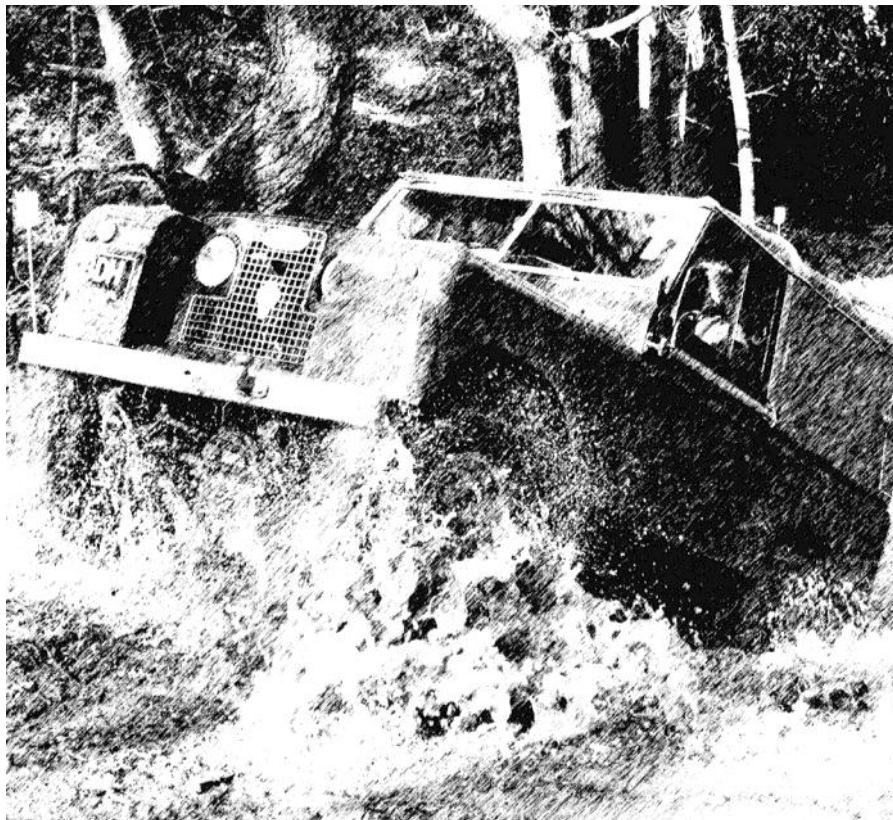




DORSET LAND ROVER CLUB

CLUB RULES



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If you need to contact the Club, or you'd like to find out more information, there are various routes you could take:

For any initial or general queries contact:

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Up to date information and more contact details can be found on the
Dorset Land Rover Club website:

www.dorsetrover.co.uk

(please note that you must be a current member, and must log-in, to access some of
the members only content)

Or find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/DorsetRover

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Please note:

Please see the listing in *The Dorset Rover*
(the bi-monthly magazine of the Club) for
current committee details. If you need to
contact a committee member please try to
do so before **9.00pm**

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The Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd

CONSTITUTION & RULES

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SECTION 1 - OBJECTIVES AND MEMBERSHIP

The name of the Club shall be the Dorset Land Rover Club, and hereafter referred to as "the Club"

OBJECTIVES

- To further the interest in Land Rovers in motor sport, caravanning and camping
- To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with the above
- To promote competitions for Land Rover vehicles in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Land Rover Clubs and Motor Sport UK
- To promote green laning under the GLASS Code of Practice
- To arrange caravan/camping rallies, tours, lectures, discussions, social and other meetings
- To further the interest in the Land Rover marque and companies producing products in the Land Rover name, such interest being in the ownership of such vehicles, their exhibition, demonstration and in competition
- To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.

MEMBERSHIP

Persons of not less than 17 years of age who have an interest in Land Rovers shall be eligible for club membership.

The membership shall be a family membership to cover two adults as Club members plus children until they reach 18 years.

