

Unauthorised Encampments

An unauthorised encampment is where any person camps on land they do not own. Suffolk has developed a [protocol for managing unauthorised encampments](#)

These are rules to:

- address the need for effective management of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments, whilst ensuring the rights of Gypsies, Travellers and the settled communities are met
- ensure the county, district, and borough councils are working together with all agencies to meet the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and the settled communities

To find out more read our [Joint Equality Impact Assessment Report](#)

Should you like further information on unauthorised encampments, please contact Holly Alger on holly.alger@suffolk.gov.uk

The process timeline to deal with unauthorised encampments

If you are aware of an unauthorised encampment within your area which you would like to report, please complete the [unauthorised encampment notification form](#)

Once the form has been completed, please send it to NSGRTS@norfolk.gov.uk

The Norfolk and Suffolk Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Service will then visit the encampment to undertake a welfare assessment and find out the circumstances of why the group are on the land as well as, how long they intend to stay there for.

This information will then be shared with the key partners for the area as well as the local District and County Councillors for a case conference to be held.

The case conference will be hold with key partners and Councillors round the table to consider the various aspects of the group and to decide on how the encampment should be dealt with and tolerated.