
Your ABVWC Member Guide

Welcome, fellow enthusiast and associated member of the Association of VW Clubs. The purpose of this Members Guide is to highlight the benefits of membership and to set the scene as far as the ABVWC is concerned, especially if you are a new member and unsure what to expect next.

By becoming a member of an associated VW Club, you have already demonstrated your interest in Volkswagen vehicles and their associated marques and derivatives. We have no preference or prejudices – whether you prefer Volkswagen over Audi or Porsche, air-cooled rather than water-cooled, consider custom better than original, older more than newer models, traditional or derivative marques such as SEAT or Skoda – each preference is respected and welcomed.

In return for your interest and in addition to anything set up locally by your own Club, your ABVWC Committee has arranged several discounts - both locally and nationally - on your motoring costs.

The Association of British VW Clubs

The Association of British VW Clubs was created after many members of VW Owners Clubs suffered dissatisfaction in the mid-1980s. Consequently, several individual VW Owners Clubs joined together in order to gain benefit from being part of a large national organisation, rather than just members of what was quite often a small, local Owners Club. By banding enthusiasts together in this way, it was hoped that more outlets would offer greater benefits such as discounts for members of a national organisation. However, ABVWC would also recognise each individual Club's right to retain its own traditions and methods.

The ABVWC has evolved over the years and currently represents around 3,100 enthusiasts belonging to 36 different Clubs nationwide – probably the largest VW group representation in the UK.

Each individual member Club operates on a local level and the ABVWC has no direct involvement with their organisation. However, for a small annual fee (currently equivalent to £1 per individual member) it can offer such benefits as Public & Product Liability Insurance cover for its member Clubs that organise their own shows & activities, discounted rates on many insurance products, lower maintenance and repair costs, plus discounted and extra facilities at meetings and shows. This all helps to reduce motoring costs generally for its members and to generate commissions that are paid back to the Clubs who take advantage of the schemes.

Each Club is urged to provide a contact member to act as ABVWC representative and to participate in the central organising Committee meetings that take place approximately every 6-8 weeks throughout the year. Members attending Committee meetings are paid a travel expense allowance.

The ABVWC organises its own annual show – Stonor VW– which is popular with many enthusiasts and has been running for 35 years in the grounds of the stunning National Trust administered Stonor Park in the Oxfordshire countryside.

Discounts available

Several outlets have offered discounts on motoring related products and services to ABVWC Clubs and their members. A list of these discounts is provided below in alphabetic order. These offers may vary throughout the year, so it is always best to check that the details are still valid.

Always mention that you are a member of your local VW Club and of the Association of VW Clubs. You may be asked for your current membership details and / or to mention your specific Club code. This will help to identify where any commission payable to your Club should be apportioned – which will ultimately benefit you again by helping to keep your Club membership fees as low as possible.

GAP SECURITY offers discounts on their range of security products to protect your vehicle. Call on 01280 821736 or email guy@gap-uk.fsnet.co.uk.

GERMAN, SWEDISH & FRENCH CAR PARTS. 10% discount offered with a Club Privilege Card on all items except engines. If you don't have a card, just ask! Call on 020 8917 3888.

JUST KAMPERS offer discounts of up to 12% on camper parts & products. Call 0800 915 6601 or see website – www.justkampers.com

PARTS EMPORIUM always offers a good deal and a cup of tea on all used VW parts. Discount depends on how nice you are! Call Julian on 07974 100902 or check website – www.partsemporium.co.uk

STATUS VW offer 10% discount on prices. Call them on 01524 272915 or check their website - www.status-vw.co.uk.

ULTRA VW magazine available at 20% off cover price. Check www.chpltd.com for details.

VOLKSRANGE (formerly VUU Tools) will allow 5% off any item they sell or 10% off any tools they supply. Call on 01642 670306.

VOLKSWAGEN DRIVER magazine annual subscription for just £30 (33% discount). See www.autometrix.co.uk or telephone 01525 750500.

VW HERITAGE PARTS CENTRE. 5% discount on parts, spares & accessories. Telephone 01273 495800 or check their website – www.vwheritage.com.

WESTSIDE MOTORS offer 10% on selected items. Telephone 020 8505 5215 or check their website - www.westsidemotors.co.uk.

