Cookies

What are cookies?

Majority of internet browsers let websites store simple text files called 'cookies' on your computer.

They allow websites to remember your username or password so you don't need to re-type them every time you visit. Cookies also help in website development by seeing how you use them.

As a result of the European (EU) Privacy Directive, we have a legal responsibility to tell you about the kind of cookies we use, what they're for and how to turn them off. We suggest you accept our cookies though, to get the best possible service from our website.

What cookies can't do

- read your hard disk
- get your login email address or other personal info unless you provide it
- create viruses or destructive programmes that could harm your computer

What cookies do we use?

Name	Purpose
Google Analytics, and Webtrends.	These are known as website tracking tools and they're used on most websites. They provide general information about how people are using our website, including what pages they visit and how long they visit for. This helps us identify problems and improve the website.
Doubleclick	We use these on a limited basis to see when people have come from specific websites, search engines or online ads. This helps us to identify how people found us.

How do I turn cookies off?

The way to disable or delete cookies depends on the version of your internet browser you are using.

To find out which version you are using you should go to the About section in the Help or Tools section of your browser.

You can get more information if you visit aboutcookies.org here you can find instructions for both deleting or controlling cookies from your browser. aboutcookies.org is a third party website, so we're not responsible for the info on it, but we're more than happy to recommend it.