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## ACCEO MATTERS

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Thank you to the NHS and Key Workers

**Yes it is still going to be running but under Covid  
19 rules**

### **ACCEO NATIONAL RALLY & AGM**

30<sup>th</sup> September to 05<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Hosted by All Year Round Caravan Club  
at Ludlow Racecourse



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This could be the last ACCEO Matters  
ACCEO needs a Publications Officer.



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Finally, 4 months into this strange world we now live in we were able to move our units onto the highways. Even though we are still on restrictions it is good to be out there again, social distancing with our friends.

Sadly The Caravan and Motorhome Show in October will not be taking place but fingers crossed the Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show in February 2021 will be.

On a more positive note the ACCEO National Rally and AGM will be running under Covid 19 Rules. There are more details on Page 8. The booking form was sent out with the last issue of AM in April, it has been emailed out to Clubs by Peter Brown, ACCEO's Secretary and it is also available to be downloaded from the website. We have removed the cut off date of the 2nd September for bookings to be in by, but we would appreciate it if we knew sooner rather than later as we still have to be aware of numbers, due to Covid.

As many of you will know, I have been the Editor of AM for a number of years. ACCEO is looking for a replacement as I wish to give this Committee role up and continue with my role as Exhibitions. Sadly we haven't been successful so far in obtaining a replacement so this could be the last issue of ACCEO Matters. I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the magazine whilst I have been Editor.

If you are interested in taking up the Editor's position please contact me, I will be happy to discuss the process and what is expected.

Don't forget if you visit any of the rally sites that advertise in AM, to mention that you saw their advert in AM. Also, if you visit any rally site that would be interested in advertising in AM, please ask them to contact me at [ameditor@acceo.org](mailto:ameditor@acceo.org)

If anybody has any subject they think might be of interest to other Association Members and would like it included in AM, please contact me at [ameditor@acceo.org](mailto:ameditor@acceo.org)

Elaine Nicholls  
Editor

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## Chairman's Chat

What a year it has been and I know some of you have made the decision not to rally again for 2020 and some of you have started up again from July & August.

Having spent 4 months at home, I've enjoyed getting away at the weekend with my caravan. Rallying is very different with no socials and keeping your distance but we must follow Government guidelines.

I'm pleased that the ACCEO National Rally will still go ahead. We will not have the use of the room and not be able to hold any socials but the AGM will still take place and Ludlow is a beautiful place to visit. More details for the National are in this edition of AM so please take a look, book on the rally, and support ACCEO if you can.

During the year, Robin Wilkinson stepped down as Chairman and as Vice Chairman I stepped into the role of Chairman. I would like to extend our thanks to Robin for his time on the ACCEO Executive Committee.

We have several positions on the Committee becoming vacant and we need new people to join us to help continue with ACCEO's work. We meet twice a year in January and May other than the AGM and this is your chance to give something back to a pastime I'm sure you love.

Please speak to myself or any of the Committee and we would be happy to have a chat with you.

**Ian Derbyshire**

## Insurance Officer

The club insurance scheme is still very well received by our member clubs and nearly all ACCEO clubs are now taking advantage of the club insurance offering which is great to see.

If your club currently does not use the ACCEO scheme, please contact myself or Saffron Insurance when your insurance is next due for renewal so we can see if we can help with your insurance.

Should you not have any insurance in place, we would strongly recommend you arrange cover without delay as you are putting your committee and members under personal risk by not having insurance.

Insurance renewals are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> December again, so look out for emails from Saffron Insurance in November. Remember to keep us informed should your club contact change, especially as the AGM season will soon be here with lots of our clubs, and changes of officers happen.

Please renew your insurance on time. No days of grace are granted with insurance and we also don't want to add to Saffron Insurance's workload with them having to chase our members for payment.

Finally I would like to remind you all that Saffron Insurance also provide all types of general insurance, so if any of your members are looking for insurance ask them to contact Saffron Insurance for a quotation, this can be car, home, caravan, motorhome insurance etc.

**Ian Derbyshire**



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## Membership Officer

Well what a few months we have had, but I hope everyone has stayed safe and the wheels on your caravan / motorhome have not gone square!

