

Please note that what follows relates to our huts in England only. Covid restrictions have not yet been relaxed in Wales so Tyn Twr is still only to be used by those who have booked the hut, as has been the case for the last few months. A further update will be issued when the guidelines in Wales are relaxed.

From July 19th all legal requirements to remain socially distant from others have been removed in England. This allows the Club to open the Bishop's Scale and Little Ground House Huts to all of its members on a non-booking basis in a way that we were all used to before the pandemic. There will also be the opportunity for members with vans parked on the Bishop's Scale carpark to use the hut facilities and for members to use the hut facilities on a day basis. This arrangement is subject to review at short notice if the government guidelines are changed. Please note that roof work is still in progress on Bishop's Scale family quarters so this facility is not yet open.

As has been made clear to all, the end of restrictions on July 19th is not the end of Covid. With infections currently rising we are being told that this might lead to an increase in severe illness and hospitalisation, although not to the same extent as previous waves thanks to the vaccine which it is hoped that most of us will have had. It is therefore vital that all those who visit a hut take appropriate precautions, as outlined in this email and in the attached risk assessment, to minimise the chance of contracting the virus whilst there. I would ask anyone who is not prepared to follow these guidelines not attend a hut at this time. Whilst following the stated precautions will make the huts as safe as possible it will not eliminate the chance of contracting covid at one of our huts and anyone who is not comfortable with attending given this risk should not do so.

The responsibility of deciding whether or not to visit a hut is now being passed on to individual members. When making this decision members are advised to take into account the likelihood of them developing serious illness if they are exposed to the virus. This would particularly apply to those who have not received two doses of the vaccine. It should be noted that there is now no legal requirement for the Club to record track and trace details, but by attending a hut you are potentially putting yourself in a situation where you might come into close contact with an infected person and be contacted by track and trace as a result of this. Currently this could result in a self isolation period of 10 days.

Please note that the current door codes are:  
Bishop's Scale C1204  
LGH C1708X

### **Minimising the risk of infection**

The following are guidelines to help reduce your risk of infection and of you infecting others:

- It is strongly recommended that all those attending the hut take a Covid lateral flow test no more than 24 hours before. If this test gives a positive result you must not attend.
- If you develop any Covid symptoms whilst staying at the hut you should leave the hut as soon as possible. This should also apply to anyone who has been in close contact to someone

who develops Covid symptoms whilst at the hut. Close contact in virus transfer terms is defined as within 2 meters indoors for 15 minutes.

- When possible do not share dormitories with anyone from outside your household/bubble. It is understood that this will not always be possible and when it isn't, please occupy bunk beds that are spaced as far apart as possible.
- Windows and doors must be left open as much as possible for ventilation while the hut is occupied. Fire doors can be propped open while a room is occupied but must be closed when the room is empty. This is particularly important in the toilet/shower rooms where the windows should be open and the door propped open whenever the hut is in use.
- When the huts are occupied, keep both ground floor doors open at LGH and open the front door and first floor fire doors at Bishop's Scale to increase airflow through the buildings.
- Whilst not a legal requirement, members should consider wearing face coverings in areas where social distancing is not possible, such as in the kitchen during food preparation times.
- Windows and doors must all be closed when the hut is not occupied.
- You may wish to wipe down mattresses before use (if they are the vinyl mattresses).
- Showers and toilets should be cleaned with antibacterial/viral cleaning fluid after use and only one person should shower in a particular washroom at a time.
- Prior to departing the hut please wipe down your mattresses (if vinyl) with cleaning fluid.
- Please clean the door handles, light switches and other touch surfaces on arrival and regularly whilst you are at the hut. Feel free to use the cleaning materials and hand sanitiser provided. If the hand sanitiser and/or cleaning materials run out it would be appreciated if you could replace them, or otherwise please inform Chris Lloyd; we may not be in a position to check and restock supplies immediately after your stay. Because of this you may wish to take cleaning supplies with you for your stay.
- Please Hoover the dorm and lounge at the end of your stay and wipe down the vacuum cleaner afterwards.
- Where possible avoid using the drying room because it is not possible to maintain a flow of air through it. If the drying room is needed it should only be entered by one person at a time, wearing a face covering, and for as short a period as possible.
- You may wish to clean kitchen utensils, cutlery and crockery before you use them.
- Please bring your own washing up scourers / cloths / tea towels and take them away with you when you leave.
- As usual no bedding is provided and spare blankets and pillows have been removed – please take your own.
- Please empty bins and put rubbish in the wheelie bin.
- Please take all recycling home with you.

Please note that the Club has not introduced a rule to restrict the number of people allowed inside the hut at any one time, which has been done by our neighbouring Club Fell and Rock, who are allowing no more than 50% capacity in their huts. The reason for us not applying such a rule is that we believe that our huts are rarely more than 50% full unless we have an organised meet or some other special occasion. For this reason we will not be arranging any organised meets at our huts for the time being. I would however ask for feedback from members attending the huts on how well you feel this arrangement is working; a quick email to the hut warden following your stay would be appreciated given that otherwise it is difficult for us to monitor the level of hut usage. Should it transpire that the huts do become more than half full on a regular basis we might need to review the current arrangement.

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Well that is all for now! I do hope that this will give more members the opportunity to visit our huts and that anyone who does has a great time.

With many thanks to all members for following the Covid rules that we have put in place over the past 18 months.