

Folk Camps Society Limited Code of Conduct for Camping Sites

General

1. The Folk Camps Society Camp Warden will be responsible for ensuring that members attending the camp comply with this Code.
2. The Camp Staff will follow the Folk Camps Society Health & Safety Policy and the Folk Camps Society Staff Manuals.

The Venue

3. Folk Camps Society Limited Council of Management will take reasonable steps to satisfy themselves that the site to be used is not subject to a relevant order under paragraph 13 of the First Schedule to the 1960 Act (for caravans), or an Article 4 direction under Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (for caravans and camping), and that it is not one where planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.
4. Folk Camps Society Limited will consult the Local Authority before holding a Folk Camp on land adjacent to sites for which planning permission has been granted for caravanning or camping, i.e. next to permanent or commercial sites.
5. Folk Camps Society Limited will agree to move from and avoid any site to which the Local Authority objects.
6. Folk Camps Society will not meet on sites adjacent to certificated caravanning or camping locations/sites unless the proposed site is clearly differentiated and the risk of interference with local people and other users is minimal.
7. Folk Camps Society will take reasonable steps to ensure that the siting of units (a caravan, motor home, tent or trailer tent) does not unduly interfere with the activities of local people, their privacy or their enjoyment of their property. The Society will also ensure that the siting of units does not interfere with the enjoyment by others of the landscape, natural beauty or nature conservation value of the area, particularly in areas designated for their landscape or wildlife qualities.
8. Folk Camps Society will undertake not to over-use any venue, will consider carefully before holding successive Folk Camps on the same land and will endeavour not to camp on any site for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 days in any 12 consecutive months. Where practically possible the Society will also endeavour not to camp on any site being used for camping by other exempted organisations if, by doing so, the use of this site would be taken over these limits.

Nuisance

9. Local people should be able to carry on their normal activities when Folk Camps are in progress. Folk Camps Society Limited will take reasonable steps to minimise disturbance and will investigate promptly and deal with the causes of any complaints made.

10. Care should be taken not to damage the site or the surrounding locality. Trees, fences, buildings, equipment and stock should all be respected.

11. Domestic animals belonging to Folk Campers will be kept on a lead and under close control at all times. No animal will be allowed to run loose on the site or cause disturbance to other campers, local people or their animals. All animals belonging to Folk Camps will be exercised away from units and off site. Any mess will be cleared up immediately by the owner.

12. The Camp Warden will identify open space suitable for the playing of games which might otherwise intrude upon or constitute a danger or annoyance to others on or around the site.

13. Noise should be kept to a minimum for the comfort of others on the site as well as people who live or work nearby.

Road Safety and Access

14. The Folk Camps Council of Management will take steps to ensure that travel from major roads to Folk Camps will not be likely to cause undue disruption or difficulties for other road users. Access to the site must be suitable for the number of pre-booked Folk Camps Members attending the camp. Arrival and departure times will be advised in advance of the camp and should be strictly adhered to minimise disruption to other road users.

15. The speed of vehicles on the site will be restricted to 5 mph and campers must adhere to the vehicular routes on site defined by the Camp Warden.

Spacing and Density

16. The spacing and density of units will be determined by the Camp Warden and all members must adhere to the site plan. Emergency vehicles must be able to gain access to any unit on the site. Units must be well spaced so they do not restrict access to, or exit from, any other unit or the site in general. At least 3 metres is required between units in all circumstances. For this purpose, a unit includes the caravan, motor home, tent or trailer-tent, plus any awnings, gazebo or family members/children's tents and car or towing vehicle.

17. Where the unit is a caravan or motorhome, it must be located as agreed with the Camp Warden according to the site plan in an area designated for caravans or motorhomes. A distance of at least 6 metres must be allowed between any neighbouring tent which is not part of that individual unit.

Fire Precautions

18. Open fires are not allowed on any Folk Camps sites. Where barbecue equipment is used it must be located on open ground, away from units, vehicles, awnings and any other structures.

19. Fire extinguishers approved to British Standards Institute and/or Fire Officers Certificate standards will be held on site.

Chemical Toilets and Waste-Water Disposal

20. Folk Camps will act responsibly when disposing of the contents of chemical toilets and waste-water and take full account of the need to safeguard water supplies and prevent the pollution of rivers and streams. Folk Camps will only use green, eco-friendly, formaldehyde-free products in chemical toilets.

21. On-site disposal of the contents of chemical toilets and waste-water will be in accordance with Folk Camps Society Management Manual, Folk Camps Health & Safety Policy and the arrangements agreed with the site owner/occupier. Neither will be allowed to foul the ground except at designated disposal points. If there is any doubt about the disposal of waste, Folk Camps Administration Manager or the Camp Warden will contact the relevant Local Authority for advice.

Refuse disposal

22. Folk Camps Society will ensure that refuse is disposed of in accordance with on-site arrangements and where it is practically possible will arrange for the recycling of bottles, plastics and cans in order to minimise waste. The Sites Manager or Administration Manager will make appropriate arrangements for the disposal of waste in the site set-up plans.