

# MOTORHOME

## Stopover Sites (Aires)

### Introduction

With a rise in the number of motorhomes coming to Dumfries and Galloway in recent years, there has been an increased interest in the provision of continental style "Aires". Dumfries and Galloway Council recognises the demand from motorhome owners for small, simple and low-cost opportunities for short stopovers that can complement the full service offer available from Caravan and Camping sites. Motorhome Stopovers are also an opportunity to create a bit of extra income for community groups or private landowners.

### What is a Motorhome Stopover?

A Motorhome Stopover is simply a car park or piece of land that is suitable for safely parking up to three motorhomes or caravans (more than three requires you to have a Caravan Site Licence). There is no need to provide toilets, grey and black water disposal, litter bins or showers as the caravan or motorhome will be self-sufficient and will organise waste disposal separately at designated sites. You can create a Stopover for up to three motorhomes without any need for planning permission or a licence. This temporary relaxation of planning control will continually be kept under review and in the first instance will remain in place until 31 December 2021 or the requirements for physical distancing have been removed.

### How do I set up a Motorhome Stopover?

1. Ensure your site is well drained and level, suitable for parking heavy motorhomes. Please note that no excavation, or other engineering works, including the siting of temporary structures are to be carried out without prior planning permission.
2. Ensure that your site has space for three motorhomes with at least 4 metres between them. Motorhomes normally have gas tanks on board, and these can pose a dangerous fire risk. In the day when everyone's awake, you can respond quickly to a fire, but if sleeping, you will need more time to wake up and evacuate a vehicle. 4m space between units will help give everyone those extra few minutes and could save lives.
3. Ensure there is safe access to your site from the road and that none of the motorhomes will be parked on any part of the road.
4. Set a price per night. We would recommend somewhere between £5-10. You can collect the money every night or set up an honesty box. You will need to display the price per night at the site.

Find your site location on <https://what3words.com> and display it to your visitors to enable them to accurately direct the emergency services if the need arises.

If you would like to register for a Motorhome Stopover sign for the road to encourage people to turn in, a Pricing and Location sign and a Dos and Don't sign for your visitors, please contact your local Ward Officer or email [SupportDG@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:SupportDG@dumgal.gov.uk)

You can promote your stopover on websites such as [Park4night](#), [UK Motorhomes](#), [Motorhome Fun](#) and [Scotland Starts Here](#) and can register for the Scotland Starts Here App by emailing [lesley@ssdalliance.com](mailto:lesley@ssdalliance.com)

Registration costs - a one off fee of £30.



### That's you

Its as simple as that. For more information and assistance please contact [SupportDG@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:SupportDG@dumgal.gov.uk)