



WEST COUNTRY TOURISM CONFERENCE

WESTPOINT, EXETER

6 FEBRUARY 2024

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SELF CATERERS UK

The Professional Association of Self-Caterers (PASC UK) supports the self-catering, short-term lets and holiday lets sector in England and Wales. PASC UK is the largest sector association with 1500+ Members, of which 100+ are agency Members. PASC provides businesses in this key sector of the tourism economy with briefings and webinars on policy issues affecting the sector and is a key conduit to Government on legislation, policy and regulatory issues.

Joining PASC UK is easy, a single property is just £70 per annum. Membership gives a range of benefits including email and phone support and numerous sector specific papers.



From 1 October 2023 all owners that let their property, even for a single night, regardless of the platform upon which they advertise, will need to have a full written and recorded Fire Risk Assessment, by law. New Guidance has been published by the Home Office that covers smaller accommodation, (no more than two storey, no more than 4 bedrooms, no more than sleeps 10, and not having an open-plan kitchen).



PASC UK is coordinating the Great British Holiday Campaign in conjunction with the wider self-catering sector. The objective is simple, to persuade the Westminster Government to introduce a robust Statutory Registration Scheme, BEFORE making any of the proposed changes to Planning that are being proposed for our sector.



PASC UK Cymru is coordinating the Review 182 Campaign. The objective is simple, to secure a meeting with Ministers and Officials to agree a date for a formal review of the 182-day threshold, and on what basis that review will be undertaken. We are also seeking additional exemptions for business from the Council Tax Premiums that are applicable if 182 days are not met.

GREAT BRITISH HOLIDAY

- Robust Registration Scheme
- Don't interfere with planning
- 1700 Survey Responses
- 1200 Letters through iParl to MP's



Great
British
Holidays

**SAVE THE GREAT
BRITISH HOLIDAY!**



www.greatbritishholiday.org

STATUTORY REGISTRATION ENGLAND HEADLINES



Mandatory national scheme

Same scheme nationwide

Covers all properties that let for
a single night to 365 nights

Applied locally by council

Annual scheme

Cost around £100 p.a. Per business

Funding sufficient for reasonable audit
of at risk properties

BENEFITS

- National/regional/local data
- National database for data and comms
- Level playing field at last
- All England safe and legal
- Safe and legal marketing opportunity
- Supported by the wider sector



FIRE

- Key Dates 30 March 2023 and 1 October 2023
- Wide range of supporting information
- Engaged Fire Expert Paul Bray GFireE
- Fire Webinars with Home Office
- Agency and DMO webinars
- Over 125,000 downloads
- Over 2,000 Member Q's answered
- Working with Home Office to try and get early release of 'open plan guidance'
- Major legal support work for Agencies, covering liabilities under new Regs



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FIRE ACTION NOTICE

-  **DO NOT TRY TO PUT THE FIRE OUT.**
Leave the room where the fire started and keep the door closed!
-  **RAISE THE ALARM - SHOUT "FIRE!".**
-  **GET EVERYONE OUT.**
Closing the door behind you.
-  **WAIT OUTSIDE.**
a safe distance away from the building.
-  **CALL THE FIRE SERVICE - DIAL 999.**
Provide the address below and include 'what3words'.
-  **NOTIFY THE OWNER.**
Use the contact details below.

ADDRESS: Higher Wiscombe
Southleigh
Colyton
Devon EX24 6JF

CONTACT: Lorna Handyside 07772 630104
Alistair Handyside 07771 678028

WHAT3WORDS: <https://w3w.co/list.bedsread.orbited>

Provided by PASC UK, (The Professional Association of Self-Caterers UK) Sector Fire Support 2023

THE YEAR BEHIND US

- Booking Patterns
- Consultations galore!
- Regulation galore!
- Some welcome, some not
- Beginning of market readjustment underway

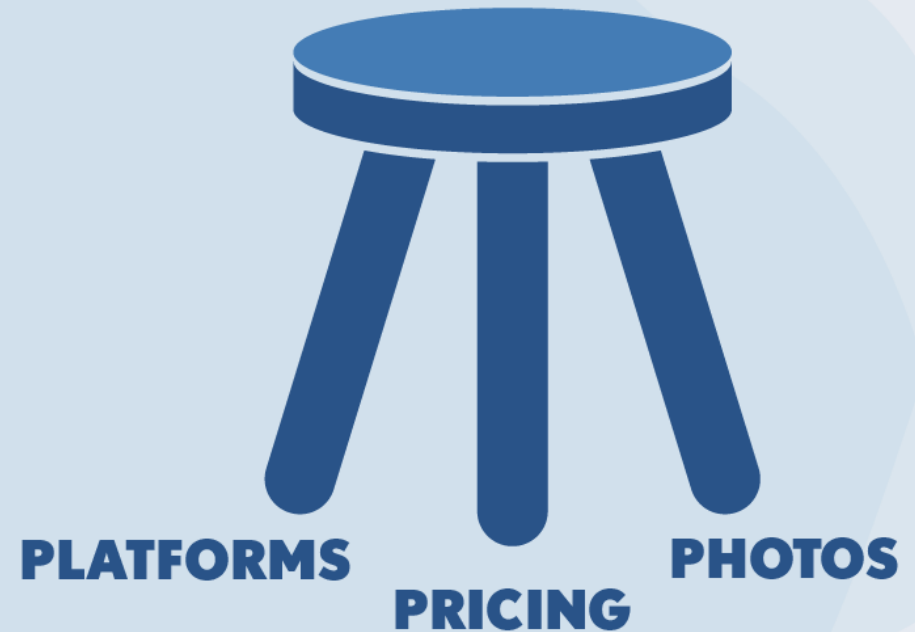


THE YEAR AHEAD

- More regulation
- Election
- More Tech
- Statutory Registration in England?
- Much more coming for PASC UK Members

FINGER IN THE AIR?

- Stronger year in 2024
- Less competition
- The three P's will apply more than ever



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