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WHERE TO FIND ITEMS COVERED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

The 2022 news items are now indexed at the bottom of the 17 December newsletter and can be downloaded from www.pascuk.co.uk

COMMENTARY

The awful situation in Ukraine continues, and we are pleased to have a little good news in that the Touch Stay appeal has now topped £10,000, so thanks to all those who contributed.

There is no doubt that the combination of uncertainty caused by that conflict and the rapidly rising costs of living are having an impact on bookings. However, we are, as a sector, still considerably ahead on where bookings were at this point in 2019. See last week's newsletter for data). Still need to hold nerve and ease process for remaining weeks upwards not downwards in order to cover the increased costs of energy, insurance etc.

The Welsh Governments intention to raise the booking threshold to 182 days to remain on Business Rates, and possibly avoid a 300% increase in Council Tax has focussed minds in the Principality. We are getting a really good level of response to the work that we are doing there, in partnership with the Wales Tourism Alliance and UK Hospitality Wales. We already have 650+ responses to the survey, but really need 1200, so if you have any business interests in Wales, then please see the section below on Wales and take part.

This week really is the last call to take part in the maintain VAT at 12.5% campaign below. Hundreds of you have, so thank you, if haven't **please do**. The Chancellor will make his statement on this at 1230, Wednesday 23rd March. We are hopeful of at least a one-year extension.

Lorna and I are going on holiday this weekend and will try to get as many emails as possible dealt with before we go away. Please bear with us whilst we are away.

Energy prices continue to dominate emails coming in, when speaking with the Buying Club we are told that many of you still have to send in your bills and information. We would urge you to do this, if you don't like what they can offer for any reason, you are not obliged to accept but a large number of PASC UK Members are happy with their locked in rate, we are.

This neatly brings us on to Members Benefits, these are only available to paid up Members and are detailed lower down in the newsletter. We are getting repeated attempts by businesses to join the Buying Club, attend Members zoom Meetings etc who are not Members. The process to join is really simple and is also detailed below, and then access all areas will be provided.

We have held five Members zooms over the last two weeks, for both Self-Catering Agents and Independent owners. These are proving really popular and would urge you to consider joining these private meetings, again details of the next ones below.

We expect the Call for Evidence on Statutory Registration in England to start next week. We will keep you fully up to date on this, and how to participate in the Call.

We are still chasing through outstanding subscriptions, so if you get a notification, please let us know if you are intending to renew or not as soon as you can? Thanks.

There will be no newsletter next week. And we look forward to resuming normal service on Friday 1st April and promise not to include any April Fools jokes.

Many thanks Alistair

HOLIDAY AT PASC UK

Lorna and I will be going on holiday on Sunday and will return on Thursday 31st March. There will be an out of office on our emails during this time. We will respond to all emails and voice mails as soon as we can on return.

If you have a dire emergency, please send an email to chair@pascuk.co.uk with EMERGENCY in the subject line and we will respond to those as quickly as possible. Please only use this for real time critical emergencies.

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Being on holiday means no Newsletter next week.

NEW EMPLOYEE STARTS

As we covered last week, we have a new employee. His name is Justin Sutherland, and he has spent his first week familiarising himself with all the programmes at the back of the website, and the fairly basic data that we hold here at the office. Justin is formatting this data so that it can be merged into Memberpress and linked to Xero and Stripe. The first task being the automation of the renewals and New Members joining, currently done manually from this office.

The target for this is the distribution of April Renewals.

This will also enable the base work to be completed for the Members only area of the website, which will require a login and password, we have some great features planned for that.

NEW UPDATE ON WELSH GOVERNMENT 182 DAY THRESHOLD & 5 POINT PLAN

Last week we detailed how the Welsh Government has announced that it plans to increase the threshold to change from Council Tax to Business Rates to 182 days from April 2023. The number of days available to let will also increase to 252 days.

If you cannot meet these thresholds, then you will be required to revert to paying Council Tax. This will be expensive as 99% of self-caterers in Wales benefit from SBRR and pay almost zero.

On top of this, the legislation will allow Councils to charge up to a 300% premium on Council Tax Rates for second Homes and Self-Catering.

PASC UK has prepared a Five Point Plan that Owners and Operators can follow to try and reduce the impact of the proposed Government changes. This can be found and downloaded here:

<https://bit.ly/3yiW2GX>

It asks all owners to follow a stage-by-stage process of spreading the word and begins by asking all of you with interests in Wales to fill in this survey, which will give us the evidence to base our responses on.