SECTION 2 - RULES GOVERNING THE COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB

MANAGEMENT

The Authority and Responsibility for the transactions of the business of the Club and for its management shall be invested in a committee who, in addition to the powers and authorities of these rule expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established other than those expressly directed or requested to be exercised or done by the Club in a General Meeting. The committee, after election, will become full Company Members for the duration of their office, with the exception of the Treasurer and Secretary.

The Company Members (Committee) and the Company Secretary shall ensure that the Club is run as outlined by the memorandum and Articles of Association and by Company Law. As required by the Articles of Association, the Club shall appoint two Directors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Treasurer and Secretary shall remain in the office until such time as they either resign or are voted from office following an AGM or an EGM. A successor (Secretary and / or Treasurer) will be elected at the same AGM or EGM.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of not less than 5 (five) members, exclusive of the Treasurer and Secretary. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the committee. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be nominated by members at the AGM. Nominations of candidates for elections to the committee must be received by the Secretary not less than 7 (seven) days before the Annual General Meeting with an intimation in writing signed by each member nominated that he or she is willing to serve. Nominations of candidates shall be signed by the member proposing them. The retiring officers and other members of the committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members as they deem necessary. The Committee shall have the power to refer items to a Sub-committee. The quorum shall be 6 members.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Secretary, or may convene of its own accord or shall do so by direction of the Chairman or on a requisition signed by one half of the Committee.

ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE

Any member of the Committee who shall without sufficient reason absent themselves from 3 consecutive meetings will be understood to have resigned themselves from the committee.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the secretary to attend in person or by deputy, all meetings of the Club and all meetings of the Committee and take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be available on paper and electronically for confirmation at the following meeting and filed thereafter.

BANKING

a.) All monies of the club shall be banked by the Treasurer in the name of the Club and no disbursements shall be made there from except in accordance with the form or forms authorised by the Committee.

b.) Draft accounts will be submitted to the members in the Newsletter immediately preceding the AGM.

VOTING AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each member present at a meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. The Committee shall vote by ballot if any member present demands.

RULE CHANGES

Changes and amendments or additions to the Club Rules shall require confirmation by the Club's voting members at the next available AGM, but for the smooth and efficient running of the Club, the Committee may introduce amendments and additions to the Club Rules at any time if a majority of the Committee consider such changes to be in the best interests of the Club and its Registered Members. Any such changes shall be published for the information of members in the next available issue of the Club newsletter, and shall be subject to ratification at the next AGM.

SECTION 3 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RULES

SUBSCRIPTION

a) The annual subscription shall be a sum as may be agreed at the AGM or at the discretion and recommendation of the Committee. There shall be no additional joining fee for new members.

b) Temporary membership is not available (as under ALRC rules).

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st January each year, or on a renewal date that shall be published, whichever is the later.

NONPAYMENT

Members shall be notified by the Secretary or Treasurer 2 months before the renewal of subscription is due; any member of the club who has not paid their subscription by a deadline date to be published by the committee, unless sufficient reason be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee, shall be taken off the Register of Members forthwith.

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No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be eligible to take part in any competitions promoted by the Club and under the general Competition rules of the ALRC or MSUK

RESIGNATION

Any Member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to be a member of the Club, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the Club or to enjoy any of the privileges of membership, but he or she will remain liable for payment of any debts to the Club from him or her. On termination of membership, a Club member may no longer display a Club windscreen badge.

USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the Club shall not be given by a member as his or her address for any trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Any member of the club placing defamatory comments, or comments likely to bring the club into disrepute, on the club website or any social media could render themselves liable to expulsion from the club if such comments are deemed to be unacceptable to the committee. This also applies to posting photographs or other visual media on websites or social media which could misrepresent the Club or breach the Club's Code of Practice or Rules.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

It shall be the duty of the Committee if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, by letter to invite any member to withdraw from the Club within a time specified in such a letter, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of their expulsion to a meeting of the Committee to be held within 6 weeks after the date of such letter. Members of the Committee shall be given at least 14 days notice that a question of withdrawal or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the Committee. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 14 days notice of such a meeting, and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his or her conduct verbally or in writing and if two-thirds of the members present shall then vote for his or her expulsion, he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

