

## **IPA (SECTION UK) CARAVAN AND CAMPING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FAQs**

The IPA (Section UK) Caravan and Camping Group is made up of about 50 serving and retired IPA members from all over the UK who enjoy caravanning/camping/motorhoming in a relaxed and friendly environment. Several Rallies/meets are organised throughout the year where members and their families can pursue their hobby to the full.

### **Q: Where are the Rallies held?**

The Group holds Certificates of Exemption to organise Rallies in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Regular venues have included Cornwall, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Worcestershire, Stafford and Northumberland. Our members have also organised Rallies in France and the Czech Republic.

### **Q: Who organises the Rallies?**

An important feature of the Group is that the Rallies are organised by the best local tourist guides you could wish for – our members.

### **Q: What goes on at a Rally?**

Rallies can include optional activities such as guided walks, tours, boat trips, theatre nights, outdoor and indoor games, treasure hunts, varied evening entertainment and a great deal of socialising.

### **Q: What is the cost of attending a Rally?**

The cost of each Rally depends on the venue. Many events are held on commercial caravan sites so normal site fees apply but normally a discount is arranged. Other events are held at sports grounds, Rally fields, etc., and are obviously much cheaper. If meals or events are organised, these are priced separately.

### **Q: How can I find out about the Rallies?**

A list of Rallies can be found on the IPA website on the Caravan and Camping Group pages. They are also published in Police World.

### **Q: Are children welcome at Rallies?**

Absolutely. We encourage our Ralliers to bring children and/or grandchildren with them and it is brilliant to see how many people are taking us up on this.

### **Q: Can I bring my pets?**

Yes. Most sites do request that pets be kept on a lead and exercised off the premises. If we get the use of function rooms or other premises, we are guided by their rules.

### **Q: How do I join the Group?**

As an IPA member you just need to attend one of the Rallies and you are in.

### **Q: Are the Rallies just open to IPA members?**

You can bring along family and friends who are not IPA members. They can also bring their own units if they have them. Priority is given to members at Rallies where space is limited.

### **Q: Is the Group an official part of the IPA?**

The Group has official recognition with its own Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee. It is independent of any Branches or Regions.