



Bürstner UK Owners' Club - Rally Information

Why not join us on a Rally?

Did you know the club now has a membership of more than 380 vans but only about 20% of the membership are regular attendees at rallies. The club would really like to encourage more members to join us at our rallies.

So what is a Rally?

It is a gathering of members in their vans, typically lasting five days but sometimes they are just over a weekend and sometimes they can be longer. It is a great social event and all members are made to feel really welcome. The rally programme for the year is organised by the Rally Coordinator, on behalf of the club. The rally itself will be hosted by the Rally Marshal, or more often a couple, who will usually arrive a day earlier and ensure a warm welcome for attendees as they arrive. The Rally Marshal will help you park and get essentials such as water etc and provide you with an information pack. Signs will normally be positioned as you approach the venue to guide you to the exact spot.

Where are Rallies held?

Being a national club, rallies are held all around the country. That can mean quite a long journey for some, so in order to make that long journey more worthwhile we frequently organise 'back to back rallies', where two venues relatively close to each other might be selected, to give a combined duration of ten days across the two rallies. (Obviously, you are under no obligation to attend both if you only want to attend one). A great deal of effort goes into selecting venues that the Rally Coordinator feels will provide good facilities and offer interesting opportunities to explore the area nearby. We try to select venues that have good access, either to footpaths and cycle routes and/or to bus and train services where we can. We use a combination of commercial campsites, offering full facilities and temporary venues such as Rugby Clubs, where we may largely be using our own on-board facilities with no hook up. The relevant advertisement on the website will say exactly what facilities and attractions are available at each venue.

What do we do at Rallies?

We try to arrange things so people do just what they want. You aren't going to Butlins, where Redcoats are going to break your door down each morning and force you to join in with organised activities. The marshal will try to organise activities (weather and COVID permitting) that people will find interesting, such as raffles, quizzes, bingo or card evenings, perhaps a trip to a nearby attraction, fishing or golf, cycle rides and walks or just a few drinks during the evening perhaps with a BBQ. Venues often have restaurants and pubs nearby where you can enjoy a meal away from the van (and everyone else if you prefer). Obviously nobody objects if all you want to do is relax and chill. That said most people do find the company and companionship of other members enjoyable and many have made lasting friendships.

Our two prestige events held each year are our AGM and XMAS rallies. We are trying to hold these somewhere relatively close to the centre of the country to make them more accessible to as many members as possible. Both are a little more formally organised, with perhaps dinner and entertainment to provide a party atmosphere on at least one evening.



How do I book on a Rally?

Once you have logged onto the 'Members Area' of the Bürstner UK Owners' Club website, the 'Rallies/Events' drop-down menu will be visible along the red header bar. Click on the tab and that will reveal a page that has Bürstner UK Owners' Club Rallies at the top. (Below this there are other links to Warner's shows, Apple Tree shows, Morton' shows and other events all of which are worth exploring if you haven't already done so).

Hover over the words or the picture of the campervan and your curser will turn to a hand. Left click your mouse and you will arrive at a page that lists all the rallies that the club has so far organised.

If you feel there is a rally listed that might be of interest to you, hover your curser over the green 'More' button towards the right hand side of the screen and left click your mouse, which will take you to a page that tells you the exact location of the rally and describes the venue, lists the facilities available, local attractions, the cost per night and anything else you will want to know. The names and contact details of the Rally Marshals are provided in case you want to ask any questions.

If you decide you want to book to attend the rally hover your curser over the blue 'Book Now' button and left click your mouse and you will be taken to a form for you to include your particulars. A message confirming your rally booking submission will appear on the screen and you will receive an email copy of your Rally Booking Form. An email will be sent to you after you have completed this form and submitted your application. If you are unable to attend a rally after booking then please let the Rally Marshal know as places can be limited on some rallies.

We do hope this removes some of the 'unknowns' from your mind about rallies and that you will now look at the rallies available on the website and book onto some without delay. In order to encourage existing members to rally next year we are offering one free night on any of the rallies in 2021 (excluding the Factory Rally), if booked and attended.

How do I claim my free night?

Once you have attended your first rally simply email your details to treasurer@burstnerclub.co.uk who will refund your free night direct to your bank account. Information required: Your Name, Rally attended, Amount claimed, your full Account name, Sort code, Account number and your bank's name.