SECTION 4 - DATA PROTECTION

Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd (DLRC) collects and uses information about people with whom it communicates. This personal information must be dealt with properly and securely however it is collected, recorded and used – whether on paper, in a computer, or recorded on other material – and there are safeguards to ensure this in the Data Protection Act 1998. The Dorset Land Rover Club is GDPR compliant. All members are required to sign a GDPR compliance *pro forma* on joining the Club. The annual membership renewal *pro forma* shall include confirmation of GDPR compliance.

DLRC regards the lawful and correct treatment of personal information as very important to the successful and efficient performance of its functions, and to maintain confidence between those with whom it deals. To this end DLRC fully endorses and adheres to the Principles of Data Protection, as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998. Failure to adhere to the Data Protection Act 1998 is unlawful and could result in legal action being taken against DLRC or its staff, volunteers or trustees.

Data users must comply with the data protection principles of good practice which underpin the Act. To comply with the law, information must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and not disclosed to any other person unlawfully.

- I. Personal data will be processed fairly and lawfully
- II. Data will only be collected and used for specified purposes
- III. Data will be adequate, relevant and not excessive
- IV. Data will be accurate and up to date
- V. Data will not be held any longer than necessary
- VI. Data subject's rights will be respected
- VII. Data will be kept safe from unauthorised access, accidental loss or damage
- VIII. Data will not be transferred to a country outside the European Economic Area, unless that country has equivalent levels of protection for personal data.

Compliance with the Act is the responsibility of all staff, paid or unpaid. DLRC will regard any unlawful breach of any provision of the Act by any staff, paid or unpaid, as a serious matter which will result in disciplinary action. Any member who breaches this policy statement will be dealt with under the disciplinary procedure which may result in dismissal for gross misconduct. Any such breach could also lead to criminal prosecution. The Club is the Data Controller under the Act, and the Chairman is ultimately responsible for implementation and Compliance. The Designated Data Controller is the Club Secretary. Information and advice about the holding and processing of personal information is available from the Directors.

SECTION 5 - THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of October of each year upon a date and time to be fixed by the Committee.

The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Committee a full statement of accounts duly audited by an independent person who is not a committee member, showing the receipt and expenditure for the year ending.
- b) Receive from the Committee a report for the activities of the Club during the said year.
- c) Elect the Secretary, Treasurer and committee.
- d) Settle any remuneration for the Officers of the Club.
- e) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as herein after provided.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Committee or on a requisition to the Secretary stating the business for which the Special General Meeting is required and signed by not less than 12 members. If the meeting so requested be not convened within 21 days, the said 12 members may convene such a meeting. Fifteen shall form a quorum.

At least 21 days notice of all Special General Meetings shall be given, but non-receipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings.

AGENDA

When members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting the text of such matter, signed by at least 2 members, shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of such meeting so that it may be included in the Agenda. A copy of the Agenda shall be made available to each member at least 5 days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the Agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business which is not included in the Agenda shall be discussed at the meeting unless every member present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move a resolution in respect of the relevant items on the Agenda, then any other member shall be entitled to do so.

RIGHT TO BE PRESENT

No one can take part in a General Meeting unless they are full members of the Club, and have paid the subscription according to these rules.

VOTING

One person per membership may exercise 1 vote (1 adult from each family in the case of family membership). The Chairman/woman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all General Meetings a majority of votes decides a resolution. At any General Meeting any 12 members may demand a poll, and thereupon the meeting shall be adjourned to the time and place to be named by the Chairman/woman, a postal vote of all Club members as shown by such a vote, shall be reported to the adjourned meeting, and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting

SECTION 6 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

GREEN ROADING & USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

There is a longer section in this booklet regarding the Club's green laning (or green roading) policy, but here are a few key points...

