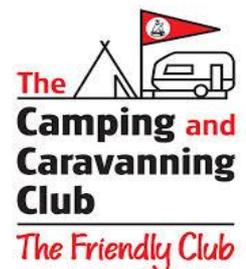


# LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION



## OFFER A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



## **What is a District Association?**

The Camping & Caravanning Club is comprised of 93 District Associations.

DA's are groups of local members who organise rallies and camping meets for all members who wish to camp in their area.

Our DA covers Lancashire and Cheshire and parts of the surrounding area. We are known as LCDA (Lancs & Cheshire District Association).

Several DA's grouped together form a Region, our DA is part of North West Region. There are 13 regions covering the whole of the UK.

Members are automatically allocated to the DA which covers their postcode area (printed in bottom left corner of the membership card). However you are welcome to attend meets organised by any DA in any region. You may also opt to change your DA by co-opting into another DA at any time, this then gives you a voting right at the DA's AGM in February of each year.

## **What Lancs & Ches D.A. has to offer**

- It is the oldest DA in the North West and one of the oldest DA's in the club (est 1914), we have a long history of fun and friendly weekends. So come and join us.
- Regular weekend camping meets held throughout the season on a wide variety of sites. An overview of our sites for this year along with a programme of events is attached to these notes in a form of a booklet.
- Social events where you can meet other members and make new friends - such events from walks to our Midsummer meet and Bonfire, we have a full diary of meets and rallies.
- Activities for children CCJ = 8 – 11 year olds and CCY = 12 – 18 year olds are arranged at some weekend meets.
- Active junior and youth sections giving children aged from 8 to 18 the opportunity to gain independence and self confidence in a safe learning environment, outdoors and away from the distractions of TV, computers and fast food. Information is enclosed with this pack.

## How to Take Part

Any member of the Camping & Caravanning Club can attend any DA meet, you are not restricted to the DA shown on your card, although generally their meets will be closer to your home.

Each meet will be organised by and under the control of a Steward. The Steward is a regular DA member who has volunteered to put out directional signage, liaise with the landowner and generally facilitate the weekend's activities. They are unpaid.

DA meets are generally without the benefit of commercial facilities unless noted otherwise and you will need to provide your own toilet facilities. Electric hook ups are not usually available, if they are available this will be advertised in the "Out & About" and the website. ***Elsan disposal points and fresh water will always be provided.***

The programme of events included with this guidance booklet allows you to choose which of our meets you want to attend. Alternatively you can use the entry in the "Out & About" magazine, which will give you slightly more information. You can also check out our website. <http://www.lancsandchesda.co.uk/> or facebook page: Lancs & Ches D.A. (our face book pages are private to group members, you will need to join for access)

## Arriving on Site

The site opening time if not stated in the 'Out & About' is 12 Noon on the first day of the meet (usually a Friday). Please **do not** arrive earlier than the stated time unless you have previously phoned the Steward and received his or her permission to arrive early.

On entering the site please observe the **SMPH** rule (walking pace) and report to the Stewards unit to 'Book In'. The Steward will generally have their unit set up close to the site entrance and they will have a STEWARDS sign outside their unit. This is the only formality all weekend and in itself is very informal.

When booking in the Steward will ask you for your membership cards, payment, inform you of the location of the water point and Elsan disposal point, point out any site features and advise of events (if any) planned for the duration of the meet.

You are then free to pitch your unit anywhere within the site boundaries ensuring only that you are a minimum of 6m (20 foot) clear of any other unit. This includes awnings, tents and windbreaks.

## Site Etiquette

- Please observe the 5mph speed limit whilst on site. This is to safeguard all on site, but in particular the many children that attend, all of whom are having too good a time to pay any attention to traffic on site.
- You should always keep 6m (20') between units so as to give your neighbour some privacy and to ensure that in the unfortunate event of fire in one unit that no other unit is affected and also to allow access for fire fighters.
- A fire bucket, filled with water should be kept by the front of your unit. This will be extremely handy in the event of a fire in a unit when the collective effect of everyone's fire buckets can prevent a small problem becoming a major one. In hot weather they also provide drinking water for animals.
- After 11 at night and before 7 in the morning we all try to keep noise to a minimum, and vehicle movements are not allowed unless in an absolute emergency. This is so as not to disturb those who wish to sleep.
- Dogs are welcome at all meets. All considerate dog owners will appreciate that whilst on site; dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and will remember to clean up behind their pets.
- When you leave site we ask that you ensure that you leave the area around your pitch as clean as when you arrived to save the Steward the task.

