

CMG Equipment Hire Terms and Conditions:

Cornwall Mammal Group (CMG) owns equipment which may be borrowed by paid-up members under the following conditions:

The member agrees to take good care of the equipment whilst on loan.

The member agrees to use the equipment in accordance with any supplied instruction manuals.

The member will ensure the equipment is sited carefully and securely with any necessary permissions from landowners. The member agrees to use the equipment only in line with the aims of the CMG and not to infringe any laws with the equipment.

The loan period will be agreed in advance and the member agrees to return the equipment on or before the agreed date to a current CMG committee member.

The member agrees to return the equipment within 2 weeks of a request to do so by the CMG committee.

The member agrees to recompense the CMG for any loss or damage to the borrowed equipment to a maximum of £100. During the loan period the equipment will be insured under CMG's insurance policy against theft and accidental damage. If it is necessary to claim on the policy the member will be responsible for any insurance excess charge payable (currently £100). These payments may be waived at the absolute discretion of the CMG Committee.

It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that their membership of the CMG remains current as otherwise the CMG insurance may not cover any loss or damage.

If any of the equipment is lost or damaged the member will immediately notify the designated CMG Committee member or the Chair and will take all reasonable steps to recover the equipment, as agreed with the Committee member. If the equipment has been stolen the member will report the theft to the police as soon as is practical and obtain a crime reference number.

The member agrees to pass all records collected using the equipment to ERCCIS or an equivalent local records centre.

If the equipment is used in any research project which is subsequently published, either publicly or privately, the member agrees to acknowledge the support of CMG.

CMG reserves the right to request a refundable deposit of £20 is payable on collecting the equipment together with a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of consumable and maintenance.

Please read any instructions manual carefully before use. If anything is unclear, please contact CMG. If you using any live traps make sure that you are familiar with the methodology, follow all current guidelines and have registered with Natural England for shrew trapping licence <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shrews-licence-to-take-them>

Before using any camera in the field make sure the memory card has been emptied and that the batteries are fully charged. You are responsible for providing any batteries or SD cards required for the equipment. CMG may be able to support these costs in some cases – please contact us. We recommend high quality lithium batteries for the cameras such as Energiser Ultimate Lithium, the capacity of 'standard' batteries may rapidly fall below that required for operation.

Please keep the equipment clean.

Please use the cable lock in any situations where a camera may be seen by the public, the lock will not deter deliberate theft or vandalism and does not protect the battery pack or card but will discourage theft. Select a site out of public view if possible and use vegetation to camouflage the equipment where possible.

Do not fix any equipment where it may cause danger or inconvenience to members of the public or to wildlife, or more especially to yourself when you are fitting, checking or removing the equipment.

Check the equipment regularly. Check cameras at least every 2 weeks to ensure the batteries are still charged and the camera is operating. Don't forget to record carefully where the camera has been sited!

Please remove any batteries and SD cards before returning the equipment.

Please do not operate any camera battery charger outdoors and please note the operating instructions on safety.

If you have any problems with the equipment, if a camera is dropped or gets wet, or any other damage occurs please contact CMG as soon as possible.

If the equipment has been stolen or deliberately damaged on site please take photographs of this for our insurance assessors.