



Naturist
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Nudity in public can help other naturists

We know, as naturists, that in only a few extreme cases does responsible public nakedness offend a tiny number of people. Sadly, some naturists still face legal action, and evidence is needed to refute claims in court that the nakedness automatically distresses others. NAG has a *Casual Naturism Project*, collecting evidence to disprove the claims and YOUR help is required! The project aims to create a database from a lot of individual accounts from naturists, of the reaction of members of the public to you being naturist in the UK's great outdoors.

Lots of us enjoy open space naturism at many places in the UK, when the weather allows. The current discussion in naturist magazines shows that, for some, this option gives more freedom than fenced in Clubs allow. By participating NAG with our *Casual Naturism Project* you will help prove that there is public acceptance of naturism. NAG has designed a quick and easy to fill *Casual Naturism Report Form*. This online Form can be filled in at <http://naturistactiongroup.org/contact/log-report-open-space/>

Early returns are very positive, with an overwhelming indication that people who witness the naturism are NOT offended. Your details will be kept confidential as the *Casual Naturism Project* builds a statistical picture. However, we do need a lot more information from individual naturists on completed forms. The statistical data could then be used to defend those few naturists who face legal action.

Openly naked

Your naked enjoyment may be on countryside and coastal public footpaths, in parks, fields and moorlands, in woods, forests and on beaches which may not be 'official' naturist beaches. It may be alone, with a partner, or in a group on a picnic as at Hampstead Heath, or the many UK naturist walks. You may know of a particular suitable location. The details of the public response to your activity on a specific date could be invaluable. Just access the NAG *Casual Naturism Report Form* and complete it in less than 10 minutes. Even if the encounter that you describe was on a previous occasion it will still be helpful.

WNBR a positive influence

There are many WNBR rides in the UK where nudity on town and city streets does not offend ordinary citizens. The WNBR movement itself introduced the concept 'bare as you dare' to their campaign. It highlights the unprotected nature of cyclists on our crowded roads. Many, particularly young, people of both sexes have embraced public nudity through the WNBR regular rides in many cities.

Together they have delighted tens of thousands of onlookers along the many WNBR routes in the UK. No serious legal challenge has been mounted against nudity in any WNBR ride that has taken place in the UK to date. In London on 10 June over 1.500 cyclists took part, 90% were totally naked. Senior police officers have made TV statements, about nudity in public not necessarily being illegal.

Joined up campaigns

As part of the joint NAG/BN project *Nudity & the Law*, which ran for a few years, top level talks took place. The Crown Prosecution Service issued new guidelines in 2013 on when and how to take legal action in cases involving public nudity. This '*Guidance on handling cases of Naturism*' can be found at www.cps.gov.uk/legal/l_to_o/nudity_in_public.

Similar talks in 2014, with national police body The College of Policing, resulted in new practise guidelines for Chief Constables and senior police officers. Those guidelines are now being issued to lower rank police officers. The result is less waste of police time in dealing with peaceful law-abiding naturists.

The current NAG inspired *Be Naked Day*, on Saturday 5 August 2017, is another way of getting people to see nakedness as an interesting concept, rather than wicked. It is pleasing to see BN promoting this event nationally. Whilst some of the personal nudity that day may be indoors it is expected that many people will be naked outdoors. If so, this could be an opportunity for YOU to participate in the *Casual Naturism Project*.

Another benefit to YOU could be, if you have photos of the naturist activity, the chance to win a fabulous naturist holiday. This year the NAG photo competition theme is *Living Naturism*. Details are online at <http://naturistactiongroup.org/2017/05/win-a-fabulous-holiday/>

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