

## Paddock Wood u3a Cookies Policy

### 1. Introduction

Paddock Wood u3a uses cookies on our website: [www.paddockwoodu3a.org](http://www.paddockwoodu3a.org). By using the website, you agree to our use of cookies as described in this Cookies Policy.

### 2. What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files which are placed on your computer or mobile device when you visit a website. Your web browser (e.g. Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox) then sends these cookies back to the website on each subsequent visit so that they can recognise you and remember things like personalised details or user preferences.

Cookies are widely used to make websites work or work more efficiently. They are referred to as **session** or **persistent** cookies, depending on how long they are used.

**Session** cookies only last for your online session and disappear from your computer or device when you close your browser. **Persistent** cookies stay on your computer or device after the browser has been closed and last for the period of time specified in the cookie. These persistent cookies are activated each time you visit the site where the cookie was generated.

### 3. What types of cookies do we use?

#### Strictly necessary cookies

These cookies are essential in helping you use our website. Necessary cookies allow us to offer you the best possible experience when accessing and navigating through our website and using its features. Without these cookies the website might not operate correctly.

#### Analytical cookies

These cookies are used to help us understand how members and visitor use our website. They allow us to see, for example, how many people visit the website, and which pages of our website are most popular. The data collected is anonymous so individual users of the website cannot be identified.

### 4. Third-Party cookies

When you access our website via a third-party website, your web browser may have already accepted a cookie. We are unable to accept any responsibility for these third-party cookies as they are not promoted or created by us.

### 5. How to manage cookies

It is possible to manage the use of cookies in your browser. Most modern browsers will allow you to:

- See what cookies you've got and delete them on an individual basis.
- Block third-party cookies.

- Block all cookies from being set.
- Delete all cookies when you close your browser.

Any settings you change will apply to all websites that you visit (unless you choose to block cookies from individual sites). The changes will also only apply to the device on which you make them.

You can visit [www.internetcookies.com](http://www.internetcookies.com) which contains comprehensive information on how to do this on a wide variety of browsers and devices. You will find general information about cookies and details on how to delete cookies from your device.

## 6. Relevant law

- The retained EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (UK GDPR)
- The retained Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003
- The Data Protection Act 2018
- Further information on cookies can be found on the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) website.

## 7. Adoption and Review

This policy was adopted on 20 November 2023

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