

# Privacy and Cookie Policy

This privacy and cookie policy applies to <https://www.yorkconsort.gov.uk/>.

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## Using this policy

This privacy policy sets out how the York Consortium of Drainage Boards uses and protects any information that you give the York Consortium of Drainage Boards when you use this website.

**The York Consortium of Drainage Boards** is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected. Should we ask you to provide certain information by which you can be identified when using this website, then you can be assured that it will only be used in accordance with this privacy statement.

**The York Consortium of Drainage Boards** may change this policy from time to time by updating this page. You should check this page from time to time to ensure that you are happy with any changes.

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## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The personal information that we hold about you is categorised as a legal obligation under GDPR. We will only use your personal data for statutory purposes as required by the Land Drainage Act 1991 or any other Act unless we are otherwise authorised

## Statutory Information

**Registers of drainage hereditaments. (Section 52 of the Land Drainage Act 1991).**

### **It is the duty of the drainage board to prepare**

A Register containing the prescribed information in respect of the drainage hereditaments in that district; this along with a map showing the prescribed particulars of those hereditaments. This information has historically been created and is held individually by the Five Boards who are Members of the York Consortium of Drainage Boards.

### **It is a further duty of the drainage board to maintain**

The register and map prepared by them above; and to alter the register or map in such circumstances and in such manner, and within such periods, as may be prescribed. This along with keeping the register and map maintained by them above open to inspection at prescribed places by members of the public at all reasonable times.

# Digital Communications

The Board is seeking to expand its register so that formal statutory communications and documents are authorised by the relevant parties to be sent by digital means as an option rather than as a hard copy through the postal system

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## What we do with the information we gather

The information collected is used for statutory purposes only in relation to the Land Drainage Act 1991 and any other relevant legislation

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## Security

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect online.

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The website [www.yorkconsort.gov.uk](http://www.yorkconsort.gov.uk), does not have a visible cookie consent banner. It however uses technical cookies for basic operations.

The websites current structure is based on government web standards and handles data as follows:

- **Strictly Necessary Cookies:** These may be used to manage your "session" while you navigate the site (e.g., ensuring pages load correctly). These are usually temporary and expire once you close your browser.
- **Third-Party Content:** If you interact with embedded maps or external links (such as those to Google Maps or other government portals), those third parties may set their own cookies on your device.
- **Log Data:** Like most websites, the server logs your [IP address](#) to monitor traffic and ensure the site stays secure, though this is not the same as a tracking cookie.

## How to Check for Yourself

Since the site lacks a formal "Cookie Settings" tool, you can manually verify if any cookies are being stored:

1. **In Chrome/Edge:** Click the **padlock icon** in the address bar next to the URL.
2. **Select "Cookies and site data":** This will show you exactly how many cookies are currently "in use" for the site.
3. **Manage/Block:** You can choose to block all cookies for this specific site through your browser settings.

**Are you concerned about a specific type of tracking, or are you trying to troubleshoot a technical issue with the site?**

## What is a cookie?

Cookies are text files containing small amounts of information which are downloaded to your device when you visit a website. Cookies are then sent back to the originating website on each subsequent visit, or to another website that recognises that cookie. Cookies are useful because they allow a website to recognise a user's device.

You can find more information about cookies at:

- [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org)
- [www.youronlinechoices.eu](http://www.youronlinechoices.eu)
- For a video about cookies visit [a look at cookies](#)

Cookies do lots of different jobs, like letting you navigate between pages efficiently, remembering your preferences, and generally improve the user experience. They can also help to ensure that adverts you see online are more relevant to you and your interests. The cookies used on this website have been categorised based on the categories found in the ICC UK Cookie Guide.

### **Category 1: 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, like shopping baskets or e-billing, cannot be provided.

### **Category 2: performance 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.

### **Category 3: functionality cookies**

These cookies allow the website to remember choices you make (such as your username, language or the region you are in) and provide enhanced, more personal features. For instance, a website may be able to provide you with local weather reports or traffic news by storing in a cookie the region in which you are currently located. 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.

### **Category 4: targeting cookies or advertising cookies**

These cookies are used to deliver adverts more relevant to you and your interests. They are also used to limit the number of times you see an advertisement as well as help measure the effectiveness of the advertising campaign. They are usually placed by advertising networks with the website operator's permission. They remember that you have visited a website and this information is shared with other organisations such as advertisers. Quite often targeting or advertising cookies will be linked to site functionality provided by the other organisations.

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## **Links to other websites**

Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. However, once you have used these links to leave our site, you should note that we do not have any control over that other website. Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide whilst visiting such sites and such sites are not governed by this privacy statement. You should exercise caution and look at the privacy statement applicable to the website in question.

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## **Controlling your personal information**

You may choose to restrict the collection or use of your personal information in the following ways:

- Whenever you are asked to fill in a form on the website, look for the box that you can click to indicate how you wish for the information provided can be used.
- If you have previously agreed to us using your personal information, you may change your mind at any time by writing or emailing us at [\*\*adminsupport@yorkconsort.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:adminsupport@yorkconsort.gov.uk)

We will not sell, distribute or lease your personal information to third parties unless we have your permission or are required by law to do so. We may use your personal information to send you promotional information about third parties which we think you may find interesting if you tell us that you wish this to happen.

You may request details of personal information which we hold about you under the Data Protection Act 1998.

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## **A small fee will be payable**

If you would like a copy of the information held on you please write to: **Derwent House, Crockey Hill, York, North Yorkshire, YO19 4SR.**

If you believe that any information we are holding on you is incorrect or incomplete, please write to or email us as soon as possible at the above address. We will promptly correct any information found to be incorrect.

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## **Preparation of this privacy and cookie policy**

This policy is effective from **March 2026**.  
It was last reviewed on **25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.