



THE ISLE OF GIGHA HERITAGE TRUST

CARAVAN POLICY

Chairman of the Board signature

Date

08/05/2024

Revision History

Version No.	Comments	Author	Date Issued	Status

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust is aware of the potential impact caravans can have on the community, amenities, safety and environment of Gigha. This includes use for unauthorised activities, a loss of visual amenity, difficulty in removal and scrapping or permanent caravans, and the impact of unauthorised parking. Although a campsite facility is available close to the ferry slip, it is not suitable for visitor caravans. This includes any type of caravan including, but not limited to, trailer tents and folding caravans.

As a result of this, the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust do not permit caravans to be brought onto the Isle of Gigha.

2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust will be responsible for the implementation of the Trust's Caravan policy.

The arrangements around any caravans that are authorised to be brought onto the island will be led by a Trust Manager.

The Board will review this policy every five years.

3. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In exceptional circumstances the Trust may give permission for a caravan to be brought to the island, but never without the prior written permission of the Board of the Trust. This is only likely to be granted where the applicant intends to use the caravan as temporary living accommodation.

In all cases there will be a fixed limit on the period of this authorisation. The maximum limit is a period of three years from the date of approval. The caravan is NOT to be used for accommodation for anyone else other than who requested the permission.

The caravan cannot be used to provide visitor accommodation whether paid or unpaid.

The owner is responsible for obtaining all or any consents necessary and responsible for making all service connections and removing them at the end of the period of authorisation.

At the end of this period, it is the responsibility of the caravan owner to remove the caravan from the island, at their own cost, and leave the site clear of any debris and tidy.

Examples of exceptional circumstance include use of a caravan when building or renovating a property on the island, and therefore provide temporary accommodation during the building works.

Another example may be where a key worker needs to temporarily reside on the island for a short period. In these cases, the Isle of Gigha Camp and Motorhome Site may be able to provide a suitable pitch for the caravan.