1. We must maintain our position of 'Responsible Rural Recreation'
2. If advice is received from a knowledgeable source that a route should not be driven, then that advice should be followed.
3. Club organised Green Roding groups should only be a maximum of five vehicles if conditions allow; four vehicles per group should however be considered the optimum recommended size.
4. Video footage posted on social media should not include clear identification of location, and should not include any footage which might bring the Club into disrepute (going too fast, going off-piste etc). It is the responsibility of the event organiser or group leader to make this Club policy on use of Social Media clear to group members.
5. Club members who wear Club merchandise, or whose vehicles display Club stickers, who go out on their own or with another club or unaffiliated group are deemed to be ambassadors for the Club and should behave accordingly.

EVENTS

All motor competitions promoted by the Club shall be held under the General Competition Rules of MotorsportUK, and in accordance with any other requirements of the MSUK.

Any member convicted of an offence arising out of their being in charge of a motor vehicle in a Club event or on Club business shall thereupon be liable to expulsion from the club under Rule (EXPULSION OF MEMBERS)

CARAVAN RALLIES

Caravan Rallies shall be arranged and a Certificate obtained from the ALRC.

COPIES OF RULES

Every member shall be furnished with a copy of the Club Rules and Regulations on joining.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership Cards shall be delivered to the Club Secretary by the member terminating their membership.

DISSOLUTION

The Club with approval of the Association may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee on the request of the majority of members. If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the committee.

OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Every member binds themselves to abide to the Rules of the Club and also any modification thereof made on conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.

ALTERATION TO THE RULES

Any alteration may be made in these rules by a General Meeting provided:

- a) That details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the General Meeting.
- b) That the resolution proposing such alteration is carried out by two-thirds of those present and voting at such a General Meeting or by two-thirds of those voting should a Poll be demanded as provided for in Rule (VOTING) - page 7
- c) See also Rule Changes: Committee above (page 4)

SECTION 7 - SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd adopts the MSUK Safeguarding Policy:

The Dorset Land Rover Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club.

- The Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.
- The Club confirms that it adheres to the MSUK Safeguarding Policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines. The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- A "child" is defined as anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any motor sport activity.

The key principles of this policy are as follows:

- The welfare of the child is, and must always be, paramount to any other consideration Club events and activities for young people will follow and adhere to the MSUK Race 'n' Respect values and the MSUK U18 Policy
- All participants regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, race, faith, culture, size, shape, language or sexual identity have the right to be protected from abuse or harm
- All allegations, suspicions or concerns of abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly and appropriately
- The Club recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, neglect, harm and poor practice. The Club recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved, in whatever capacity, at the Club.
- The Club will implement and comply with the MSUK Code of Conduct.

The Club will appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO) to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection and notify this person to all members. The DLRC CSO is currently **Andy Wilson**. If you witness or are aware of an incident where you are concerned the welfare of a child has been put at risk you must, in the first instance, inform the CSO. If at any time you are not able to contact your CSO and the matter is clearly serious then you can either:

- Contact the MSUK Lead Safeguarding Officer 01753 765 071 or e-mail safeguarding@motorsportuk.org
- Contact the Police or Children's Social Care
- Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice on 0808 800 5000 or text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

The Club will follow MSUK guidance and ensure that anyone that meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check (DBS, or PVG in Scotland) is checked.

We are also committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

Review Date: January 2021

The Club will ensure that all its members, whether they are coaches, parents, competitors or officials will comply with all guidance and best practice as issued by the MSUK. In summary, the following points are considered as best practice to create a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for children:

- Adults should display high standards of personal behaviour and refrain from pursuits considered unhealthy in front of children and be good role models
- Employees and volunteers should avoid working in isolation with children and out of sight of parents or other volunteers
- Not drinking alcohol excessively whilst responsible for children
- Avoiding smoking in the presence of children if you are in a position of trust such as a coach or team manager

The following are **NOT** acceptable and will be treated seriously by the club and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Club, MSUK or Statutory Agencies if relevant.