## What happens at a meet?

The Stewards may organise a walk through the adjoining countryside or walk to the nearest pub. Various sports may be organised, at the bigger meets a use of a hall or marquee may be arranged. Other meets include a disco, occasionally fancy dress parties or prize bingo. All meets have social gatherings where people just congregate together for good company and conversation usually with a drink (or two, or three!!!!).

At a lot of our meets you will see that a marquee or hall will have been organised. This is to provide a meeting point for all and is generally used on an evening for social gatherings, where you bring your own chairs and refreshments. All campers are invited to come along and join in.

**A group of people collected around BBQ's or sat in a circle of camping chairs is not a clique of members wishing to separate themselves but an open invitation to all to join in. Wander along with your chair and/or BBQ and join in, bring a drink and enjoy the atmosphere and friendships you will undoubtedly make.**

On Sundays (or the last day) we often have a coffee morning (11am unless stated otherwise) in front of the Stewards awning (or marquee) where all you need to do is turn up with a chair, we will usually provide hot drinks and biscuits.

## **What about the Children**

The ages of the children camping in the DA ranges from newborn through to late teens. All make friends with each other regardless of age and all look out for each other.

Children have a great time and this is one of the principal reasons so many families love DA camping. Most children sleep by their parents units in their own pup tents, sometimes sharing with friends. For children it's just like a big sleepover. Exploring, playing games rounders, hide and seek and football are just some of the activities they either organise for themselves or have organised by some brave parent, this combined with the chance to form another friendship group away from school and home and the opportunity (particularly for boys) to find the only mud for miles results in happy but exhausted offspring on a Sunday evening allowing the parents the chance to relax all weekend.

Upon reaching the age of 8 for the Junior section (CCJ) or 12 for the Youth section (CCY), which are even more fun. When youth and junior lines are organised at a meet they are in an area on the same site but separate from the parents units. They are supervised by the Youth Leaders and CCJ Leaders: they organise many activities as well as teaching them the principals of camping. Recent Youth events have seen our Youth travelling to Yorkshire for the National Youth Rally and Alton Towers. Those youth who pass their youth test and are 14 years old become eligible to attend the annual International Youth Rallies. In the past few years we have seen our youth travel to Poland, Slovakia and Portugal and Italy. See additional information on Youth and CCJ

## CCY & Camping Club Juniors

Camping Club Juniors (CCJ) is a section for 8 - 11 year old children that enjoy camping and would like to meet children of their own age. The CCJ offers children the chance to get together as a group and if they are confident enough, to camp in their own tent in the CCJ area (when available). It will give them the opportunity to camp alone, have fun, learn new skills and will prepare them for progression to the CCY.

The Junior Youth encourages children to develop basic camping skills, such as stove cooking, country code awareness, tent pitching as well as enjoying fun activities

During the year the CCJ leaders will arrange activities for the CCJ members.

There is always a Christmas Party at the end of the season for the CCJ – ask a committee member for more details.

Please remember that the CCJ is not a child minding service!

Membership of the CCJ is FREE!



### Come and explore the great outdoors with the Youth

If you are aged between 12 and 17 (12 to 21 if you pass your youth test) and would like to make new friends have the opportunity to travel to Europe, then why not join the Camping Club Youth In joining the youth you can.....

Enjoy adventures with like-minded friends

- Discover the great outdoors
- Learn new skills
- Camp at the National Youth Rally and enjoy sports, games, fancy dress, discos and much more
- After your Youth Test, travel the world on International Youth rallies.

