

Club No. 412



CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

**PARAGRAPH 4
CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION
For events of 28 days maximum**

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 12 of the First Schedule to the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (hereinafter called the "Secretary of State") may grant a certificate of exemption for the purposes of paragraph 4 of the said Schedule to any organisation as to which they are satisfied that its objectives include the encouragement or promotion of recreational activities.

THEREFORE the Secretary of State in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the said Schedule hereby grants:

The Folk Camps Society Ltd

this certificate under the said paragraph 12 dated the **8th day of December 2023**

Camping and Caravanning Exemptions Team

(Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign on that behalf)

Notes

1. This certificate is withdrawable at any time, and in any event will cease to be valid on the **8th day of December 2028**.
2. This certificate is granted only for the use of the organisation named and is not transferable to any other organisation.
3. This certificate is granted only for use in England.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOLDING A PARAGRAPH 4 EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Certificates can only be used by the named organisation and cannot be transferred to other organisations.

Touring caravan exemption certificates do not permit tents to be used in caravanning activities.

Touring caravans (Paragraph 4 & 6) and tents attending the same event must be covered by two separate exemption certificates, one for caravanning and one for camping. One type of certificate does not permit the other.

Natural England expects organisations holding a Paragraph 4 certificate to consult local planning authorities about sites before they use them. Organisations should not use sites where planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.

Natural England must be satisfied that an organisation is:

- Taking reasonable steps to ensure that its campsites are properly managed and kept in a good sanitary condition,
- Ensuring that the touring caravans occupied by its members are used in such a way that they do not give rise to any nuisance

Organisations must be sensitive to the concerns of local residents who may be affected by frequent or large-scale caravanning activities and avoid overuse of sites.

Organisations must be responsive to all valid complaints about the use of a site and to make every effort to reach agreement with those concerned.

Any changes to the details recorded on the exemption certificate, the Code of Conduct, or Constitution must be reported in writing to Natural England.

Permission to use land within the following designated sites must be sought prior to authorising land for exempted use.

- a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Ramsar, or National Nature Reserve (NNR), you must request permission from Natural England by emailing protectedsites@naturalengland.org.uk
- a National Landscape (previously Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)), you must request permission from your local National Landscape Unit. Contact details can be found at the following website: [National Landscapes - Home \(national-landscapes.org.uk\)](http://NationalLandscapes-Home(national-landscapes.org.uk)).
- a National Park: you must notify National Parks England of your intention to meet in the National Park by 30 May, the year before your rally or event is going to take place, by emailing enquiries@nationalparksengland.org.uk. Please refer to the [New Forest National Park Authority](http://NewForestNationalParkAuthority) for any events/sites within this National Park.