

## **NAFAS Cheshire Cookie Policy**

### **What's a cookie?**

- A "cookie" is a piece of information that is stored on your computer's hard drive if you agree to this and which records how you move your way around a website so that, when you revisit that website, it can present tailored options based on the information stored about your last visit. Cookies can also be used to analyse traffic and for advertising and marketing purposes.
- Cookies are used by nearly all websites and do not harm your system.
- We are required to obtain your consent for all non-essential cookies used on our website. You can block cookies (including essential cookies) at any time by activating the setting on your browser that allows you to refuse the setting of all or some cookies. However, if you use your browser settings to block essential cookies you may not be able to access all or parts of our site.

### **How do we use cookies?**

We use cookies to track your use of our website. This enables us to understand how you use the site and track any patterns with regards how you are using our website. This helps us to develop and improve our website as well as products and / or services in response to what you might need or want.

#### **Cookies are either:**

Session cookies: these are only stored on your computer during your web session and are automatically deleted when you close your browser – they usually store an anonymous session ID allowing you to browse a website without having to log in to each page but they do not collect any personal data from your computer; or

Persistent cookies: a persistent cookie is stored as a file on your computer and it remains there when you close your web browser. The cookie can be read by the website that created it when you visit that website again.

We use persistent cookies for Google Analytics.

#### **Cookies can also be categorised as follows:**

- **Strictly necessary cookies**: These cookies are essential to enable you to use the website effectively, such as when buying a product and / or service. Without these cookies, the services available to you on our website cannot be provided. These cookies do not gather information about you that could be used for marketing or remembering where you have been on the internet.

- Performance cookies: These cookies enable us to monitor and improve the performance of our website. For example, they allow us to count visits, identify traffic sources and see which parts of the site are most popular.
- Functionality cookies: These cookies allow our website to remember choices you make and provide enhanced features. For instance, we may be able to provide you with news or updates relevant to the services you use. They may also be used to provide services you have requested such as viewing a video or commenting on a blog. The information these cookies collect is usually anonymised.
- Targeting cookies: These cookies record your visit to our website, the pages you have visited and the links you have followed. We will use this information to make our website and the advertising displayed on it more relevant to your interests.
- First and third party cookies: First party cookies are cookies set by our website. Third party cookies are cookies on our website that are set by a website other than our website, such as where we have adverts on our website or use Facebook pixels so that we can show you relevant content from us when you are on Facebook.

**We use both first party and third-party cookies on this website.**

You can find more information about the individual cookies we use and the purposes for which we use them in below:

You can control your cookie settings through your web browser. More information about controlling and deleting cookies for all types of browser can be found at: <https://www.aboutcookies.org/>

You can opt out of being tracked by Google Analytics across all websites, by going to <http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>.

Except for essential cookies, all cookies will expire after the times shown in the table below.

If you have any questions about the cookies that we use, feel free to email us at [secretary@nafascheshire.org.uk](mailto:secretary@nafascheshire.org.uk)

**This library sets the following cookies**

**Category: Necessary (2)**

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Necessary cookies help make a website usable by enabling basic functions like page navigation and access to secure areas of the website. The website cannot function properly without these cookies.

COOKIE NAME	PROVIDER	TYPE	EXPIRY
Cookie Consent	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	1 year
<b>Cookie purpose description:</b> Stores the user's cookie consent state for the current domain			
	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	Session

#### PHPSESSID

**Cookie purpose description:** Preserves user session state across page requests.

#### Category: Statistics (6)

Statistic cookies help website owners to understand how visitors interact with websites by collecting and reporting information anonymously.

COOKIE NAME	PROVIDER	TYPE	EXPIRY
__utm.gif	google-analytics.com	Pixel	Session
<b>Cookie purpose description:</b> Google Analytics Tracking Code that logs details about the visitor's browser and computer.			

__utma	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	2 years
<b>Cookie purpose description:</b> Collects data on the number of times a user has visited the website as well as dates for the first and most recent visit. Used by Google Analytics.			

__utmb	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	1 day
<b>Cookie purpose description:</b> Registers a timestamp with the exact time of when the user accessed the website. Used by Google Analytics to calculate the duration of a website visit.			

__utmc	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	Session
<b>Cookie purpose description:</b> Registers a timestamp with the exact time of when the user leaves the website. Used by Google Analytics to calculate the duration of a website visit.			

__utmt	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	1 day
<b>Cookie purpose description:</b> Used to throttle the speed of requests to the server.			

__utmz	nafascheshire.org.uk	HTTP	6 months
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**Cookie purpose description:** Collects data on where the user came from, what search engine was used, what link was clicked and what search term was used. Used by Google Analytics.

### **Universal Analytics (Google)**

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**Cookie purpose description:** These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use our website. We use the information to compile reports and to help us improve the website. The cookies collect information in an anonymous form, including the number of visitors to the website and blog, where visitors have come to the website from and the pages they visited.

### **YouTube cookies**

PREF - \* Expires after eight months

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VSC - \* expires at the end of your session

VISITOR\_INFO1\_LIVE - \*expires after eight months

remote\_sid - \* expires at the end of your session

**Cookie purpose description:** If we embed videos using YouTube's privacy-enhanced mode. This mode may set cookies on your computer once you click on the YouTube video player, but YouTube will not store personally-identifiable cookie information for playbacks of embedded videos using the privacy-enhanced mode. Read more at [YouTube's embedding videos information page](#).

### EXTERNAL LINKS

NAFAS Cheshire is not responsible for the content of external websites. Any link to an external website should not be understood to be an endorsement of that website or the site's owners or their products or services.