- Providing alcohol to children or allowing its supply
- Humiliating children
- Making sexually explicit comments or sharing sexually explicit material
- Using obscene or foul language
- Having an intimate or sexual relationship with any child
- Inappropriate or unnecessary physical contact with a child
- Sharing the same immediate accommodation, e.g. overnight room, with children when away at events (excluding parents)

Signed



Andy Wilson, DLRC Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

Date 3rd March 2020

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Dorset Land Rover Club appoints a Club Child Protection Officer to deal with any child protection issues that arise. This person should act as the first point of contact for anyone who has any concerns about a child or about any abuse carried out by adults who come into contact with children or vulnerable adults. Further advice can be sought from the MSUK Child Protection Officer.

Treat all children and young people with respect.

You must not rely on your good name or that of the DLRC or of MSUK to protect you. Guidance and support is available to new club members involved in the running of events.

- If any abuse is suspected then you must react immediately by informing the Child Safeguarding Officer who should seek advice from the Local Safeguarding Children Board, details of which can be found from the police.
- Make a factual record of events to give to the Local Safeguarding Children Board and a copy should be given to the ALRC Child Protection Officer and the MSUK Child Protection Coordinator at MSUK Head Office (if a competitive club and the incident happens at a MSUK permitted event). These records should be kept confidentially.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT DLRC and ALRC EVENTS

Please be aware that photography is permitted at DLRC and ALRC events and that the open nature of our events does not allow for full control of spectators.

DLRC and the ALRC reserves the right to prohibit the use of photographic equipment upon receipt of any complaint made that may infer inappropriate behaviour.

Permission should be sought from the child's parent or guardian before publication of any photograph.

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SECTION 8 - GREEN LANING & GREEN ROADING

POLICY ON RIGHTS OF WAY

This section of the rules should not be seen as in any way replacing the Law of the Land. As owners of the world's most numerous and capable four wheel drive vehicles, we have a special responsibility in preserving both the natural environment, and access to it. To this end The Dorset Land Rover Club has produced this statement of policy to guide members' behaviour, and to allow other interested groups to be clearly aware of our position. This is not in any way intended to be a legal document, and is written in plain English for ease of understanding. Statements made are general whilst it is recognised that lengthy discussions as to exact interpretations of the law are possible, this document is not intended for such situations.. The Club encourages liaison with other Land Rover Clubs and the development of similar policies amongst such groups.

INTRODUCTION:

There exists in England and Wales a network of routes which can be accessed by recreational vehicles: These are commonly known as a 'Byway Open to All Traffic' (BOAT) and 'Unclassified County Road' (UCR), a UCR may also be referred to as 'Other Route with Public Access' (ORPA).

Recreational vehicles do NOT have permission to access footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways unless landowner permission has been given.

In addition to our interest in byways and UCRs we will support GLASS by helping to protect and preserve our vehicular rights of way as much as possible by maintaining our club policy of 'Responsible, Rural Recreation' at all times.

When greenlaning, the GLASS Code of Conduct shall be adhered to AT ALL TIMES.

It is understood that the terms 'green laning' and 'green roading' have the same effective meaning. In this section of the Rules, green **laning** is used to indicate adherence to GLASS (Green **Lane** Association) policies.

The GLASS Code of Conduct

We expect all of our members to follow our Code of Conduct. It is also a very sensible and logical guide for other people that drive unsurfaced roads.

Use only rights of way with known, proven or provable vehicular rights. If challenged, discuss; if not resolved, then leave as requested until status is rechecked.

Keep to the defined track. Detour only to pass immovable obstructions. Report any obstructions (including low branches) to the highway authority and the local GLASS Area Representative. Be critical of your own abilities and equipment when assessing an obstruction; it is your right to abate a non-lawful obstruction, but do not commit yourself to a bigger task than you are equipped for.

If the route is not obvious on the ground, ask locally, or check on the maps held at the highway authority offices or consult the local GLASS Area Representative.

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- Travel at a quiet and unobtrusive pace and as slowly as practicable; we recommend a maximum of 12 mph when in a 4x4 and on an Unsurfaced Right of Way (URoW). Ensure your vehicle is fully road-legal: URoW are subject to the same laws as surfaced roads.

