

# Cookies

## Cookies In Use on This Site

A cookie is a small piece of data or message that is sent from a web server to your browser and may be stored on your hard drive. A cookie can't read data off your hard disk or read cookie files created by other sites. Cookies do not damage your system.

You can reset your browser so as to refuse any cookie or to alert you to when a cookie is being sent. If you set your browser to do this then some parts of the site will not function. To find out more, visit [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org).

## Cookies and how they Benefit You

Our website uses cookies, as almost all websites do, to aid the performance and functionality of this site. Cookies are small text files that are placed on your computer or mobile phone when you browse websites

Our cookies help us:

- Make our website work as you'd expect
- Save you having to login every time you visit some pages
- Remember your settings during and between visits
- Improve the speed/security of the site
- Personalise our site to you to help you get what you need faster
- Continuously improve our website for you

We do not use cookies to:

- Collect any personally identifiable information (without your express permission)
- Pass data to advertising networks
- Pass personally identifiable data to third parties
- Pay sales commissions
- You can learn more about all the cookies we use below

## Granting us permission to use cookies

You will be able to select what cookies you are happy with when you access the site and adjust those settings if you wish to do so. Disabling some cookies may affect the way the site works.

In addition to Google Analytics cookies - explained in more detail below - a single cookie is downloaded to your system when you first access the site. This is a session cookie that is not

stored after you leave the site. Once you log-in to the site cookies are used for a variety of purposes to enable the site to work, in particular without cookies you would have to log-in each time you accessed a page that is limited to alumni – which would make the site unusable.

## **More about our Cookies**

### **Website Function Cookies**

#### **Our own cookies**

We use cookies to make our website work including:

- Determining if you are logged in or not
- Remembering your search settings
- Remembering if you have accepted our terms and conditions
- Showing you which pages you have recently visited
- Allowing you to add comments to our site
- Tailoring content to your needs
- Remembering your preferences such as colours, text size and layout
- Remembering if we have already asked you certain questions

There is no way to prevent these cookies being set other than to not use our site.

#### **Third party functions**

Our site, like most websites, includes functionality provided by third parties. A common example is an embedded YouTube video. The RHC70s website does not store any videos – all of them are stored on YouTube with a link from the site to the relevant video on YouTube. Some of the videos are publicly accessible such as the Founders Flyover video (and all the music videos) whereas others are specific to the site (such as the Help videos).

Disabling these cookies will likely break the functions offered by these third parties

#### **Social Website Cookies**

The website does not offer links to other social websites and our terms of use state that you should only share any of the material on those sites with the express permission of the copyright holder.

#### **Anonymous Visitor Statistics Cookies**

We use cookies to compile visitor statistics such as how many people have visited our website, what type of technology they are using (e.g. Mac or Windows which helps to identify when our site isn't working as it should for particular technologies), how long they spend on the site, what page they look at etc. This helps us to continuously improve our

website. These so called “analytics” programs also tell us if, on an anonymous basis, how people reached this site (e.g. from a search engine) and whether they have been here before.

We use Google Analytics for this.

## **Turning Cookies Off**

You can usually switch cookies off by adjusting your browser settings to stop it from accepting cookies (Learn how [here](#)). Doing so however will likely limit the functionality of our's and a large proportion of the world's websites as cookies are a standard part of most modern websites.

You do have the option to select whether to allow non-essential cookies on the system and you are welcome to turn off any of those you don't want, but that may stop parts of the site working for you.

It may be that you have concerns around cookies relate to so called "spyware". Rather than switching off cookies in your browser you may find that anti-spyware software achieves the same objective by automatically deleting cookies considered to be invasive. Learn more about [managing cookies with antispyware software](#).

## **Further reading**

### **Information about cookies**

Useful information about cookies can be found at: <http://www.allaboutcookies.org>