


Temporary Stop Over Areas (TSOAs)

The following TSOAs are open for a maximum of 28 days (usually from the Friday two weeks before Appleby Fair to the Friday two weeks after Appleby Fair):

Binchester Corner, DL14 8AW
 glad.incisions.jots

Broomielaw Picnic Area, DL12 8TT
 conceals.work.blubber

Guide Post Corner, Bowes, DL12 9HU
 smile.important.league

Gurney Valley, DL14 8RP
 feel.scans.debit


Land at Stainton Bank, DL12 8RQ
 honeybees.hurry.withdraw

Shaw Bank Field, DL12 8TD
 tightrope.jogged.oiled

Tindale Park, DL14 9AE
 maps.tiny.detail

Wackerfield Layby, DL2 3AP
 patch.linen.albums

Westerton Layby, DL14 8AL
 rapport.boom.awakening

Winston Corner, DL2 3RW
 obvious.squaring.skyrocket

Gurney Valley TSOA is usually open from April to August for people travelling during those times.

A visit will be made to anyone encamped on a TSOA and a length of stay will be negotiated. This would usually be for one to two weeks and not exceed 28 days.

Permanent Sites

The management of the six residential sites is overseen by Durham County Council's GRT Site Management Service.

email grtsites@durham.gov.uk

or Telephone 03000 262 546.

How to contact the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Community Cohesion, Safer Communities Service

Annand House
John Street North
Durham
DH7 8RS

Telephone: 03000 26 00 00

E-mail: grtservice@durham.gov.uk

Website: www.durham.gov.uk/travellers

If you are stopping in rural or isolated areas, please ensure you take note of your location when you pull up, especially if you or anyone in your household has any health or welfare concerns. You can use the postcode of the area you are encamped on, and you can also use the what3words App to share your location in the event you need to let someone know where you are. This is especially important if you need to call the emergency services.

Unauthorised Encampment/Temporary Stop Over Area location:

Postcode:

what3 words location:

Please ask us if you would like this document summarised in another language or format.



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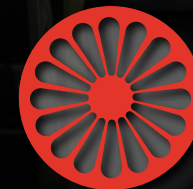
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How can we help you?

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Community Cohesion, Safer Communities Service



Gypsies and Travellers in County Durham

County Durham has a long history of Gypsies and Travellers living in and travelling through the area. Collectively they form one of the largest minority ethnic communities within County Durham.

The Equality Act 2010 defines Gypsies and Travellers as a racial group who are protected from direct and indirect discrimination and harassment on the grounds of their race.

Durham County Council is also subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). The Equality Duty requires all public bodies to ensure a fairer society by providing equality of opportunity for all, including the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination;
- Advance and provide equality of opportunity; and
- Foster good relations.

GRTS ensure we meet this need through our procedures and day-to-day practice.

We are committed to:

- Promoting equality of opportunity
- Celebrating diversity valuing different cultures and lifestyles
- Ensuring discrimination, harassment or victimisation is not tolerated
- Increasing community cohesion and encouraging good relations within local communities
- Breaking down barriers between different groups
- Reporting Hate Crime and supporting victims of Hate Crime

Our policy is to treat people fairly, with respect and dignity.

Awareness Raising

We offer awareness raising to increase knowledge and understanding about Gypsies and Travellers, including culture, effective ways of partnership working and legislation. If you are interested please contact the service for further information.

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Service Community Cohesion, Safer Communities service

We work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, local residents, businesses, Elected Members and partners to offer advice and support.

We work on the following principles to:

- To tackle racism, prejudice and discrimination and promote positive race and community relations and community cohesion
- To respect the rights of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities to fulfil their cultural needs
- To respect the rights of local settled communities
- To celebrate and promote the benefits that the sharing of cultures and lifestyles brings to wider society
- To value diversity and to treat people fairly with dignity and respect, including recognising that Gypsies, Roma and Travellers needs are not all the same
- To work in an open, fair and clear manner

Partnership working

We work with a range of partners countywide to ensure a joined-up approach to service delivery. This ensures that we can offer clients and customers the most appropriate support, including from partners who have specialist areas of knowledge.

Our service also works with partners regionally and nationally to share good practice and knowledge.

Unauthorised Encampments

An Unauthorised Encampment is when a person or group of people move onto a piece of land they do not own, without the permission of the landowner.

We lead in the response to reports of all encampments on council-owned land in County Durham. This work includes:

Making an initial visit to Unauthorised Encampments on council land which are reported to our service, and making ongoing visits for the duration of the encampments as required.

Deciding if the area is suitable or not.

Liaising with those encamped about the encampment including the reason they are there and, where appropriate, negotiating a length of stay.

Providing information for your Stay in County Durham and discussing this.

Arranging provision of appropriate facilities to ensure identified needs are met, and to try to ensure that each encampment has minimal impact on the area.

Meeting the duty of the local authority to consider the welfare needs of those encamped.

Considering the needs of local communities.

Taking enforcement action where necessary.