Renewal time will soon be upon us, if you have had a change in committee or principal contact details have changed can you please let me know. This way the renewals process is so much simpler and I do not have to chase you. I will say over my time as membership officer you have all been pretty good at letting me know, it's just a few clubs that forget to let me know a change of details. I do understand that changes happen for a variety of reasons, but my mind-reading techniques are not very good at the moment, so please give me a bit more help.

The membership renewal forms should be with you by the end of October (well my half term from school) so keep an eye on your inbox.

Many thanks for all your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at Ludlow Racecourse.

**Gaynor Hart**

## ACCEO Rallies for 2020 being run by AAOC

Unfortunately, there are only two ACCEO Paragraph 6 Rallies that are now running mainly due to Covid 19.

Well it has been an unbelievable start to 2020 but the Committee and members of the AAOC do hope everyone has stayed safe.

Out of the four rallies that we were running on behalf of ACCEO this year there are two remaining. We have our fingers crossed that they will be going ahead. We understand that a number of clubs have cancelled the remainder of their rallying calendar. Even though your own club is not rallying you can still attend our ACCEO rallies as long as you are a Personal Member.

### Matlock Lights

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020      Miners Standard, Winster, Near Matlock DE4 2DR

**Please check with the Rally Marshal as this rally may not run due to Covid 19 restrictions.**

### New Year Rally

29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021      Robin Hood Activity Centre, NG21 0NF

**As numbers are dependant on this rally running, a deadline of the 30th October 2020 for booking has been put on it. Obviously this will also depend on Covid 19 restrictions as well.**

If you would like to book onto either of these rallies then please email [gaynor@aaoc.org.uk](mailto:gaynor@aaoc.org.uk)

If you would like to run one of your rallies under the ACCEO Paragraph 6 exemption certificate, please get in touch for more details. It's another way to possibly get more members on your rallies and you may even attract new members.

**Covid19 restrictions will have to be adhered too when rallies are being run.**

**ACCEO Committee**

## ACCEO Companions

Calling all ACCEO Companion Members.

During the ACCEO AGM rally the ACCEO Companions holds their AGM. This will be my first one since being asked to be Chair of the Companions.

The meeting will be held at 10.30am on Saturday 3rd October 2021 in the main room.

The ACCEO Companions is a subgroup of ACCEO and it is predominantly for Personal Members who, for one reason or another are no longer affiliated with one of our member clubs but still wish to support ACCEO and stay in touch with the organisation.

So if you are an ACCEO Companion please come to the AGM, I look forward to seeing you there.

**Gaynor Hart**

## Unincorporated Organisations, Trustees and the Law

ACCEO is regularly asked to clarify the need for a Club to have appointed Trustees before arranging to run a rally under the terms of the paragraph 4 exemption certificate that they hold.

That clarification is given below and at the same time we thought it timely to remind members of other implications associated with belonging to an unincorporated organisation.

### Why do we need Trustees to run a Paragraph 4 Exempted Rally?

The First Schedule to the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 permits an organisation granted an exemption certificate under the term of paragraph 4 of the schedule to use land as a caravan site without a site licence if that organisation is in occupation of the land. To be in occupation of the land, the organisation has to take an interest in the land. Unincorporated organisations such as ACCEO should appoint individual Holding Trustees to sign leases or hold the title to freehold property

There are two types of Trustee, a Management Trustee (each member of the management committee of a charity would be one) and a Holding Trustee who is appointed by an unincorporated organisation to take any interest in land on behalf of the organisation. ACCEO has these Holding Trustees and they have powers as defined in clause 3.1.3 of the ACCEO constitution. It is recommended that any ACCEO member organisation who holds a paragraph 4 exemption certificate also provide in its constitution for the appointment and empowerment of Holding Trustees.

Any ACCEO Trustee can sign a lease for a rally site on behalf of ACCEO although in practice only the Extended Rally Officer does. The Trustee who signs is personally responsible for any liability incurred during the term or on surrender of the lease however as long as he has acted within the powers granted in the constitution he will be indemnified by ACCEO up to the limit of funds available. ACCEO has taken out a Directors and Officers Insurance to protect its officers in this area and the ACCEO Insurance Broker, Saffron Insurance, would be happy to provide a quote to any member club that was interested in taking out this Insurance.

