

What are cookies?

Cookies are small files that hold information; they're placed or 'dropped' on your computer when you access websites the data contained in the cookie can be retrieved by the website that placed them there. They can also be accessed by websites have been authorised to use them by the site that first dropped them.

Cookie duration

Some cookies only exist for a short period of time and are then automatically deleted by your device. Others last for longer – these are called 'persistent cookies' – and some exist for years unless manually deleted. These can be used to analyse multiple site visits over time or customise the content that's displayed.

How we use cookies

We use cookies to make sure you get the best experience from your visit. As well as enabling certain features to work better, cookies also let us collect feedback and information about how you've used the site — so we can keep improving it for you. By visiting and using this site, you agree to our use of cookies and other similar technologies.

What about links to other websites and their cookies?

We often link to other sites to give you extra information or services. Where these are provided by a third party, you may leave our website by clicking through to theirs. In this case, the cookies policy set out on the third party's website will also apply. As this won't be controlled by us, you should read their policy to find out what information is being collected and how it's used.

Cookies that we use

We use Google Analytics to analyse the use of our websites, in order to develop and improve the content of the website. Google Analytics generates statistical and other information through the use of cookies. This information is collected in an anonymous form and used to generate reports. Google stores this information and their privacy policy is available at <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy>.

Technologies that we use (and that use cookies) to make sure the website functions correctly for you include, at the time of writing:

Cookie	Name	Purpose
Google Analytics	_utma _utmb _utmc _utmt _utmz _ga	These cookies are used to collect information on how our visitors use our website. The cookies collect information in anonymous formats and data collected includes the number of visitors to the site, where the visitors have come to the site from and pages visited whilst on the site.

Google	NID	Google stores this cookie when using Google Maps, which is embedded on our site. This is a preference cookie and tracks use of the Google Maps across sites in accordance with Google's privacy policy. We use Google Maps to give a more interactive experience on the site.
Cookie Preference	catAccCookies	This cookie records a user's choice about cookies on our website. The cookie sets to 'True' when a user dismisses the cookie notice.