

**Guidance for attendees to**  
**Otley Amateur Radio Society's events**

This guidance is for members of OARS attending events and field days where the society and callsign of the society will be represented both on air and in face to face interactions with members of the public.

- Members should consider themselves representatives of OARS and the wider Amateur Radio *Community at all times* during the event and should act accordingly.
- If you wish to attend to support the event, please inform the event organiser beforehand, so that attendance times can be staggered where possible. It is often useful to have attendance of members and visitors spread throughout the day, where possible, particularly at set-up and take-down times.
- When you attend an OARS outside event, please be mindful at all times of the focus of the event. Please do not bring your own equipment and set up in the main event shelter/location. You are very welcome to bring your own equipment to supplement the main station, as long as it does not interfere with the smooth operation of said station. Please be considerate when you set up your own station and do not set it up in the close vicinity of the event location
- The focus of every event will be the radio station and the radio operators. Please do not be offended if you are asked to vacate the area of the radio station, so that the event operators have a quiet space and optimal conditions for operating. Pulling out weaker signals is often tricky and even more so with background noise.
- Please be considerate at all times of your choice of language. Swearing and bad language is not acceptable at any event. It is unprofessional and inconsiderate to expect operators to have to compete with swearing and shouting whilst manning a microphone. When we attend an event, we represent OARS and the wider radio community. We expect all members at all times to present OARS and our activities in a favourable light.
- Please **do not** consume alcohol or banned substances at OARS events.  
Exceptions may be made if the event is at a licenced premises or weekend away - please take guidance from Committee members at the time. This is a major Health and Safety matter, potentially leading to serious injury or harm and which could be in breach of the Society's Insurance arrangements. Also, this could be considered by visitors and outsiders to be both unprofessional and unwelcoming.
- Serious breaches of the above regulations will be considered by the executive of the OARS Committee (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) in line with the 'Breach Of Expectations' Policy.