When travelling in groups keep to a small number, four or less in sensitive areas, in other areas up to five vehicles MAY be acceptable. Guidance should be sought from the relevant GLASS Area Representative. Weather and ground conditions should also be taken into account. On routes in good condition, split larger parties up and either use a different route or allow a good interval, at least 30 minutes, to elapse before following. With adverse weather and/or poor ground conditions avoid committing a second group to follow the same route.

- Do not travel on URoW when they risk being affected beyond a point of natural recovery once the weather improves. If need be, walk some or the entire route first to determine its suitability. Do not use URoW that maybe damaged by the wheel pressure applied by your vehicle.

- Avoid damage to trees, hedgerows and boundaries. Some roads carry vehicular rights but are physically too narrow for 4x4s.

- Do not practice recovery techniques on any URoW. Use a winch only with extreme caution, and use only the correct equipment and techniques.

- Be courteous to other road users - pull over and stop your vehicle for walkers, but pull over, stop your vehicle and switch off the engine for passing horses. Thank those who move over for you.

- After consultations with Country Landowners Association and National Farmers Union HQ's, "best practice" dictates that gates if they were found to be secured in an open position should be left open and those which are found shut or swinging should be shut behind you; the landowner might appreciate being told about a gate insecurely propped open if you see them.

- Keep dogs and children under supervision. Watch out for injured or trapped animals, and report all suspicious events to the landholder.

- Guard against all risks of fire. Take your litter home and that left by others if you see it, wherever practicable. Plastic bags can suffocate livestock if swallowed.

- Help to keep all water clean. Remember that wildlife faces many threats and URoW are valuable habitats, take special care in spring and early summer. Follow the Country Code, it is for your guidance only.

- Be considerate of group sizes at meeting points or food stops.

The Club will encourage members to refrain from using rights-of-way when it is inappropriate to do so, for example, if severe damage may result or during lambing season if the health of livestock may be affected. Such situations should however only be temporary in nature. Where these 'sensitive' areas are known, they may be displayed on a map of the area at the monthly Club meetings or posted on social media.

If rights-of-way are overgrown, members should only abate as much of the obstruction as is necessary to continue with the journey. Members should not undertake any form of abatement without having first checked for hazards which could endanger themselves or members of the public. There should also be habitat checks made and especially so during the bird nesting season from March to September.

Any cuttings should be left to the side of the right of way, sorry but you cannot legally take the logs home with you!

If a right of way is grossly obstructed and legal abatement of obstruction is deemed impossible at that time, turn around and retrace your steps, notify council and/or GLASS Rep. Common sense should be the guide, with the preference always being to go back and report the obstruction.

POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT OF BYWAYS AND UCRs

The Club will seek to improve the standard of the existing rights-of-way system, for example by improved sign posting, clearing undergrowth, and improving surfaces, which may need such work. We offer to assist in, or carry out such working all cases where our assistance is accepted and manpower is available.

The aim is to have recognised, clearly signed rights-of-way, whose surface is kept in good order.

Clearance parties will be encouraged, but will only be organised through GLASS and with the consent of Dorset Council and/or the landowner.

DLRC is a GLASS affiliated club and therefore its policies for use of the unsurfaced RoW network closely follows guidelines set out by GLASS, this applies to both greenlane trips and greenlane maintenance. DLRC is not affiliated to any other group claiming to represent the interests of the recreational vehicle user.

Any greenlane maintenance undertaken by club members will be under the GLASS umbrella, therefore all required HSE, RAMS, COSHH, NEEBOSH and EIS paperwork shall be completed by the Dorset GLASS Rep prior to commencement of any works; this is so Club members will be covered by GLASS Insurance/Public Liability Insurance.

The club will (where possible) assist with requests for user evidence when an outstanding Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) submitted prior to the NERC Act 2006 deadline of January 20th 2005 is due to be reviewed by Dorset Council. There are several outstanding DMMOs to be reviewed and each one gives us a chance to gain a new vehicular right of way to use.