Key elements and changes since last week:

1/ Take part in this important WTA/UKH/PASC UK survey here: <https://bit.ly/37oDCwL>

The survey will stay open until 25 March.

So far, we have had 643 responses to this survey, the highest number ever in Wales. The target though is 1200 to try and really have impactful data to lobby the Welsh Government. If you have not filled it in yet, it only takes a couple of minutes, please do so asap. If you have, many thanks.

We are being supported by this with many partners. We are working really closely with the Wales Tourism Association (WTA), and UKHospitality Wales. We have also received great support from Welsh Self-Catering Agency Members who are circulating the survey to their owners too. Thanks for that.

PASC UK has also substantially increased its financial support to the WTA to enable more dedicated lobbying of the Welsh Government. We have been working with them on a daily basis and the level of threat to Welsh Members justified this decision. We have asked other partners in Wales to match this increase and hope to hear news on that soon.

Once we have the data from the survey and the invaluable feedback you are sending in all collated, we will be in a position to provide owners in Wales with Guidance Notes on how to respond to the Consultation. (It closes on the 12 April).

Please keep the emails covering the impact that these changes may have on your business, we will include a series of scenarios/case studies about how this blanket approach is inappropriate. Send to chair@pascuk.co.uk.

It is critical that all affected take part in this process, the proposed threshold will have devastating impacts on many PASC UK Members in Wales.

One of the surveys we asked you to take part in was put together by Mid Wales Tourism. The results of that survey can be seen here and will also form part of the evidence base that will be made to the Welsh Government.

Survey Results all

<https://eu.jotform.com/report/22062488996707004>

Survey Results – Powys

<https://eu.jotform.com/report/22065265387005307>

Survey Results – Gwynedd

<https://eu.jotform.com/report/22065164801504707>

Survey Results – Ceredigion

<https://eu.jotform.com/report/22065196216305007>

Businesses who are not exempt from business rates

<https://eu.jotform.com/report/22065298069706307>

CHANGES TO COVID GUIDANCE. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

Covid Guidance is changing on 1st April.

COVID-19 and control measures

Businesses can still reduce the risks by continuing with these priorities:

- Provide adequate ventilation. Make sure there is an adequate supply of fresh air to enclosed spaces where there are people present.
- Clean some areas more frequently. You should consider:
 - Surfaces that people touch regularly, such as door handles, lift buttons and handrails.
 - Keys and other shared objects – clean them when they are returned and before they are given to another guest.
 - Places that are used frequently, like reception areas.
 - Areas used by multiple groups of guests, such as lounges, common areas and shared recreation rooms.
 - Toilet and bathroom facilities.

Encourage people with COVID-19 or any of the main COVID-19 symptoms to stay away.

People who have COVID-19 are no longer legally required to self-isolate. However, they should follow the public health advice to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

- Attending work
 - They should not attend work. If a member of staff is unable to work from home, you should talk to them about the options available to them. For example, they may be able to get statutory sick pay.
- Communicate and train.
 - Inform workers and customers about your safety measures. This will encourage safer behaviours when they visit your business.
 - You can do this by regular team training and by having a clear policy for guests explaining your COVID-19 guidance. You can make this information available in several ways:
 - Use your website and/or social media. Guests will likely book online so this is the first place they should see your safety guidelines.
 - Send information in booking confirmations. This is another key chance to ensure your guests know what to expect when they are visiting you.
 - Making your guidance clearly visible on arrival.

Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

- Getting vaccinated
- Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside
- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces. This is especially important where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet and when rates of transmission are high
- Trying to stay at home if you are unwell

- Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive
- Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

COVID-19 is still a public health infection control issue.

England – All Covid restrictions were removed as of 24 February. In addition to the removal of mask-wearing requirement, this includes the requirement to have QR codes in the cottages, collect the names and contact details for Test & Trace purposes, and the legal requirement to self-isolate if you (or a guest) has a positive Covid result. Self-isolation is still “recommended”, but not required. So, guests are no longer required to go home if they contract Covid. It is still worth encouraging guests to take out travel insurance that covers covid as well as other illnesses.

Scotland – Having dropped the requirement for Covid Passports for entering large venues on 28 February, the majority of remaining Covid restrictions will be lifted in Scotland as of 21 March (assuming no further outbreaks in the meantime). Self-isolation is still strongly recommended but will no longer be a legal requirement. Mask-wearing will still be encouraged on a voluntary basis, but not mandated.

