**Change to X ABA Hut useage. October 2021**

Dear Members

The club committee has decided to remove many of the current restrictions to use of the club hut.

We are removing the need for a 48 hour gap between bookings and the requirement for an end of stay document. We are also removing the restriction of single group occupancy.

However, we need to remain vigilant toward the risk of Covid-19, users must continue to exercise caution, distancing, maintain ventilation and sanitisation protocols. The sleeping area is the major risk zone regarding virus transfer in shared accommodation and the booking restrictions reflect that.

Prior bookings from the old system will have the right to maintain sole use (with good reason such as underlying health conditions) and have been contacted to that effect. Similarly, if you wish to make a booking and a member of your group has such a condition that may be compromised by shared accommodation, please make the request, we should be able to accommodate. Sole bookings will be marked as such on the calendar.

The hut will now be open for use from October 1st 2021, under the following conditions.

1. **Approved bookings only**. Check the website calendar first for availability before making a booking request as before by email to tspadger@btinternet.com . Booking requests must contain the number of hut users and names (to assist with contact tracing should the need arise). These will be added to the hut calendar as before. You will see the initials of the booker and the number in their group. You will receive an email reply as soon as possible with confirmation.
2. Bookings will be limited to avoid pressure in the sleeping area so that unconnected groups are not using adjacent sleeping bays. Indoors, this will be one large group, or 2 smaller groups using either end of the sleeping area. In addition, you may book and camp in a tent or van, please indicate this in your booking request. This information will also be visible on the website calendar.
3. All group members must consider if they are fit to travel and stay in a hut and whether they could be a carrier of infection. If in any doubt, do not travel. Such a person, whether it is Covid-19 or any other infectious illness has no business staying at a hut.

Please consider taking a lateral flow test before travelling to the hut.

1. Once at the hut, occupants should take further steps to reduce the risk of infection transmission by considering steps such as:
	1. maintaining reasonable ventilation, weather conditions permitting.
	2. maintaining a regular regime of cleaning and disinfecting contact surfaces (e.g. light switches, door handles, taps)
	3. consider mask wearing if other groups present.
	4. scanning the NHS QR code to assist with contact tracing.
2. The club requires that members and visitors adhere to these protocols. The club cannot supervise what happens in the hut and relies entirely on the common sense and goodwill of all hut users to avert and mitigate Covid-19 and other risks so that they are reduced to an acceptable level.

X ABA Committee 29/09/2021