered they were putting themselves at risk of being sued.</li><li>• A further meeting was held outside the Council meeting with Rebecca Newman, Governance Co-Ordinator who confirmed that written risk assessments should be part of the good practice required when running rallies / events. Rebecca confirmed that any claim would be against the Club, not individuals, and the first thing the insurers would ask for would be a copy of risk assessment.</li><li>• Rallies were covered by the Club's public liability insurance; the main aim was to ensure members were being kept safe. The important thing was a record had been made and would be available if a claim was ever submitted. Risk assessments needed to be retained for 6 years.</li></ul>
5.	<p><b>Regional Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Question Time was booked for 11 June 2022 at Missenden Abbey, followed by complimentary tickets to the nearby Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre.</li><li>• The Regional AGM would take place on Saturday 8 October 2022 at Desborough College, Maidenhead; the accompanying rally, hosted by Berkshire can be booked directly from their website – <a href="http://www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk">www.berkshirecentrecaravanclub.co.uk</a></li></ul>
6.	<p><b>Next Regional Meeting:</b> Wednesday 14 September 2022</p>

