

Helping you get more out of touring



Discover your perfect touring partner


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The Caravan Club.
Your perfect
touring partner



A glimpse of a deer through the trees at The Covert in Thetford, or hearing the glorious melodies of the song thrush at Cambridge Cherry Hinton are just a couple of magical moments you could experience whilst touring.

Over the next few pages we'll give you a flavour of The Caravan Club: wonderful sites you'll love, useful information to help you make the most of your touring experience, social events you can be involved in, taking your 'van abroad to discover new sites and cultures, and much more.

Hundreds of sites for you to explore

If you simply love the great outdoors, touring is the perfect way to get close to nature. Many Caravan Club sites can be found in settings of great natural beauty, where the sound of birdsong or the gentle babbling of a brook are the loudest noises you'll hear.

The Caravan Club has a fantastic variety of over 200 sites. Whatever you enjoy doing on your holiday there's a Club site you'll love in a location you'll want to be. Here are just a few examples of sites to inspire you.



Dunnet Bay

Highland, Scotland

If your idea of a perfect getaway is finding peace and tranquillity far from the city, then this site is just for you. Located in the wilds of the highlands right by the coast, you can really lose yourself to the mesmerising beauty of Scotland. Look out of your home-from-home over clean washed sands to stunning Dunnet Head, the northernmost point of the British mainland.

No trip to Scotland is complete without a taste of the amber nectar. Head over to Pulteney Distillery where you can learn all about Scotch whisky making and pick up a wee dram too.

Scotland is a wonderful place to visit. This site is just one of the 28 lovely Club sites spread across Scotland that you can experience.







Bolton Abbey Estate

North Yorkshire

You'll find Caravan Club sites set in some of the most sought after areas of the country. Perhaps you'd like to explore the incredible countryside of North Yorkshire. There are 14 Club sites in this region to choose from.

One of The Club's prettiest sites, set in the 30,000 acre Bolton Abbey Estate. Famously painted by Turner and praised by Wordsworth, the estate is rich with history and legend and boasts around 80 miles of riverside, woodland and moorland paths.



Hillhead

Devon

Splish, splash, splosh, this is a fun, carefree site with a fabulous heated outdoor pool. The indoor complex houses everything from a games room to a restaurant. From your pitch overlooking the deep blue sea and dramatic coastline, you can stroll around the 22 acres of Devon countryside that encompass the site.

Enjoy an outing to one of the wonderful sandy beaches close by, or take part in activities such as golf, fishing, sailing and steam railway trips. There's also the excitement of Paignton Zoo less than five miles away.



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YOUR COMMUNITY MANAGER



Hi, I'm Flo Williams. I'm here to help you get the most out of the community.

Contact me



Club Together

Club Together is an area of The Caravan Club's website where you can write and read site reviews, share stories and photos, ask experts questions and get involved with discussions on the forum. It's a great place to interact with other tourers. There's loads of great ideas and inspiration for short breaks and longer holidays. Helpful advice and tips from experienced tourers, entertaining stories and insightful reviews.

You don't even have to be a member of The Club to enjoy most of the areas on Club Together, simply register on The Club website and from the Club Together homepage you'll find links to all the main sections of the community. Whether you want to be an active contributor or simply enjoy reading about other peoples touring adventures, make sure you're part of it.

The screenshot shows the 'Club Together' forum page on The Caravan Club website. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Ask a question', 'Site help', 'Contact us', 'Register', 'My profile', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar, there are several menu items: 'PLANNING YOUR HOLIDAY', 'EXPERT ADVICE', 'NEWS & EVENTS', 'INSURANCE & FRAMES', 'SHOP', 'ABOUT US', and 'CLUB TOGETHER'. The main content area is titled 'Europe or UK' and shows a discussion thread with three posts. The first post is by 'Shah, Consumer from Denmark' and asks for the best value for touring holidays in Europe or the UK. The second post is by 'muckermoo' and asks for the best value for touring holidays in Europe or the UK. The third post is by 'Vidla' and asks for the best value for touring holidays in Europe or the UK. The right sidebar contains a 'COMMUNITY' section with links to 'Where to start', 'Tour articles', 'Discussions', 'Ask the expert', 'Local groups', 'Help', and 'Profile'. There is also a 'Find a UK site' section and a 'YOUR COMMUNITY MANAGER' section.



Close to nature

If you want to get back to nature, somewhere really secluded and tranquil, you could stay on a Certificated Location (CL). There are around 2,500 for you to discover.