### Further Information:

#### What it means to be an unincorporated association

For the sake of simplicity and cost, most voluntary organisations set up as unincorporated organisations. An unincorporated organisation is one that, in law, does not have a legal personality that is separate from that of its members. This means that it cannot in its own name:

- Enter into contracts.
- Hold title to property.
- Sue or be sued.

An unincorporated organisation relies on individual members and/or management committee members or trustees (being over the age of 18) acting as agents of the organisation and its members.

#### Entering into Contracts

When an unincorporated organisation enters into a contract with a supplier the paperwork will usually show that the organisation orders goods in its own name and receives an invoice made out in its name. In law, however, it is the members or the management committee or individual members of the organisation who sign documents on the organisation's behalf. They enter into the contract as agents for the organisation and its members through their own legal personality, and assume full responsibility and liability for that contract.

## Cannot Sue or be Sued

If an unincorporated organisation believes that one of its suppliers is in breach of contract it cannot take any action and sue in its own name. The management committee must authorise one or more of its members to act on behalf of the unincorporated organisation. Likewise, if an individual or organisation wants to sue the unincorporated organisation for breach of contract they cannot do so in the name of the organisation. They have to bring an action against one or more of the members of the management committee.

The unincorporated structure is often used by:

- Community organisations (with no employees)
- Local groups and societies, such as youth clubs, parent and toddler groups, play-schemes, amateur sports clubs, health groups and others.
- Branches of national bodies.

## Advantages of being an unincorporated association or trust

- The structure is very quick and cheap to set up.
- The structure allows a governing document or constitution that is very flexible and can be changed easily and quickly.
- The organisation can be wound up easily and cheaply.
- The organisation's existence does not depend on official registration.

## Disadvantages of being an unincorporated association or trust

The main disadvantage is that members of the management committee, either individually or collectively, may be sued for breach of contract and may incur unlimited personal liability. Reimbursement will be available from the organisation's funds if the members have acted in good faith and have not been negligent. However if the necessary funds do not meet the debts or claims, then, technically, members of the committee will become personally liable whatever the size of the claim.

## Occupying Land and Buildings

An unincorporated voluntary organisation cannot own land in its own name: it must use individuals as holding trustees or a corporate body as a custodian trustee.

Such holding or custodian trustees hold the title to the land as bare trustees, i.e. their only duty is to hold the title on behalf of the voluntary organisation. It is the members of the management committee who will be responsible for the management of the premises in accordance with the lease.

**Peter Brown**  
**Association Secretary**



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## **ACCEO National Rally and AGM**

### **Ludlow Racecourse Wednesday 30th September- Monday 5th October 2020**



A lovely venue to explore the wonders of Shropshire. The racecourse is set in beautiful countryside with fabulous views of Cleve Hills. The racecourse is a short distance (1/2 mile) from Ludlow Food Centre. The Food Centre has its own butchery, deli, bakery and extensive shop of all things local. There is also a garden centre; Kitchen Café and The Clive Restaurant.

From here you can also catch buses to Shrewsbury and Ludlow.

Ludlow is a lovely medieval town, with its 11th Century Castle. It has a large farmer's market every Saturday and there are numerous independent shops. Ludlow offers a wide variety of pubs and restaurants and even has its own brewery and tap room (found next to Aldi & Tesco).

Church Stretton is just 30mins drive away and is a small market town. Just outside Church Stretton is Carding Mill Valley. There is a beautiful walk through the valley next to the babbling stream up to the Long Mynd.

This is a free and easy rally and there will be no social events.

The AGM will still go ahead but attendance will be limited to a maximum of 30. The ACCEO Committee will be represented by 5 members. Each member club may only have one delegate attend the AGM who must apply by pre-registering via e-mail to the ACCEO Secretary. The first 25 applications received will be accepted.

Site fees are just £11 per unit per night. Fill in the booking form that can be found on our website or Facebook page. Please pay by cheque on arrival, or by BACs in advance, details on booking form. Please bring your own PPE and cleaning equipment to make sure any common touch points (water, elsan) are cleaned after your use.



**Ian Derbyshire**

# Rally Sites Classified

## Herefordshire

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## Worcestershire



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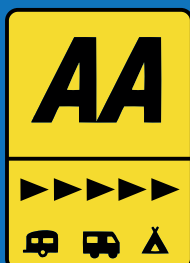
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