

within the public area, during open hours.(The group operates a no illegal drugs policy)

21. Members should remain in the re-enactment area (except for comfort breaks –*please do not all go at once!*) during the whole time we are on show. Inform your unit commander if you need to leave for other reasons.
22. Members should not visit the site shop/tea room etc. or be seen with modern items (ice-creams/drinks/cigarettes) during the performance times, or while any of the viewing public are in attendance. *A time at the end of the day may be arranged for visiting the tearoom/shop.*
23. Members should respect and look after the venue we are at, respect and look after each other and each others property and the property of the group. Refrain from causing any nuisance to any close neighbours of the site.
24. Late night noise should be kept to a minimum after Midnight and before 0700hrs on both campsites.
25. Members should help to set-up and pack-up, wherever possible.
26. Dogs may be permitted, if the site allows them. (dog owners should check) In such cases dogs will be kept on a short lead under close supervision/control at all times. Any dog mess should be cleared away promptly. Owners of any dog causing nuisance to another member, sponsor or the public may be asked to remove them from the site.
27. FINALLY. All members are expected to adhere to the laws of the land. No member should behave, on or off the site, in such a way as to put the good name of 17th Century Life & Times in disrepute! All members are expected to work together for the good of the Group and not actively cause any trouble or disruption. Any such member may, at the committee's discretion, have their membership of the society suspended or terminated.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

ALSO TO BE USED FOR TEMPOARY MEMBERSHIP

17th Century Life and Times is a living history, household portrayal, character role-playing and small skirmish/siege history re-enactment group.

As a group we have set ourselves some very high standards in authenticity and health and safety. We hold daily Health and Safety briefings, and we do not allow any un-authentic items of clothing, footwear, glasses or utensils, to be used. Nor do we allow cross-dressing. We are a family orientated group, with many children who take an active part in our scenarios in front of the public.

We believe in being 'hands on', and actively encourage members of the public to ask us questions, or even try items of clothing on. We work to a well researched script, which dictates the year, people and relevant history .

During the last five years we have held events for a number of organisations such as the National Trust, English Heritage, Medway Council, Monmouthshire County Council, The Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, The Royal Armouries and many privately owned stately homes.

New members are expected to pay before, or at, their first event. The person(s), or regiment, that introduces them should prepare them for this, and will be responsible in case of default. Rejoining members should likewise present their membership forms and fees before, or at, the first muster they attend each season.

RUBRICS

Of 17th Century Life & Times

ORGANISATION

1. The group shall run (wherever possible) by a democratic process, via a consensus of the committee, in accordance with the constitution.
2. All members are valued equally – any position held within another re-enactment group will not necessarily be honoured/recognised in 17th Century L & T.
3. Persons under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (with parental permission given)
4. All correspondence/Emails using 17th Century L & T headed paper or name should be agreed by the Chairman (or appointed representative) before sending. A copy should then be sent to the Secretary.
5. Event agreements should be endorsed by the Chairman (or appointed representative) and copies sent to the Secretary and the Muster Co-ordinator, who will inform the rest of the committee.
6. Members looking into arranging an event should check with the Muster Co-ordinator that the date is available, keeping the Chairman informed. The muster co-ordinator will inform the committee as necessary.
7. Membership fees must be paid before taking part in any event.
8. Prospective new members will be required to pay a temporary membership fee. When they have completed three full events their names will be circulated for approval before full membership is processed and the appropriate fee paid. Members who have visitors to the campsite, who are not taking part, should make sure their presence is recorded and a visitor rate of £1 is paid. Members who introduce a temporary member or visitor are responsible for them ensuring that they understand how the group works and that the appropriate fees are paid.
9. All members taking part will pay a small Muster Levi each day.

AUTHENTICITY

10. The group strives for authenticity, wherever able, at all times. In order to embrace its ethos of portraying the civilian and military life and times of the period as accurately as possible.
11. Costume and other items need to be correct for the period, including footwear, natural fabrics, glasses, buttons, lace, cutlery and any other items used during show hours.
12. No cross-dressing will be allowed. (unless as part of a specific character scenario where historical research allows)
13. No modern glasses, watches, jewellery or tattoos etc. to be on show.
14. No mixing of period and modern items on the re-enactment area (e.g. in costume, with baby buggy/modern bags)
15. No modern day items to be on show in the authentic camp during the performance times, or while any of the viewing public are on site
16. Members are encouraged to adopt 17th Century personas or characters where possible. Members should avoid using modern slang etc. while the public are in attendance.

CONDUCT

17. All members should be mindful of the Health & Safety of both ourselves and our public.
18. All members should attend morning briefing. (if late, log in with unit commander before going on).
19. All members should pay particular attention to any safety warnings/instructions given.
20. If members are not in a fit state, or are found to be under the influence of drugs or excess alcohol, they will not be allowed to take part, or be