Informal and privately owned, CLs are small, mostly rural, sites with only five pitches. Whether on a working farm, in the grounds of a pub, on a large country estate, in the heart of the

country or perfectly placed for a city break, you'll be using your 'van to its full potential.

All CLs are checked for you by The Club and offer fresh water supplies, chemical closet emptying points and dry rubbish disposal. Over half have electric hook-ups as well. These are tremendous sites to stay on, find out more at www.caravanclub.co.uk/CL.

Help on your road to freedom

Whether you're new to touring or a seasoned expert The Caravan Club's practical manoeuvring courses will help you improve your skills whether driving your motorhome or towing your caravan.

The courses are wonderfully enjoyable and informative, suitable for all levels of skill and driving confidence.

They last a day or a day and a half, and are held at various venues across the country, during the week or at weekends.

“ Just completed the manoeuvring course at Myerscough college today – it was extremely useful in that the extra knowledge and tips from other members boosts your confidence no end. Money well spent! ”

David Eccles, Member, Kirkham

“ I can totally recommend this course, I found it to be exceptionally good... Great for confidence building and also for a discount off your insurance! ”

Sandra Bebbington, Member, Chester





Practical Caravanning Courses

If you're new to caravanning the 10-hour Practical Caravanning Course has been created with you in mind. It's held over one and a half days and covers loading and how it affects

towing, hitching-up, reversing and turning. It also includes handy user checks, technical information and advice on the laws that apply to caravanners.

Caravanning Manoeuvring Courses

If you've been towing for a little while and just want to brush-up on your skills or increase your confidence, why not try the one day Caravan Manoeuvring Course. This course is great if you want to be able to tow

any kind of trailer and pays particular attention to reversing and turning.

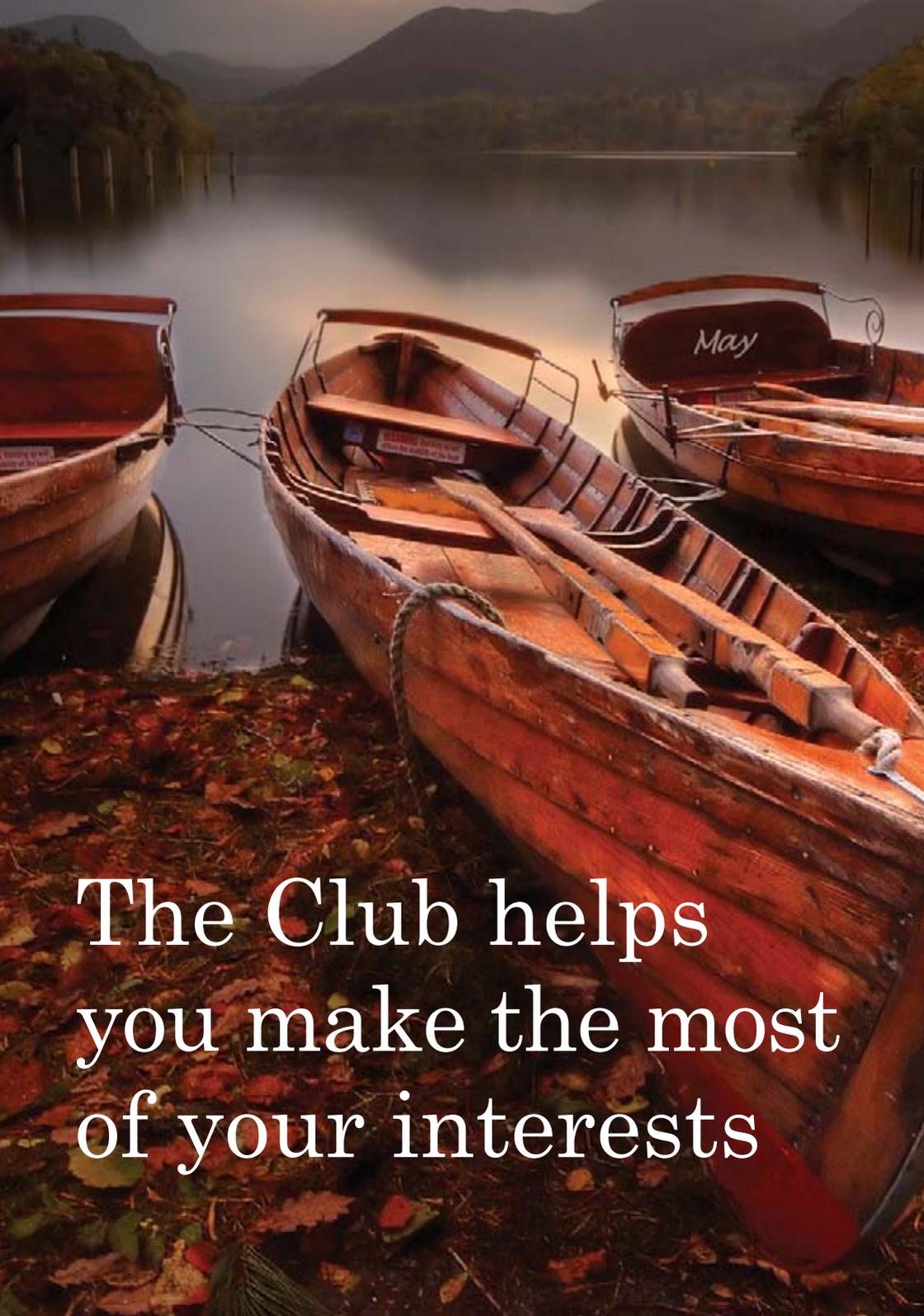
If you want to know more about our Caravan & Towing Courses simply go to: www.caravanclub.co.uk/caravancourse.

