

Cookie Policy

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This Cookie Policy explains how **Ramsgate Town Council** (“we”, “our”, “us”) uses cookies and similar technologies on www.ramsgatetown.org. It describes what cookies are, which ones we use, why we use them, and how you can manage your preferences.

What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device (computer, tablet or phone) when you visit a website. They help the site remember your actions and preferences over time. Some cookies are essential for a website to work properly; others are used to collect information to help improve services or measure performance.

Cookies may be:

- **First-party cookies** – set by the website you are visiting.
- **Third-party cookies** – set by another domain providing a service (for example, Google Analytics).

Why we use cookies

We use cookies to:

- Enable core website functions such as page navigation, security and form submission.
- Store your cookie preferences.
- Collect anonymised usage data through Google Analytics to understand and improve our website.

Types of cookies we use

1. Essential cookies (First-party cookies)

These are necessary for the website to function and cannot be switched off. They are usually only set in response to actions such as logging in, filling in forms, or setting your cookie preferences.

Cookie	Provider	Purpose	Type	Duration
_AntiXsrfToken	Ramsgate Town Council	Prevents cross-site request forgery (security protection for forms).	Essential	Session
RAMSGATE	Ramsgate Town Council	Maintains session state between pages.	Essential	Session
CookiePolicy	Ramsgate Town Council	Saves your cookie preference so we don't ask again every visit.	Essential	~1 year

2. Analytics cookies (Third-party cookies)

In accordance with amendments to the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations introduced by the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, certain low-risk analytics cookies may be used without consent where they are strictly limited to statistical purposes, apply appropriate privacy safeguards, and are permitted by law. Where analytics cookies do not meet these conditions, consent will continue to be obtained.

These cookies help us understand how visitors interact with our site by collecting information anonymously. We use this data to improve the content and usability of the website.

Cookie	Provider	Purpose	Type	Duration
_ga	Google	Used by Google Analytics to distinguish users and sessions.	Analytics	~1 year
_gid	Google	Used by Google Analytics to record visitor behaviour per day.	Analytics	1 day
_gat	Google	Used by Google Analytics to limit request rate.	Analytics	1 minute
ar_debug	Google	Used by Google for analytics and debugging purposes.	Analytics	~1 year

Analytics cookies are **non-essential** and are only set after you provide consent.

Consent and control

When you first visit our site, you are asked whether you wish to accept or reject non-essential cookies (such as analytics).

- If you choose **Accept**, analytics cookies will be set.
- If you choose **Reject**, only essential cookies will be used.

You can change your cookie preferences at any time by revisiting the cookie settings on our website or by clearing cookies in your browser.

How to manage or delete cookies

You can control and delete cookies through your web browser settings. Instructions vary depending on your browser — for example:

- [Manage cookies in Chrome](#)
- [Manage cookies in Edge](#)
- [Manage cookies in Firefox](#)
- [Manage cookies in Safari](#)

Blocking some cookies may affect how the website functions.

Google Analytics

We use Google Analytics to collect anonymous information such as the number of visitors and which pages are most popular.

Google's Privacy & Data Policy: <https://policies.google.com/privacy>

Google Analytics cookies are not set until you have given consent. You can also opt out directly via Google's browser add-on: <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>

Changes to this policy

We review this policy regularly and update it if cookies, technologies, or regulations change.

The “Last updated” date above shows when this policy was most recently reviewed.

Contact us

If you have any questions about this policy or how cookies are used on our website, please contact:

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