

Cheshire Centre

Information for Ralliers New To The Centre

A warm Welcome to your first Cheshire Centre rally. Thank you for choosing to attend a Rally with us. We hope that you will enjoy your weekend and that it will be the first of many enjoyable rallies with the Cheshire Centre.

If you are new to rallying or caravanning in general. The following information is to let you know what to expect on a typical Cheshire Centre rally.

You may have rallied with another centre or organisation. and you are visiting Cheshire for the first time. If this is the case you will, no doubt, have some idea of what to expect on a rally.

You will have been greeted on arrival by the Organisers, who will have shown you where to pitch your outfit. As a minimum the rally site will have fresh water, and somewhere to empty your toilet and grey waste. The rally organisers should tell you the location of these services, and any other information specific to this rally.

Each rally will have a person, appointed as Chairman of the Rally. He or She should introduce themselves during the Rally. If you have any problems please communicate this to either the Rally Officers or Rally Chairman. They will do their best to help to resolve any problems or concerns that you may have. They will have signs indicating that they are Chairman, or Rally Officers. These are volunteers and probably dislike public speaking as much as you do!

What follows is general information about what to expect on a Rally. Rally's are organised and run by Volunteers under the umbrella of the Cheshire Centre. They pay the same Rally fee as you do. But more importantly bring, their own interests and experiences to the Rally's that they run. Therefore, the information below is intended to give a flavour of what happens on a rally, rather than an inflexible template.

Rallies are supposed to be a relaxing, enjoyable experience. Please enjoy!

Arrival: On arrival on the field you will be given an envelope. This contains details of the rally, the programme for the weekend and the timings of activities such as opening and closing Flag. Details of other information specific to the rally will also be in your envelope. There will also probably be a family quiz / competition for your children. Participation in the competitions is not compulsory, but if you don't you miss out on the chance to win massive prizes!

Drinking Water Points: Will be provided and these will be signed. ***Never ever fill your toilet with water at the drinking tap*** for obvious reasons.

Chemical Toilet Emptying Points: An emptying point will always be provided and will usually be signed "Elsan".

Waste (grey) Water: Containers are normally emptied around the edge of the field. Please confirm with the Rally Officers.

If the venue is new to you it is worth asking upon arrival for the location of the Water and CDP points.

Dry Waste: This should be taken home with you, unless otherwise instructed.

There is typically an opening meeting. This is known as **Flag**. You will be given information about the activities during the Rally. Attendance is in no way compulsory, but it is a good chance to see who is on the Rally and have a gossip. There is usually a drink and biscuits provided, so you need to take your own cup with you.

Problems: If you have a problem during the rally, please don't suffer in silence. As both the collective experience and their spares kit is normally high you will be surprised what can be begged, borrowed or bodged, from other Ralliers to allow you to get through your weekend. Speak to the Rally Officers who will be able to point you in the right direction.

Closing Flag: Normally held on Sunday morning. It is an opportunity to recap the weekend, Hand out prizes for the competition's and pass on news regarding centre activities. More drinks and Biscuits.

Rally Fee: Unless otherwise informed, the fee that you have paid for the rally is all you need to pay. So, if there is for example a Social with entertainment admission to this is included in your Rally fee. Our aim is to make Rallying as good value for money that we can possibly can.

Rules:

We have some common-sense rules these are for your safety and convenience. These rules apply to everyone on a Rally and not just to you!

A 5MPH: speed limit is imposed on the rally field. It is very easy for a child to step out from behind caravans and it is too late once an accident has occurred.

Parents are responsible for the safety and behaviour of their own children and to ensure that they do not cause damage or discomfort to others either on site or off site. Please ensure that any ball games, riding of push bikes or flying of kites takes place well away from the caravans and power cables in the case of kites. Good relations established with landowners and neighbours, can easily be destroyed by unruly or inconsiderate behaviour. We have a lot of junior members and normally their behaviour is exemplary.

Dogs must be on a lead whilst on the rally field. Your dog may be well behaved but if one dog is seen to be off the lead then the feeling is "why not mine". Always exercise your dog around the edge of the field so that the spoiling of the ground is limited and ensure that you "poop and scoop" always

Photography / Data Protection

Photography / videography may be taken at our Centre's events and rallies. The Centre and Club may use any photograph(s) and / or video(s) they take that includes you, your party and/or outfit in all and any media, including printed and electronic publications, e.g. websites, or promotional materials, in the advertising of its goods or services. The photograph(s) and / or video(s) may be stored for these purposes as well. If you do not want to appear in any shots, please advise the organiser if it relates to a specific event, or the Centre Secretary if for all events. They will do their best to accommodate this and ensure you are able to avoid the area being photographed / filmed.' Where images including clearly identifiable people are submitted by the Centre to the Club for publication, the individuals must have given the Centre permission to take and use images in all and any media by use of this wording.

Yellow Flag: This means restricted vehicular movement. This flag will only be flown if the Rally Officers and the Chairman consider that the conditions of the field will deteriorate due to the weather being bad and the cars are cutting up the surface. This protects the ground and makes it possible for outfits to get off at the end of the Rally **When the yellow flag is flying there should be no vehicle movement without authorisation from the Rally Officers or Rally Chairman.**

If you are having difficulty moving your car or caravan, do not cut up the field unnecessarily but go and see the Rally Officer and he will arrange help to get you off the field.

It is normal for ralliers to get together in the evening for a drink and a chat. This is part of what rallying is all about, but after 11pm, in consideration of other ralliers and local neighbours. Please can the noise be kept down. This is not a curfew please stay chatting for as long as you want, just with consideration for others near by. Just remember the sound proofing qualities of an awning are not great and you may say something after the 2nd Bottle wine of, that you may latter regret!

Generators:. The Centre rules restrict generator use to a maximum of a 3-hour period between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. except for medical purposes or by Rally Officers for an organised event, but no later than 11.00 p.m. At all times, generators should be used with due consideration to other ralliers and **not** left unattended. The closest outfit to a generator should be your own!

Complaints or concerns: If you have any complaints, please refer these to the Rally Officer or Chairman, or any committee member, immediately. They will do their best to resolve the situation. We also accept compliments.

Rally Officers, the people without whom the centre could not exist. They are unpaid volunteers, a simple thankyou can go a long qway, costs nothing and is much appreciated.