We shall continue to record our user evidence by documenting it on Facebook by date/time stamped photos etc, there is also TW2 which can be updated by individual GLASS members.

Any member not acting in accordance with the spirit of the policy will be removed from the club.

SECTION 9 RTV TRIALS AND OTHER OFF ROAD EVENTS

Important information for competitors

Scrutineering takes place between 9:15-10am on the morning of the trial. In general if you have a standard vehicle in good road worthy order only the addition of front and rear recovery points and possibly an additional throttle return spring and jubilee clipped rear springs will be required to pass scrutineering. The full regulations are available in the MSUK Yearbook and ALRC Handbook. The following items will be checked on the day of the trial:

- Vehicle must have front and rear recovery points
- Rear coil springs (where fitted) to be jubilee clipped (or similar) to prevent springs dislocating
- Suspension (condition and checks for non-compliant parts)
- Chassis condition
- Steering linkages will be checked
- An additional return spring is required on mechanical throttles.
- The battery must be secured
- Seatbelts must be worn
- The hand brake must work
- The foot brake must work
- A 24mm, 3 strand, 8 ton minimum tow rope in nylon or polypropylene to be carried for recovery use
- Any load must be securely tied down.
- Silhouette must conform to type
- Tyre pressure (minimum 22psi)
- Fire extinguishers are advised but not essential.

The drivers briefing will be held at 10am and cover the following items:

- It is the driver's responsibility to assess whether or not to drive a section. There is no pressure to drive a section if you are not comfortable with it.
- Some of our sites contain bridleways/footpaths, please take care crossing these tracks and give priority to other users.
- If you come to an involuntary stop please don't continue to spin your wheels and dig holes, please consider vehicles yet to drive that section.
- Marshalls are to supervise all recoveries.
- Seat belts must be worn correctly whilst on a section. A three-point seat belt must be fitted across the shoulder as well as the waist.
- Drivers are not to start a section until they have been instructed by a marshal.

Addendum

The use of shackles will no longer be acceptable. This will of course mean that tow balls are the only obvious recovery point available. ALRC regulations state that they must be bolted to the vehicle (not welded) with h/t bolts 8.8 or higher. If using a standard bumper or bolting direct to the rear cross member, a 6mm min backing plate must be used to prevent bolts pulling through. On RRC or Disco rear, the best option is a drop plate bolted in the factory position & triangulated back to the chassis legs. If you don't want to restrict the departure angle, the drop plate can be cut down but must retain the triangulation pieces. The fitting of tow balls to the front bumper of these vehicles can be awkward! If you have difficulties it is suggested that you contact the Events Secretary.

Defenders & Series front bumpers are strong enough to take a ball bolted directly to them (with backing plate), the strongest position being in front of one chassis leg. Those using winch bumpers with built in recovery eyes will still need to attach a tow ball because shackles will not be allowed.

Vehicles should arrive at the site by 9.15am for scrutineering. Anyone arriving after 10.00am will NOT be allowed to compete

Spectators are always welcome at any event. Feel free to bring along any friends or family to help make the trials an even better day out. Children are welcome at all sites and dogs at most, so long as they are kept under control. Please be aware that at most events people will be taking photographs which could be used in web or paper-based publications.

TROPHY CLASSES

Trophies will be awarded at the end of each 'season' in each class of competition. The DLRC abides by the ALRC rules and regulations with regards RTV activities, and as a Club we are required to implement the same system used for national trophies and other ALRC affiliated competitive clubs. Should a class have a standard vehicle competing, then any modified vehicles would not be eligible to win a trophy within that class. If there were no standard vehicles in a class then compliant Modified vehicles would be eligible to compete for the trophy in that class.

Road taxed vehicle trial supplementary regulations

Please refer to the current ALRC regulations for details of RTV supplementary regulations, as published every two years by ALRC and amended at EGMs thereafter. Amendments will be also be published in the next available issue of The Dorset Rover. Copies of the ALRC Rule Book will be available to Club members on a 'first come, first served' basis.