Motorhome Manoeuvring Courses

If you've just become the proud owner of a motorhome, The Club's Motorhome Manoeuvring Course is perfect for you. This one day course covers all the skills you need when driving a larger vehicle. It includes

driver exercise with instructor feedback, defensive driving and various manoeuvring exercises.

To find out more about the Motorhome Courses visit www.caravanclub.co.uk/motorhomecourse.



The Club helps
you make the most
of your interests



If you're keen on leisure pursuits, touring is a brilliant way to develop them further. Membership to The Caravan Club opens up a wealth of opportunities for you to explore your interests and discover new ones.

Making it easy

Your favourite leisure pursuit may be walking in the Lake District, surfing on the Cornish coast, birdwatching in the Yorkshire Dales or canoeing in the Norfolk Broads. Or perhaps it's painting, cycling or visiting historic houses.

Wherever your passion takes you, you'll find a Caravan Club site close by.

Wild about wildlife

The Caravan Club is passionate about wildlife conservation and many sites are havens for a wide variety of plants and animals.

In alliance with the RSPB, The Club is the Species Champion of the Skylark. This endangered bird has made its home on many Club sites.

Cycling

The Club works closely with Sustrans, the leading UK charity enabling people to travel more often by foot, bike or public transport. You'll find more than half of all Caravan Club sites are close to the UK's 12,000-mile National Cycle Network. A bike is a great way for you to get around

when on holiday. Not only will you get fit, but you'll be helping to save the planet at the same time too.

Just pop into reception on most Club sites and pick-up super local routes for walking and cycling. If you want to plan ahead you can always download them from The Club website before your visit.



Club events for all

If you'd like to get involved in social activities, you'll find the events calendar of The Club is a busy one and carries on throughout the year. This winter you can enjoy continental tours and a varied programme of activities, many arranged by the local Centres. There are 70 Centres around the country organising gatherings and social events in their area. If you want to meet like-minded people, joining a Centre is the perfect way. Around 10,000 members attend The National, a rally held every year during the

late May Bank Holiday. Running over four days, it's usually held in the grounds of a stately home and is a wonderful celebration of touring. There's a full programme of daytime and evening entertainment, stalls, exhibition stands, an arena with displays, games, sports, competitions and much, much more. It's an incredible celebration your whole family will enjoy.

If you want to find out more or book your place for this year's exciting event, simply visit www.caravanclub.co.uk/national

All the comforts from home

The great thing about modern touring vehicles is that you won't miss the creature comforts of home. Central heating, flat-screen TVs, sophisticated cookers and showers are common to most modern vans. You'll be amazed at the exceptional space utilisation; modern vans ensure you have plenty of room to move about without sacrificing valuable storage space. In a modern 'van you'll enjoy

hot running water, proper showers, and a fridge/freezer too. Efficient heating systems and double glazing making it as snug as your home.

So kick back in your 'van and watch TV or listen to the radio, iPod or hi-fi with your bare feet snuggled into soft carpets and then sleep soundly in your comfy full-sized bed with a sprung mattress. Don't forget your laptop, as many Caravan Club sites now have Wi-Fi.