Wales – The First Minister – Mark Drakeford – announced a relaxation of some restrictions as of 28 February, but self-isolation is still required for those testing positive for Covid for the time being. From 28 March – assuming there is no further upsurge in cases – the remaining restrictions will be removed.

While guidance on things like QR codes and T&T remains unclear for those of you in Wales and Scotland at the moment (as no clear guidance on their removal has been given), it is certainly worth retaining them for the next few weeks. While there isn't a lot of checking going on, it isn't worth being reported by an over-zealous guest for the sake of a few short weeks.

PASC UK VIEW ON MAINTAINING HIGH CLEANING STANDARDS POST PANDEMIC

We are moving from a Pandemic phase of the disease to an Endemic stage. Covid hasn't gone away. It is still with us - rather like Flu – so the protocols around it are being drawn back, but at different rates and to a different extent in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

In terms of the Covid cleaning protocols, as Covid hasn't gone away, and there are still large groups of the population (especially the elderly and the clinically vulnerable) for whom it still presents a risk, it would be good practice – and a good marketing opportunity – to retain the cleaning protocols to a large degree. We are absolutely maintaining proper changeover cleans followed by viriciding key touch points at Higher Wiscombe.

While you don't need to fog your property, or remove soft furnishings, toys, etc, it is worth reassuring guests that you are still taking precautions such as disinfecting and airing the property between guests to minimise the risk of transmission. Disinfection reduces transmission risk for all sorts of bacteria and viruses, not just Covid. This will be a reassuring message for many guests, as a lot of people are concerned that the removal of restrictions will result in them being exposed to greater risk.

Whilst there is no legal requirement to businesses to undertake a Covid-19 risk assessment per se, there is a legal requirement for businesses to undertake a health and safety assessment to protect staff and customers. However, because of the specific and high level of risk associated

with Covid over the last couple of years, most businesses fulfilled this legal requirement by undertaking a separate Covid-19 risk assessment.

Although we are exiting from the restrictions and rules, the legal requirement for businesses to undertake a health and safety assessment remains and as covid still represents a level of risk to staff and customers, we think that measures should still be undertaken to mitigate ongoing risks.

Our view is that because covid will represent an ongoing, albeit much reduced, risk for the foreseeable future, businesses should look to incorporate their covid risk assessment into their general health and safety assessment with measures that a proportional to the level of risk it now poses.

PASC UK MEMBERS ZOOM MEETINGS DATES

We held a successful series of Members Meetings for PASC UK Members and PASC UK Self-Catering Agency Members over the last week or so.

We will be continuing with these on a regular basis. These meetings are not recorded as they are to Chatham House Rules.

We are also holding a separate one for Welsh Members as there is so much going on there that is specific to them.

General Members Meeting #2: **1400 on Monday 4 April 2022**

Wales Members Meeting #1: **1530 on Monday 4 April**

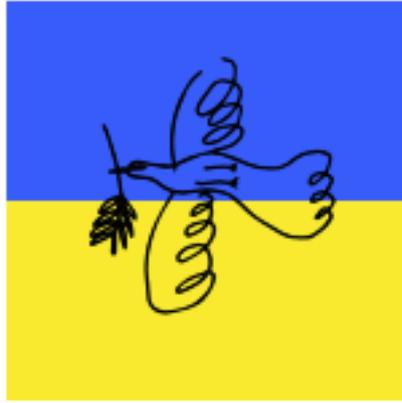
The format of these meetings is very different from the Webinars that you are familiar with. These are meetings, everyone can see each other, and everyone gets an opportunity to speak and ask questions. They are available to paid up Members only.

If you wish to take part, please send an email to chair@pascuk.co.uk stating preferred date and time, and Membership name. Invitations will follow later.

Subjects that will be covered include:

- The upcoming Statutory Registration Consultation
- Welsh thresholds in Welsh Meeting
- Rises in costs and impact on pricing
- The new rules on how many days let owners must meet to comply with the forthcoming Business Rates Rules in England, and how that might be checked and implemented
- New Fire Safety Rules coming into effect for Self-Catering
- How the Buying Club works
- Any subjects that Members would like covered.

£10,000 DONATIONS TO UKRAINE VIA TOUCHSTAY



Last week we said that we would be supporting the Touch Stay fundraising for Ukraine. There are two connections, Touch Stay was PASC UK product of the year this year and some of their developers are based in Ukraine. The tragedy in the Ukraine meant that many asked if PASC UK will be doing any kind of fund-raising. We are not setting up any separate appeals, just supporting this one.