As noted in the introduction to this section of the Club Rules, RTV competitors should be aware of the ALRC Regulations. Those regarding Recovery Points are particularly important, which is why they are reproduced here:

ALRC Regulation B.19. Recovery Points

B. 19.1. Adequate front and rear recovery attachments must be provided for recovery purposes in all events. Bumpers, tie-down rings, lifting rings or Range Rover/Discovery “tow fittings” are not adequate. Factory specification (or better) trailer hitches are acceptable. If a tow-ball is fitted, welding alone is insufficient – high tensile nuts and bolts must be used for attachment. If the recovery point is attached to a bumper, the bumper must be attached to the chassis with high tensile nuts and bolts.

Where recovery points attach through the chassis or bumper there must be a minimum of a 3mm thick, mild steel spreader plate behind its mounting point,

Where it is not possible to fit a spreader plate (such as late Defenders cross members) then any recovery point must attach using a minimum of the 7 designated fixing points (D,G,F. Diagram A) using high tensile bolts. Point F should attach to the designated points on the fuel tank frame or if not present can bolt through the longitudinal chassis rails

Points “E” must be bolted together with high tensile nuts and bolts as per the manufacturers design. The towing attachment must **Not** be attached at point D. Tow attachments must be fitted using high tensile M16 bolts and nuts or equivalent. Drop plates / recovery systems can be shortened or purpose built provided they attach to the vehicle by the same 7 bolt method and are of equal or greater strength and design.

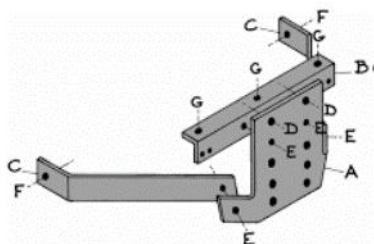
Factory specification recovery points, when installed and used as vehicle handbook, to the following generations of vehicle are deemed suitable for recovery up to and including RTV Trials:

- Range Rover P38A and subsequent generations
- Discovery 3 and Subsequent generations
- Freelander, all generations

Where winch bumpers, HD bumpers or underbody protection are fitted incorporating the recovery point, these must be attached to the vehicle chassis with High tensile nuts and bolts to designated bumper attachment points or alternative equally reinforced holes. “Built in” or welded attachment must be of suitable design to withstand the forces of recovery and will be subject to the discretion of the scrutineer. Bolt in or swivel attachments must attach through a minimum of 6mm mild steel or incorporate a 3mm mild steel spreader plate and attach via high tensile nuts and bolts were applicable.

B19.2. A pair of Land Rover chassis-Shackles (forged JATE rings) are suitable when used together.

B.19.3. A pair of Land Rover factory specification D rings are deemed suitable for recovery up to and including RTV trials. (Implemented 16th March 2019)



One or two other regulations regarding RTVs....

L.4.1 Membership Cards - Current membership card of an ALRC member competitive club, and MSUK Clubman licence must be shown at signing on.

It is confirmed that Tyro events count as competitive events as far as ALRC member clubs are concerned and that therefore competitors in Tyro events must produce valid membership cards when signing on. This is an extension/further clarification of Rule L.4.1.

L.5. INTERCHANGE OF PASSENGERS *(Not applicable to gymkhanas & Tyros.)*

L.5.1. A passenger / navigator may accompany only one driver.

L.5.2. A driver may not act as a passenger / navigator for another driver. (Implemented 12th June 2010)

Clarification has therefore been added that this regulation does NOT apply to tyro events.

Exhaust Emissions All Clubs have been made aware of Motorsport UK Rule 60.5.1, Cross Country Events [P]

60.5.1. The engine must not produce visible smoke or exhaust emissions during the event, however reasonable emissions, such as an occasional “puff” are tolerated. Any named official of the event is empowered to judge this. If the competitor is unable to affect a solution during the event they shall be disqualified from the competition.

NOTES AND AMEMNDMENTS TO THE RULES

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