

Tees Valley Combined Authority Cookie Policy

To make the navigation and displaying of our website easier and more enjoyable, we use cookies throughout the site. Cookies are little pieces of data that allow us to compare new and past visitors, understand how users navigate through our site, and provide us with data that we can use to make the experience more enjoyable and more effective in the future.

Cookies may be either “persistent” cookies or “session” cookies: a persistent cookie will be stored by a web browser and will remain valid until its set expiry date, unless deleted by the user before the expiry date; a session cookie, on the other hand, will expire at the end of the user session, when the web browser is closed.

Cookies do not typically contain any information that personally identifies a user, but personal information that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.

The types of cookie we use

Strictly necessary cookies

These cookies are essential in order to enable you to move around the website and use its features, such as accessing secure areas of the website. Without these cookies services you have asked for, for example competition forms cannot be provided.

Analytical cookies

These cookies collect information about how visitors use a website, for instance which pages visitors go to most often, and if they get error messages from web pages. These cookies don't collect information that identifies a visitor. All information these cookies collect is aggregated and therefore anonymous. It is only used to improve how a website works.

Functionality cookies

These cookies allow the website to remember choices you make (such as your user name, language or the region you are in) and provide enhanced, more personal features. These cookies can also be used to remember changes you have made to text size, fonts and other parts of web pages that you can customise. They may also be used to provide services you have asked for such as watching a video or commenting on a blog. The information these

cookies collect may be anonymised and they cannot track your browsing activity on other websites.

Cookies in use on our website

Name	Provider	Purpose	Expiry
_utma	Google	Stores the amount of visits, time of the first visit, the previous visit and current visit for each user	Never
_utmb	Google	Used by Google to identify how long a user stays on the website	End of session
_utmc	Google	Used by Google to identify how long a user stays on the website	30 minutes
_utmt	Google	Used by Google to limit request rates	10 minutes
_utmz	Google	Used by Google to identify how the user navigated to the website	6 months
cerber_groove	teesvalley-ca.gov.uk	A security cookie used to validate the user session.	2 weeks
hidebanner	teesvalley-ca.gov.uk	Stores the users cookie consent state for our website	1 year
wordpress_test_cookie	teesvalley-ca.gov.uk	Used to identify if the current browser supports the use of cookies	Session
wordpress_logged_in_	teesvalley-ca.gov.uk	Used to identify if the current user is logged in	Session
wp-settings-	teesvalley-ca.gov.uk	Used to customize users view of the admin interface, and possibly the main site interface	Session
wp-settings-time-	teesvalley-ca.gov.uk	Used to customize users view of the admin interface, and possibly the main site interface	Session

Please note that, where we embed content from third-party sites such as Facebook and YouTube, you may also have cookies from these third-party websites installed on your device. Tees Valley Combined Authority does not control these cookies and you should check the privacy policy of the relevant website for more information.

If you use one of the sharing tools on our website to share content using social networks, these social networks may install a cookie on your device. Tees Valley Combined Authority does not control these cookies and you should check the privacy policy of the relevant website for more information.

How to manage cookies

Most browsers allow you to refuse to accept cookies and to delete cookies. The methods for doing so vary from browser to browser, and from version to version. You can however obtain up-to-date information about blocking and deleting cookies via these links:

1. Google Chrome - <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95647?hl=en> (Chrome)
2. Mozilla - <https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/enable-and-disable-cookies-website-preferences> (Firefox)
3. Opera - <http://www.opera.com/help/tutorials/security/cookies/> (Opera)
4. Internet Explorer - <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/17442/windows-internet-explorer-delete-manage-cookies> (Internet Explorer)
5. Apple/iOS - <https://support.apple.com/kb/PH21411> (Safari)
6. Microsoft Edge - <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-10-microsoft-edge-and-privacy> (Edge)

Mobile phone users may have to refer to their handset manual for details on how to block cookies using their mobile browser.

Blocking cookies

Blocking all cookies will have a negative impact upon the usability of many websites. If you block cookies, you will not be able to use all the features on our website.