So far donations have exceeded £10,000 which is amazing for a small tech company supported by its customers. We have received a huge thank you from Andy McNulty at Touch Stay to all that have donated.

TouchStay have set up their own fund which will be 100% directed towards this charity. They have pledged to match-fund any donations, so this seemed like an excellent way to maximise the impact of any donation we could make as an organisation, and PASC UK has also made a donation to that fund.

If you would like to contribute directly to their fundraising efforts, the charity has been chosen by Touch Stay's Ukrainian employees, you can do so on their page here:
<https://touchstay.com/ukraine/>

It is worth noting that any charitable donation is also tax-deductible, so if you do make a donation from your business, make sure that you put it through your books.

COMPENSATION FOR POWER CUTS REPEAT

It is possible to gain some compensation from the power suppliers, (these are your power suppliers, not the company that bills you) if you had extended power cuts during the recent storms. They should automatically contact you within the next 28 days, but if you don't then you will need to contact them.

This is the Western Power Compensation Scheme; all power providers will have them, and we would expect that they would be similar in what they offer.

<https://www.westernpower.co.uk/storm-eunice-ofgems-guaranteed-standards-compensation-scheme>

For a Category 2 Storm the payment is £75 for power cuts lasting 48-60 hours (from time of notification) and £70 for each complete 12-hour period thereafter.

Continuous period of power cut

Category 2 Payment

Less than 48 hours	No payment
48-60 hours	£75
60-72 hours	£75+£70 = £145
72-84 hours	£75+£70+£70 = £215
84-96 hours	£75+£70+£70+£70 = £285
96-108 hours	£75+£70+£70+£70+£70 = £355
108-120 hours	£75+£70+£70+£70+£70+£70 = £425
120-132 hours	£75+£70+£70+£70+£70+£70+£70 = £495

You may also be able to claim for loss in freezers and even perhaps a meal allowance: We were offered £15/Member of the household, up to a maximum of £50.

REALLY THE LAST CALL ON SUPPORT FOR RETENTION OF VAT RATE

If you have not taken any of the supporting actions detailed, please do so now, as the Chancellors decision on this will be taken next week on the Wednesday 23rd March at 1230. Thanks.

We continue to lobby for the retention of the 12.5% VAT rate for hospitality in the UK and have had more meetings with officials and other associations this week.

Our instinct is that our chances are no better than 50/50 at this point, and that if we get it, it will be a one, or two-year extension at best. That would still be a great result and would really speed up both investment and recovery across the sector.

UK Hospitality have usefully provided some links to help both show your support and to get the word out.

You can get involved by following these three easy steps:

1. **Order your campaign bundle:** You can download posters and stickers from our main campaign page here and print them yourself. <https://bit.ly/36yz0DD>
2. **Decorate your venue:** Posters should be put up in your most customer facing areas, whilst stickers can be put on anything from menus to cup holders to key card holders. Be creative and show our sector off!

3. **Share your work online:** We're desperate to see what you've been up to! Upload pictures of your decorated venues to your social media channels using **#VATsENOUGH**

EV CHARGING PAPER FINISHED



The PASC UK EV Charging paper is finally finished. Huge thanks to Beth Bailey, (PASC UK Board Member) for over-seeing this. It has had a longer than expected gestation period, primarily because of so many changes happening as you will see when you read it.

This paper is available to all readers of the newsletter and can be found here:
<https://bit.ly/3yiW2GX>

The last version had over 775 downloads, this one is much more comprehensive so if you have the old copy, we strongly recommend you replacing it with the 2022 version

STATUTORY REGISTRATION CALL FOR EVIDENCE IMMINENT

We understand that the 'Call for Evidence' which as explained in previous newsletters is the first phase of the process will be launched next week. It will likely run for twelve weeks so we will have plenty of time to answer questions on it, and to prepare guidance notes. We will probably also run a series of Webinar's on it and how you can get involved.

PRS/PPL UPDATE

The eagle eyed amongst you have noticed that there has not been an update on this since late October, that was when we last heard back from them. We have been chasing every month and finally, yesterday, we got a response that they are working on this and will have something for us shortly. It does beg the question; how hard can it be? We reiterate our position below.

We are trying to work with both PRS and PPL to try and improve the way that these licences are dealt with. Our goal remains simple.

