

Cookies

How we use Cookies on this site

Our website uses a technology known as cookies to store small amounts of data on our visitors' computers or devices. Cookies are small pieces of text data that can be placed on a visitor's computer, normally to provide enhanced functionality and/or improved relevancy of information. For more information about cookies, visit <http://www.aboutcookies.org>.

Cookie Audit

In order to work towards compliance with the Privacy and Electronic (EC Directive) Regulations, we are currently auditing our use of cookies and will publish further information here in due course.

Cookie Consent

The law now requires that we are required to ask visitors to consent to the acceptance of certain types of cookies from this site. We are investigating how to effectively implement this in order to move towards compliance with the Regulations whilst ensuring that our website remains accessible and easy to use

Summary

We believe there is no reason for any concern over any of the cookies used on our website; however certain users may have privacy concerns for consider some cookies to be intrusive. Below we outline what cookies we use and why, to help you make an informed choice.

First-party cookies

These are cookies set by ourselves or the software running on our website. Some of these are to gain insight into how visitors arrive at our site, and which pages they view, to help us monitor and improve the service. Others are essential for operation of certain parts of the website and may only last for the duration of your browser session.

We have listed our first-party cookies below, along with their purpose and expiry period.

Google Analytics:

Name: __utma, __utmb, __utmc, __utmz, __utmv

Purpose: We use Google Analytics to collect information about how visitors find and use our website. This helps us to continue to improve the site.

Expires:

__utma: 2 years

__utmb: 30 minutes

__utmc: at end of session (when you close your browser)

__utmv: 2 years

__utmZ: 2 years

View the [Google Analytics Privacy Overview](#), (including how to opt out if you wish).

Third-party cookies

Some of the functionality of the site uses third-party plugins, for example social media buttons (Facebook, Twitter etc.), or Google Maps. These may use cookies created by such a third-party service and although we have chosen to integrate the services with our website, we do not have control over the cookies set by these services.

We use these services as a convenience to our visitors and on the basis that the providing party adheres to their privacy and/or data use policies. (See Further Information below).

Because they are outside our control, the detail of these cookies may change, so we have listed some information and links about the respective third parties to help you find out more. The actual cookies may also vary depending whether you are logged into those social media sites when browsing our website.

Facebook 'Like' Button:

We use this on our News articles to let people easily promote news to their friends. View the [Facebook Privacy Policy](#).

Twitter 'Tweet' Button:

We use this on our News articles to let people easily promote news to their friends. [View the Twitter Privacy Policy](#).

Google +1 Button:

We use this on our News articles to let people easily promote news to their friends. [View the Google Privacy Policy](#).

YouTube:

Some of our News articles contain embedded YouTube videos. YouTube is owned by Google.

[View the Google Privacy Policy](#).

Controlling and Blocking Cookies

We do not use cookies to collect personally identifiable information about you. However, if you wish to block cookies from this website (or any other), you can do so by modifying your browser settings. Your browser's Help function should advise you on how to do this. If you would like more information on how to do this for your specific browser, please visit www.aboutcookies.org.

If you use your browser settings to block all cookies, then you may not be able to access certain parts of our site.