

MCG Cottage Access from 21st Dec 2020

Our cottage is currently a Tier 2 address.

Members who will be living in a Tier 4 area from the 20th Dec are required, by the government, not to travel out of it. Members who live in Tier 3 are advised, by the government, not to travel out of it. So, neither Tier 3 or Tier 4 members should be visiting our cottage. Other members should be able to expect that of them.

Some of our members will now be living in Tier 2. Under the Tier 2 rules there is to be no indoor mixing of households.

A few lucky members (perhaps just 2) are in Tier 1 and can meet as a group of 6 indoors.

According to government regulations, folk in tiers 1 to 3 can meet with up to 6 members of other households out of doors. A tier 4 member can only meet with one non household member out of doors.

At a meeting on the 21st December, the committee agreed that from the 21st Dec, our overnight accommodation can be made available to two single household from tier 1 or 2, each of which includes one or more MCG members. The two households should follow government advise not to mingle indoors and use separate bunk rooms, dining tables, toilets etc. We further agreed that a member and their household, who would like sole overnight use of the cottage, can make an exclusive booking but not for a Friday or Saturday night. This sole occupancy is for the benefit of members who are not vulnerable to Covid themselves but may need to minimise their risk of passing the virus onto someone who is vulnerable.

At the same meeting, we also agreed to keep the cottage open for daytime visits by individual tier 1 and 2 members. Of course, you should not be mixing with members of other households in our cottage (I believe that tier 1 folk are supposed to abide by tier 2 rules in a tier 2 place). Practically, this means that all that can easily be done, is to access the Tackle store for equipment and keys.

All daytime and overnight visits to the cottage should again be pre-booked using our online booking system. There is still a limit of 12 bookings per day. There will be a new option to request a sole occupancy overnight booking.

If several members are booked in on the same day, please minimise the time you spend in the cottage. If no one from another household is present you could change quickly in our changing room but should not keep other members waiting long for access to the Tackle store. Again, if no one else is present you might use the kitchen to make a hot drink. Use your common sense accessing the toilets!

There is of course a continued need for members to clean everything they touch before and after use. Used club equipment should be thoroughly cleaned and placed in quarantine in the Drying room. Cave keys should be sanitised and returned to the Tackle store.

The committee will keep abreast of changes to the government's Covid guidelines and will update our cottage usage guidance as quickly as we can. There will be a brief cottage closure in January for the fitting of some replacement windows and doors.

We hope you all stay safe and have the best Christmas you can.

Bill Chadwick for the MCG committee – 21st December 2020.