Most weekends, dependent upon space, we/your youth leader will try to have their own designated Youth area (contact them for details)

## **2016 Some Dates for your Diary**

North West Region Meet – 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, Arley Hall

National Youth Rally– Hosted by Central Counties Region 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>3rd</sup> July 2016 Theme: Hawaii 5-0

Autumn Youth Rally – October 2016 – Date TBC

Get in touch with your own DA Youth Leader or us, Katy and Mark Naylor – NW RYLO at [katynaylor124@hotmail.com](mailto:katynaylor124@hotmail.com) for more information

or

<http://www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/aboutus/get-involved/camping-club-youth>



### **Is DA camping just for Families?**

Not at all, DA camping is for everyone. Our current membership has members still camping regularly who are in their 70's (and possibly even 80's but we don't like to ask). Some have been camping with the DA for 40+ years and have seen their children and grandchildren become DA members. Others have taken to camping with the DA only recently and having experienced the friendliness of our DA have become regulars

### **DA camping is also great value for money.**

The fees we pay to site, farm or land owners for a nights camping is great value in some cases as little as £6.00 per unit per night, we do not charge extra for animals or awnings. Some of our themed weekends like mid-summer meet are more expensive to cover for evening and weekend entertainment, marquee hire etc.

You would not usually pay more that £12.00 per night for a family unit.

## THS (Temporary Holiday sites)

These are meets organised for a week or more and designed with holidays in mind, often held outside our usual area close to the beach or areas with plenty to see and do.

Fees for THS meets are similar to regular weekend rallies.

### Pyllau Gloewon Farm Tal-y-Bont Conway

A stunning little site in the beautiful Conway valley an ideal spot for exploring North Wales .This is at the foot of Snowdonia national park and just a few miles away from Llandudno, Conway, Betwys- ,Swallow falls, Bodnant Gardens and the Welsh mountain Zoo to name just a few places to see and visit.



### Dafarn Rhos Lligwy Beach.

Another stunning location on the Isle of Anglesey This holiday site is about 500yds on a beautiful sandy beach which is dog friendly. This location is held twice a year at Spring bank and throughout August .This site has quite a few historical sites within walking distance or to go exploring .Places to visit near by is Beaumaris, Pennon point. The Sea Zoo the port of Holyhead or Pillas Palace.



## Hollingworth Lake Country Park, Littleborough Rochdale

Lovely location at the side of a nature reserve and at the far side of the lake.  
Great for walking, cycling fishing and pony trekking close by. Just a few miles away is Rochdale home of the Rochdale pioneers museum Tommyfield market, Tandle hills with plenty of pubs and restaurants to choose from.



## Bathafarn Hall Ruthin

In heart of Denbighshire and just outside of Historical market town of Ruthin another stunning location .beautiful views all around .Ideal for walking cycling and discovering North wales and various places of interest like Moel Famau and Loggerheads country park.



## What About Our Sites

As mentioned earlier we visit many different areas around our region and use sites with varying facilities and attractions, the list below some of our regular meets and what you may expect to find.

- **Midsummer meet (Astle Park, Chelford)** - Set in the lovely area of Cheshire. Midsummer meet is a themed weekend, come and join in the fun from Friday til Sunday. Activities such as bingo, boules, fun decorated stalls, dog shows children's sports, family marathon, fun and games for all the family and not to be missed. Saturday night a live artist in the marquee, adult and children fancy dress.
- **Bonfire meet** – spectacular weekend – come and help build the bonfire, penny for the guy and watch the spectacular firework display Saturday Evening by "THE BLACK SHADOWS". Hot food available, black peas, hot dogs, black puddings, burgers, etc. Auction on Sunday morning, to help with youth D.A. funds

- **Halloween** –Spooky fun and games, fancy dress, Disco
- **Easter** – Fun packed holiday for all family. Easter fun and games, Easter bonnet comp, Best Dressed egg, face painting, dog show and much more.

This is just a small sample of some of great our meets

## Useful Contacts Details

Chairman	Mr Nick Blakemore	07929 348 108
Secretary	Mrs Alison Barrett	0793 075 0220
Vice Chairman	Mr Nigel Cullen	07970 300626

**Visit Our DA Website** <http://www.lancsandchesda.co.uk/>

It has details of all our sites and our programme of events. There is also a selection of photographs from previous meets as well as a host of other information and links to useful websites.

### Most Importantly

Enjoying camping with us.  
See you on a field somewhere.

*This flyer is brought to you by Angela Cullen, Lancs & Cheshire DA's Public Relations Officer.  
Please feel free to contact us on the numbers below.  
Angela Cullen – 07856327167*

*All of our committee is here to help, whether to share our DA news or to give advice,*

*Don't be shy...please come and join us!*