- We want it made clear why owners have to pay and some clear FAQ's regarding the licensing
- We want a clear self-catering tariff not use the hotels scheme
- We want consideration that hotel use is different than self-catering use. In self-catering guests may play no music at all, whilst in a hotel music is constantly played
- We want an improvement to the call centres methods of operation

We accept that licences need to be paid, music is being played in a commercial setting, the guests are paying for our accommodation. If we go to a friend's house for dinner, music played and drink supplied is not in a commercial setting, it is private, no licences needed. Once money changes hands for the accommodation both the music and the alcohol included in the price need licensing.

However, we want the system to be improved and we have gained commitment on the training side of the call centre and hope to have something specific on that shortly and are working with the PRS/PPL to try and clear the other points on our list. They have assured us that if anyone overpays due to the current situation, they will be credited when full clarity on pricing emerges.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Registration opened this week for the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme which has both a private and organisational registration process. This is not really suitable for most hospitality operators primarily due to requirement for a minimum of six months. However, we thought readers might be interested in helping some of these poor families as they try to restart their lives. If a more specific Hospitality Scheme emerges, we will let you know.

The Organisation route enables charities, community groups and businesses to volunteer accommodation for Ukrainians and their family. The requirement is that the accommodation should be available to at least 6 months and Ukrainians using the scheme will be able to live and work in the UK for up to three years. During their stay they will be able undertake employment as well as access healthcare, benefits, education, and English language tuition and sponsors will be offering an optional 'thank you' payment of £350 per month for taking in Ukrainian refugees.

The scheme will open on Friday 18 March for visa applications from Ukrainians and immediate family members who already have named people willing to sponsor them. The date for the second phase, which will be for non-family members, has yet to be announced and further guidance on this phase will be published shortly. However, businesses can register an interest in being involved and kept up-to-date as the guidance is developed through the following link. It is important to note that businesses can register to accommodate single people as well as families and that registering an interest is not a commitment to provide accommodation at this stage.

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/digital-delivery/register-to-support-homes-for-ukraine-org/>

REMOVAL OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS INTO UK

ENGLAND

The Government announced that from 4am on 18th March, regardless of your vaccination status, people travelling into England will not have to:

- take any COVID-19 tests – before you travel or after you arrive
- fill in a UK passenger locator form before you travel

The Government noted that it will maintain a range of contingency measures to counter any new harmful variants of COVID-19 entering the UK - although their approach will be to use the least stringent measures to minimise the impact on travel and that the contingency measures will only be implemented in extreme circumstances.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countries-with-approved-covid-19-vaccination-programmes-and-proof-of-vaccination>

WALES

International travel to Wales

The rules defining what you must do when arriving in Wales from overseas have been removed.

While the legal requirements are no longer in place, you should still consider taking some extra precautions when you arrive in Wales to keep you, your friends and family safe

Precautions include:

- taking a lateral flow test before visiting vulnerable family members
- space out visits and social events
- if you experience coronavirus symptoms, isolate and take a test.

If you do want to take a lateral flow test when you arrive in Wales and you do not have symptoms then you will need to buy a test. Free lateral flow tests can be ordered online if you have symptoms.

<https://gov.wales/international-travel-and-wales-coronavirus>

SCOTLAND

Scotland's travel rules for people arriving from abroad ended at 4am on Friday 18 March. If you're arriving in Scotland after this time, no COVID-19 travel rules apply.

Even though Scotland's rules have ended, other countries may still have travel rules beyond 18 March. If you live in Scotland, you should check GOV.UK's foreign travel advice for every country you're planning to visit.

If you need to prove which vaccinations you've had when you arrive in another country, you can normally use your NHS Scotland COVID Status app to do this.

If you're visiting Scotland from another country, you should check your own government's advice about travelling home after visiting Scotland.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/>

VISIT CORNWALL SELF-CATERING WEBINAR

Trading Safely Self-Catering Webinar 6th April 1100-1200

We have asked Visit Cornwall if they are happy for PASC UK Members to join this webinar if they are not based in Cornwall and they are. We have had a great working relationship with VC throughout and thank them for this.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trading-safely-self-catering-tickets-277580630137?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Visit Cornwall and Cornwall Council are jointly bringing you this webinar to give you an overview of the main points you need to know to be legal and safe. It will be an informal, light touch webinar to give an overview of what you should be doing to trade safely looking after both you and your guests. There will be a panel available to answer any questions around the key topics.

