

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION GDPR

Dear Member,

You will, no doubt, remember the time earlier in 2022 when your email inbox, house letterbox etc. was bombarded daily with messages from various clubs, banks, shopping outlets, utility suppliers and anyone else who held any personal information which you had supplied.

Each message will have outlined in some way the information held and detailed how that information is used and any restriction placed upon its use.

You will also have been given an opportunity to give or refuse permission for your details to be held and used in the way stated. This operation was necessary due to the introduction, on May 25th, of a new EU law governing use of personal information by second or third parties.

If you were a member of Bath Motor Club at that time you would have received such a message from us around that time and have been invited to give your consent for us to hold your details for the purpose of running the club.

If you have filled in a membership application form since that time you will have seen the tick box which is now included on the form and which indicates the member's consent for their details to be held.

What information do we hold? The application form asks for the member's name, postal address, email address, telephone number(s), motoring interests and competition licence held (if any). We also hold basic details of the bank account of members who sign a form to pay membership by standing order. We obviously do not have access to these accounts in any way.

What do we use your details for?

As with any club we need to maintain contact with the members. This involves posting or emailing the club magazine, emailing the regular newsletter, requesting marshalling offers, contacting individual members for various purposes such as those with particular skills and, on occasion, making contact at short notice.

Who holds the information?

As membership secretary I am usually the first to gain possession of the details listed above and have been nominated as the person in charge of ensuring that the GDPR regulation is followed within the club. The only other club officials with access to the information are those who require it as part of their remit. These are the magazine/newsletter editor, marshalling coordinator and, on occasion the club treasurer. I pass on any necessary information to these officials only.

No member is allowed to gain access to the details of another member without the express permission of the other so I am unable to divulge contact numbers or email addresses of fellow members.

Members are entitled at any time to withdraw their consent for their information to be held and the information would then be removed from the membership database. However, as I am sure you will appreciate, this would mean losing direct contact between the club and the member concerned. Delivery of magazine, newsletters, requests etc. would be made impossible.

I hope that this article gives a clear indication of how Bath Motor Club is working with the GDPR directive.

Steve Conner (Membership Secretary)

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