

## **Code of Conduct on Rallies**

This Code of Conduct laid down by the People Like Us Retired Caravanner's Club (from now on referred to, as The P.L.US Club must be strictly adhered to by all members attending an exempted rally. This Code of Conduct binds all ralliers and their visitors at all times.

### **I. Introduction**

1. One named member of The P.L.US Club (from now on called the rally marshal) is to be responsible for the conduct of any exempted rally and for ensuring that members attending comply with this code.

### **II. Venue**

2. The P.L.US Club should take reasonable steps to satisfy themselves that the site proposed for an exempted rally is not subject to a relevant order under paragraph 13 of Schedule 1, of the 1960 Act (for caravans), or an Article 4 direction under Schedule 2 to the Town & Country Planning Order 1995 (for caravans & camping) and that it is not one where planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.

3. The P.L.US Club should seek the agreement of the local authority before meeting on land adjacent to sites for which planning permission has been granted.

4. The P.L.US Club should not meet on sites adjacent to certificated locations/sites unless the proposed site is clearly differentiated and the risk of interference with local people and users is minimal.

5. The P.L.US Club should take care that the siting of caravans does not unduly interfere with the activities of local people, their privacy or their enjoyment of their property.

They should also take care that the siting of caravans does not interfere with the enjoyment by others of the landscape, natural beauty or nature conservation value of the area and particularly in areas designated for their landscape or wildlife qualities.

6. The P.L.US Club undertake not to over-use any venue and will consider carefully holding successive meetings on the same land.

### **III. Nuisance**

7. Local people should be able to carry out their normal activities when meetings are in progress and disturbance should be minimised. Complaints should be treated seriously and steps taken to investigate and deal with the cause of complaint.

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

9. Domestic animals belonging to members of the organisation should be kept on a lead and under close control. They should not be allowed to run loose on the site or cause disturbance to local people or animals. They should be exercised away from caravans and parts of the site used for communal activities and any mess should be picked up and correctly disposed of.

10. The rally marshal should identify open space suitable for games, which might otherwise intrude on or constitute a danger or annoyance to caravans or others on or around the site.

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

#### **IV. Road Safety and Access**

12. The rally marshal should take steps to ensure that travel from major roads to a proposed site is not likely to cause undue disruption or difficulties for other road users. Access to the rally site must be suitable for the number and likely size of units attending the meeting. The arrivals and departures of caravans should be arranged to minimise disruptions to other road users.

13. The speed of vehicles on the site should be restricted to 5mph.

#### **V. Spacing and Density**

14. Units should be well spaced and sited so that they do not restrict access to, or exit from, any unit or the area in case of emergencies. No less than 6 meters is required between units at their nearest point i.e. 9 metres from marker peg to marker peg and that they are parked at the right hand side of the marker pegs. In addition, there must be a minimum of 3 metres between any awnings, gazebo's or pup tents and the car/towing vehicle.

Emergency vehicles should be able to secure access to any unit on the site.

#### **VI. Fire Precautions**

15. Open fires and barbeques should not be held except with permission of the rally marshal, where permission is given for open fires or barbeques they should be sited on open ground away from caravans, vehicles, awnings and any other structures.

16. Caravans should carry a fully maintained fire extinguisher approved to the current British and European Standards and/or Fire Officer Certificate Standards.

#### **VII. Chemical Toilet & Waste Water Disposal**

17. The P.L.US Club should act responsibly when disposing of the content 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.

18. On-site disposal of the contents of chemical toilets and waste water should be in accordance with arrangements agreed with the site owner/occupier. Neither should be allowed to foul the ground except at designated disposal points. If in any doubt about the disposal of waste, contact the relevant Local Authority for clarification.

#### **VIII. Refuse Disposal**

19. The P.L.US Club should ensure that refuse is either taken home or disposed of in accordance with on-site arrangements. The rally marshals should be satisfied that appropriate arrangements are in place.

20. The rally marshal should ensure that the site is clear of litter and/or debris after the meeting.

#### **IX. Other Information**

21. The rally marshal should be aware of the terms of the Caravan Code, the Country Code and the Coastal Code.

22. When attending a rally members are required to pay a rally fee arranged between the Club and the land owner and to pay any small nominal amount which has been arranged by the rally marshal to cover refreshments or any additional activities.