- Fire safety
- Health and safety

- Living with COVID
- Disposal of waste
- T&Cs / websites

The webinar is designed to be a good refresher for existing businesses and a great starting point if you are new to self-catering. It will be appropriate if you are letting through an online platform, an agent or independently.

MEMBER BENEFITS SUMMARISED

To carry out the lobbying work that we do on behalf of the Sector we need funding. 90% plus of this funding comes from Membership Subscriptions.

Members will get.

- Access to Telephone Support
- Prompt email support
- Access to Members Benefits and Discounts. (Buying Group Membership details below)
- Members only Webinars, (Including ask the Chair sessions)
- Book Surgery Appointments with the Chair
- Specific Discounts on key products
- PASC UK Guides to reducing Business Rates
- Hard Copy of the Visit England Pink Book
- Special Interest Papers (EV Charging, Third Party Services at Holiday Lets, Privacy and Cookie Policies etc)

What will be available to non-members?

- The PASC UK Covid newsletters
- Email support when available. (Members support comes first).
- Free Webinars
- Cleaning protocols
- Some General interest Papers, (Cancellation Policies, what to do if Guests gets Covid etc)

We are currently making major investments in supporting you better and all this cost's money, these include.

- A new Website
- The largest ever National Report on Self-Catering in the UK, broken down by country
- Sponsorship of the Visit England Pink book, to help promote the safe and legal aspects of our sector
- Membership fees to the Tourism Alliance, UK Hospitality and Wales Tourism Alliance
- Surveys and reports to use data-based arguments to win support for the sector

If you have not yet joined PASC UK, please consider joining NOW. Details below the Buying Club information. <https://bit.ly/3ptd4RU> Thanks.

BUYING CLUB MEMBER BENEFIT FOR PAID PASC UK MEMBERS

We are really pleased to announce a partnership with Purchasing for Business.

More details on the new PASC UK website here: <https://bit.ly/3ptd4RU>

This is a Buying Club, it's free to join if you are a paid up PASC UK Member. There will be no additional fee for Members to join the Club.

SUPPORT LOBBYING BY JOINING PASC UK

There is a huge amount of work and lobbying to do to help support you all in the self-catering sector. We don't ask very often, however, if we are to fight on so many fronts, we simply need more funds. There are thousands of you that have had the benefit of this newsletter and the lobbying done on behalf of the sector.

We are now asking that as many of you as possible join PASC UK. The fight is on so many fronts, and we get much better results when we engage proper legal advice and proper PR firms to assist with campaigns. Memberships to other organisations that provide common lobbying, information feeds and support also cost many thousands of pounds a year.

Membership fees are as follows: All per annum.

- Single cottage £70
- 2 – 4 Units £125
- 5 – 10 Units £200
- 11 + Units £300

For companies like cleaning firms, or industry support companies, Trade Membership is £200, and you will get a listing in the Trade Directory on the new website.

Members get telephone support and priority email support.

You can join here, simple form, takes 2 mins, and you'll get an invoice, payable by BACS or Credit Card.

Just click on this link to go to the joining page: <https://www.pascuk.co.uk/join-us/>

Thank you

RECORDINGS OF PASC UK WEBINARS

These can now all be found on the new website at: <https://www.pascuk.co.uk/webinars/>

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR BUSINESS RATES BILL

Many of you have been waiting for me to finish updating the Business Rates paper that enables you to make a self 'check' on your Business Rates Bill.

Please bear in mind:

- The Business Rates Papers are only available to paid up Members.
- The reduced rates negotiated by PASC UK only apply to England and Wales
- The reduced rates negotiated by PASC UK for self-catering are only currently available to Businesses that have 3+ units on one hereditament.
- It will take a while to work through the backlog as each Members needs to have a run through, before applying their "Check".
- We will be in touch directly to arrange these short sessions.

Our apologies that this has taken longer than anticipated.

PASC UK MEMBERS LOGO



Please only display if you are a fully paid-up Member. You can get a copy by sending an email to admin@pascuk.co.uk Thanks.

MEMBER RENEWALS

Huge favour to ask of regulars, when you get your renewal through, please pay it. The logistics of chasing waste hugely valuable time that could be spent doing far more useful things for all. If you don't want to renew, all you have to do is say so.

ABOUT PASC UK

Full details of all the activities that PASC UK undertakes can be found on the new website, under the About Tab on the homepage. www.pascuk.co.uk

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Best regards

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