

## Buying a Mobile Field Shelter

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## Mobile Shelters and Planning Permission

- \* The courts have ruled that planning permission is not required for a mobile field shelter as long as it is not permanently fixed to the ground and is easily moveable
- \* Please remember that sometimes land may need permission for change of use (ie from agricultural to grazing horses)
- \* In August 2001 a horse owner was issued with a Court Order to remove his mobile field shelter from an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. He decided to appeal against the decision and the result of the appeal was a victory for mobile field shelter owners all over the country
- \* As a result of the appeal decision a precedent was set and mobile field shelters cannot be legally removed by Court Order or Petition
- \* Case Law has now been set, something which is very important in the consideration of planning applications
- \* Any council considering court action against the siting of a mobile field shelter will in future be required to refer to past precedent
- \* If in any doubt whatsoever regarding the requirements of planning permission contact your local planning officer and refer to the precedent set

## Siting Your Shelter

- \* Choose a reasonably flat, well drained area – if your unit is to be built in situ it will only be as level as the ground it is built on
- \* Site against prevailing wind – also bear in mind you may need additional staking points in gale force winds
- \* Horses will use the outside as well as inside for shelter – leave enough space for them to move easily around all sides
- \* If you intend dividing paddocks it often works out more economical to fence to front centre of a twin unit that has either a fixed or gated partition rather than purchase two separate shelters
- \* A mobile field shelter cannot be fixed down permanently therefore it is especially important to get it insured – the NFU and similar companies offer comprehensive cover against storm damage etc
- \* Invest in a heavy duty unit – cheaper, lighter units will not stand the test of time – we have replaced many of these inferior units due to poor quality build and materials, storm damage, etc

## Which Mobile Field Shelter? - 20 point Checklist

- 1 Timber pressure treated to BS5658 - protecting against infestation and rot for up to 20 years
- 2 Frame constructed from stress grade smooth planed C16 4"x2" timber
- 3 Shiplap cladding (much easier to repair than tongue and groove) – we use the very best top grade European redwood from sustained sources
- 4 Panels bolted together with heavy duty coach bolts - not nailed (higher resale value if bolted)
- 5 Four-sided galvanised steel skid units support the whole of the structure when towing
- 6 Tow points both ends – beware of fixed tow bars that only allow you to tow from one end
- 7 Light and easy to manage tow straps and shackles - fully tested to the latest standards – safety test certificate available with each set of straps
- 8 Set of four ground pegs with option to upgrade to extra long, heavier set
- 9 Gale release/summer vent panels incorporating fixed open louvered vent – additional protection against storm damage also invaluable for extra air flow in hot weather
- 10 Air vents included - constant fresh air flow is vital to the health of your animals
- 11 Galvanised strips to external corners – protects against chewing and rubbing
- 12 Galvanised protection strips to roof edges – extra weather protection to your roof
- 13 Top quality heavy duty coach bolts, screws, roof fixings etc all included
- 14 A reliable and friendly service from an established family business
- 15 After sales service second to none – we are always there to provide help and advice in any way we can
- 16 UK moving service (charge applies) – we are happy to relocate your unit – we do not know of any other company that offers this
- 17 Because our units are fully sectional and are not nailed together they have a good resale value and we are happy to put you in touch with enquirers for second hand units should you ever decide to sell
- 18 Built to order – every unit is built to order so we can build to your exact specification
- 19 We are happy to modify/extend existing buildings if your needs change in the future
- 20 Emergencies – we assist our customers in any way we can from supplying temporary shelters to fast and efficient repair

Horseahome units come with all of the above included in the standard price