

Village & Parish Magazines

Minster Matters

Data Protection and Privacy Policy

We are Village & Parish Magazines (“VPM/we/us/our”)

VPM is a subsidiary of Minster Matters (MM/we/us/our) at www.minstermatters.org.uk

At VPM/MM we are very serious about protecting your privacy. Your trust is our most important asset. This privacy policy explains how VPM/MM may collect information from you via our website and how that information may be used subsequently. If you have any queries in relation to this privacy policy please contact:-

vpmag@minstermatters.org.uk

By browsing and using our website you agree to this policy governing your use of the website. If you do not accept this policy, you must not use our website.

This policy applies only to this website and not to other websites to which we provide links.

These websites are not subject to our privacy policy. You are advised to read the privacy policy of such other websites.

We may change our privacy policy from time to time without notification and you should regularly review this policy when you visit our site.

Collection of information

In order to provide the services you want, and to allow you to experience a more personalised service when you revisit us, we need to know your interests. We find these out by asking you, by reading your comments and by looking at which are the most popular areas of our site.

Collection of personal information

We will only collect personal information from you (such as name, address, telephone number, email address etc) that you have provided voluntarily to us either by completing registration or enquiry forms or sending emails to us. Please do not submit your personal data to us if you do not wish us to collect it.

Examples of where we may collect your personal information include (without limitation):

- If you enter a contest or promotion we ask for your name, address and e-mail address. This is so we can run the contest effectively and tell you if you have won.
- If you order a product or service from us we may ask for information including your name, e-mail address, delivery and billing address.

Sometimes we may ask for your telephone number. These details allow us to process your orders efficiently.

Use of your information

You agree that we may obtain, hold, correlate, merge and use your information (including personal information) for the purpose of providing you with our services and ancillary services and for our internal business purposes. These include (without limitation):

- Personalising your visits to the site and developing the design and style of the site to improve our services to you
- To inform you about the latest changes to our website, products, services or promotional offers that you might find interesting

- Communication (and personalising such communication) with you from VPM/MM, and from other reputable and trustworthy third parties (if you have agreed to such)
- Informing you if you have been successful in any of the competitions or promotions
- Compiling customer reviews
- For market research purposes
- To prevent you from posting illegal, offensive or objectionable comments on our sites
- For strategic development
- For any purpose required by law or regulation
- For accounting purposes

Sharing Information

With your consent, we may supply personal information to third parties.

We reserve the right to access and to disclose personal information to comply with applicable laws and lawful government requests or requests by applicable regulatory bodies to operate our systems properly or to protect either ourselves or our other users.

We may transfer, sell or assign any of the information described in this policy to third parties as a result of a merger, change of control, transfer of assets or reorganisation of VPM/MM.

Monitoring emails

We may monitor and keep records of email communications which you send to us and other communications with you in accordance with this policy and our other business interests.

Safeguards and Security

No data transmission over the internet can be entirely secure, and therefore we cannot guarantee the security of your personal information and/or use of our site. However we use our reasonable endeavours to protect the security of your personal information from unauthorised access.

In addition to our safeguards your personal information is protected in the UK by the Data Protection Act. This provides that the information which we hold about you should be processed fairly and lawfully and should be accurate, relevant and not excessive. The information should, where necessary, be kept up to date and not retained for longer than is necessary. Please help us to keep your personal information accurate by keeping us updated of your details.

For more information on the Data Protection Act and the Information Commissioner please see

<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Changing or accessing your information

Should your personal information change (e.g. your postcode), or if you no longer wish to receive newsletters or services you have signed up for, or if you wish to review or receive copies of the personal information we hold about you, or have any other queries please email vpmags@minstermatters.org.uk including full details of your request.

We reserve the right to charge an administration fee in relation to fulfilling a request for access to personal information.