Discover touring abroad

If you want to travel further afield, The Club's popular Overseas Travel Service makes touring abroad easy. The Club have an expert team who help you with every aspect of your holiday, from booking, providing up-to-date availability and ferry crossing information, to offering great discounts.

The Club recommends over 200 fabulous overseas sites and they're inspected for you by Club members, so you're sure to enjoy your holidays to the full. These sites can be anything from small family run operations to large commercial locations and you can pre-book them direct through The Caravan Club.

You'll also save money with The Club's special ferry rates and deals on the major ferry operators to mainland Europe and Ireland. Find out more about The Club's Overseas Travel Services at www.caravanclub.co.uk/overseas.

If you've never toured abroad before, then The Club has a new, dedicated website to introduce you to the delights of touring Europe. Here you'll find inspiring ideas for places to visit and advice to help you make your trip a wonderful smooth and enjoyable adventure. To start getting a flavour of touring in Europe visit www.discovertouringeurope.co.uk.





So much more for you when you join

You get so much more from joining The Caravan Club than just access to their amazing sites network. Here are some of the great reasons that make joining The Club the best value for money and an invaluable source of information and help.

What you receive

Sites Directory, Handbook & Map

Essential for any tourer, it includes detailed information on all Caravan Club sites, affiliated sites and the exclusive CLs with easy to follow directions. You'll also find great technical information, practical advice, useful checklists, an ABC guide to caravanning and much more. Take it with you wherever you go touring.

Great Days Out

The Caravan Club gives you savings and offers on hundreds of well-known attractions throughout the UK, published in the 'Great Days Out' booklet. So you'll be able to make the most of your holiday.



Free monthly Magazine

Sent out every month. Packed full of news, reviews and helpful, practical, technical advice, it really is a must read for anyone interested in touring.

Superb expert technical advise

The Club are great if you have any queries about touring, from their

invaluable outfit matching service to advice on setting up on site, you know you can trust them to help and guide you all the way.

You can call the technical team on 01342 33 66 11 between 9am and 5:30pm, or email them your query at: technical@caravanclub.co.uk

[Access all areas of the website](#)

As a member you enjoy full access to www.caravanclub.co.uk, including around 50 free technical leaflets to download. Of course you'll be able to book a Caravan Club site in advance, advertise free on 'Caravan Club Classifieds' and so much more too.

[Insurance and financial services](#)

The Caravan Club works hard to ensure members get great value for money across various insurance and financial services. They include the award-winning Caravan Insurance Service, made for caravanners by caravanners.

[They also cover everything from Pet Insurance to Overseas Holiday Insurance. Mayday is their brilliant Breakdown & Recovery service and they work with Barclaycard so you can enjoy great deals with The Club's credit card, too.](#)





Oldshoremore Beach, Scotland

How can I ensure my touring is as green as possible?

The Club takes its responsibility to the environment very seriously, so by staying on a Club site you'll be doing your bit too. The Club employs energy consultants to ensure efficient use of gas and electricity, including the use of low energy lamps wherever possible. The Club uses biodegradable products and recycles as much as possible across the sites network. Timber is always sourced from FSC Certified sources.

They're also testing wind, solar and ground source energy systems and rainwater recovery. You can see some of them in action at Poolsbrook Caravan Club site. Biodiversity appraisals are conducted with ecologists so sites can be created that are wildlife-friendly. The award winning landscaping of Club sites, involving the planting of millions of trees and shrubs, creates ideal habitats for countless birds, animals and rare plant species.



The Club that cares for you

The Caravan Club not only cares about you and your touring experience, it cares about every aspect of touring.

It's a mutual, not-for-profit club whose community of nearly a million caravan, motorhome and trailer-tent owners encourage and help each other to get the most out of touring.

The Caravan Club works tirelessly to raise the profile of the caravanning community, promoting touring in the best interests of all caravanners. It works with manufacturers and

other organisations to improve all aspects of touring, from tourism to tow cars, from bio-diversity to bicycling.

If you want to experience the total freedom of touring, joining The Caravan Club will help you in every way, ensuring whatever you want to do you'll have a wonderful time in the perfect location.

To find out more visit www.caravanclub.co.uk or telephone The Club on 0800 328 6635



Bossiney Cove, Trewethett Farm Caravan Club site
Front image; Bunree Caravan Club site

We're here to help you get the most out of touring
and for any questions you may have on getting started.

www.caravanclub.co.uk

