

VVC Bamburgh Rally Northumberland

6th - 9th September 2019 Details

Our 2019 Autumn Rally is being organised by Roger & Veronica Smith.

The venue is "Waren Caravan & Camping Park", at Waren Mill, a small hamlet within a mile or two of Bamburgh and its famous castle. This area is the most northerly part of England, up on the east coast only 20 miles from the border with Scotland. It is remote, uncrowded, and beautiful. The Cheviot Hills and the Borders in the west. Wild windswept sandy coastline in the east looking out over the North Sea. Just waiting for those naughty Vikings to reappear!

Access to the area is via the A1 if coming from the south, just turn north off the M25 and keep going.

This being the VVC's first time to the area we are hoping to see a good turnout from our northerly VVC colleagues.

The format of the event is similar to all others organised by the VVC at campsites, with kick-off on the Friday afternoon, out riding during the day on Saturday & Sunday, frequent coffee, lunch & tea stops, gala dinner Sunday evening, closure on Monday morning.

As there is much potential sightseeing to be done *** and not enough time in the VVC weekend to do it, plus to make the most of visiting this area, the campsites have provided very attractive prices particularly for extending your stay in a holiday home.

Details of our campsite venue can be found on <https://www.meadowhead.co.uk/parks/waren/>

The address is Waren Mill, Bamburgh NE70 7EE

The park is well positioned off a quiet lane in a former quarry, on raised land with fantastic views of Holy Island. A largish site divided into discrete sections, some areas for private owners, good sized well equipped touring field and an area with 25 Holiday Homes for hire. Next to reception is a bar and dining room where drinks and cooked meals are served. Well stocked shop. Free WiFi only available at reception and mobile phone signal at its best in same vicinity.

Our initial reservation will be held until end of 2018 when deposit money to the campsite is due

8 Gold Holiday Homes, with at least 2 bedrooms, all with a balcony, fully appointed, linen included (bedrooms 1 double, 1 twin, plus potential double in lounge)

10 Premium touring pitches with hard standing and electric in the Main Field with adjacent WC/Shower block

If required there are more pitches and Holiday Homes to increase the booking but not all have balconies.

*** Bamburgh Castle is on the doorstep, Lindisfarne (Holy Island) just down the road, in the county more than 70 castles, relics in abundance from Scottish, English, Viking conflicts, evidence of Roman occupation, walking on beautiful empty beaches. Bring your National Trust card!

Prices at Waren Caravan & Camping Park (Minimum stay in the Holiday Homes is the VVC 3 nights)

	VVC 3 nights	VVC 3 nights +1	VVC 3 nights +2	VVC 3 nights +3	VVC 3 nights +4
Holiday Home up to 4 persons	£330	£350	£370	£390	£390
Camping Pitch	£75	£96	£118	£139	£139

Extra nights can be either before or after VVC Weekend. Some members have already advised that they intend to stay for 7 nights, arriving on the Monday beforehand.

As usual the cost of each Holiday Home is shared amongst the members who are using it. For this event you will need to advise of your desired sharing arrangements but also whether your group would like to stay on site some extra days

Some cost examples are:

4 people sharing for 6 nights would have to pay £97.50 each, if one person can only stay 4 nights their price is still £97.50 not £87.50. Two people sharing for 3 nights would be £165 each.

Camping pitch fees are not affected by the number of occupants. So for example the price for one or two people using a camping pitch for 4 nights is £96.

Breakfast arrangements

The kitchen at Waren can provide breakfast if there are sufficient numbers of us who want it. The price will be from £5-£8 depending on your appetite. On the days of our riding this would be served from 8-8.45am in time for being ready for rideout briefing & departure circa 9.15am. You must advise your interest when booking.

Plan of Events for VVC Weekend

Friday 6th September - new arrivals book in at Waren reception mid afternoon, locate where you're staying, set up and unpack, visit VVC reception, free evening to socialise, explore etc, eat/drink at campsite or down the road at Bamburgh, Belford, Seahouses.

Saturday - breakfast, rideout briefing, ride down to Bamburgh, time for some photos then along the coast to Craster, coffee and viewing stop. Over to Alnwick, a traditional county town and it's impressive castle. Further on to Rothbury on the edge of the Northumberland National Park, lunch stop. Head North with beautiful scenery in abundance, past Whittingham, Powburn to Chillingham. Afternoon tea and then back to Waren via Belford. . Circa 68 miles Then eat, drink and be merry at camp or do your own thing

Sunday - breakfast, rideout briefing, photo shoot at camp, ride scenic route towards Wooler, morning coffee at Milfield, on through border country into Scotland stopping at Kelso for lunch. Head back east towards the Cheviots, passing Town Yetholm, Kirknewton. Tea stop in down town Wooler. Retrace our morning route back to Belford and Camp. Circa 72 miles. Evening coach pickup & return for traditional VVC Gala 3 course meal in *The Castle Inn*, Bamburgh.

Monday - breakfast at camp, completion of event, safe journey!

VVC Bamburgh Cog Badge 2019

A limited edition metal cog badge will be produced to celebrate the rally and to add to our popular collection of VVC badges. These have sold out recently so reserve one when you book.

Please complete the accompanying booking form and send with your deposit asap.

All booking queries including extensions through me please, not to the campsite direct.

Thanks for your cooperation

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Lindisfarne and Bamburgh Castles