ABVWC Insurance Scheme #1



In conjunction with
Chris Knott Insurance Consultants
The Association of British VW Clubs
offer discount insurance rates to members
of affiliated VW Clubs who hold a current,
valid membership card.

For enquiries and quotations for all types of Insurance,
please call the CK Clubline on

0800 917 2274

Mention the **Association of British VW Clubs** scheme,
note the name of the person dealing with your enquiry
and ALWAYS quote your specific Club code.

Chris Knott Insurance Consultants aim to quote the best offer on the market for your requirements and will attempt to match or beat any other quotations received. However, members are advised that if they are 'shopping around' for the best quotation, for the best results, you should ring CKIC last of all those contacted.

If, for any reason, you are not satisfied with your quotation or are able to get a cheaper (like-for-like) quotation elsewhere, please note the details and either contact CKIC for a re-quote.

Beware:

This insurance scheme is exclusive to members of ABVWC Clubs. Therefore, it is imperative that you ensure that your Club membership does not lapse. If you have to make a claim and your membership is not up to date **you may not receive full claim compensation from your insurers.**

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Please note that Chris Knott Insurance Consultants also offer all other types of Insurance cover for you and your families, including house buildings and contents, pets and travel

Please call them on the CK Clubline (see main ad) or 01580 752961 to discuss your house / buildings insurance, home contents cover, personal injury, travel insurance, pet medical expense cover, product and public liability and any other specialist insurance requirement.

ABVWC Insurance Scheme #2

The ABVWC can also offer to its members a commission-paying insurance scheme with **Adrian Flux Insurance Services**.

Adrian Flux will pay £25 for all **NEW** policies taken out with them, but unfortunately are unable to offer any commission for renewals. As with the Chris Knott scheme, commission will be paid centrally, but will be apportioned back to each qualifying Club on a quarterly basis by ABVWC.

The procedure is easy – simply call Adrian Flux on the dedicated **01553 845881** number and request a quote in the normal way. Should you accept this quote and take out a policy with Adrian Flux, provided you mention your exclusive VW Club code (same as for Chris Knott scheme), your Club will receive the commission – which will not only provide you with insurance at a competitive rate, but will also indirectly assist in keeping your motoring costs down.

Remember that like the Chris Knott scheme, this offer is not restricted to motor insurance. Adrian Flux can offer competitive rates for all kinds of insurance, so please contact them for ALL your insurance requirements.

Airport Parking & Hotels

APH are delighted to offer ABVWC members a discounted airport parking & hotel booking scheme.

Airport Parking

- Did you know you can save up to 25%* by pre-booking your airport parking?
- APH offer a wide choice of car parks at all major UK airports, so you can be sure to find a car park that suits your needs.
- APH offers a choice of:
 - off-airport parking for excellent value
 - on-airport parking for convenience
 - Meet and Greet Service for even greater convenience
- Treat yourself to an executive airport lounge. Drinks and snacks included.

Airport Hotels

Stay the night before you fly in an airport hotel and start your holiday refreshed and relaxed. Combined Hotel and Parking packages are available for a little more than the cost of parking alone.

To receive your ABVWC discount, simply call 0870 737 7671 quoting ABVWC or book online at www.aph.com/abvwc.

* 25% saving based on gate prices payable at the airport car park on the day of travel. For full terms & conditions visit www.aph.com.

Local Recommendations

Club members have recommended a number of services and retail outlets to the ABVWC. A list of these is provided below in alphabetic order. Again, these may vary throughout the year, so it is always best to check that the details are still valid.

C&M SUPREME SERVICES LTD (repairer). Unit 8, Ardley Works, London Road, Billericay, Essex. 01277 633966.

HARRY HARPICS (repairer). 4 Brookside Works, Springfield Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. 01702 391756.

PANEL CRAFT (restoration). Herts. Area. Experienced in Beetles, Type 3's, Type 25's, Split screen vans & Bay window campers. Call Hayden on 07876 462698.

STEVENS VOLKSWAGEN DISMANTLERS. Probably the world's largest Volkswagen dismantlers. Guaranteed used parts on the shelf, ready for collection or delivery. Mail Order available – Callers welcome. Telephone 01245 362020. Website - www.vws.me.uk. Dukes Lane Industrial Estate, Dukes Lane, Boreham, near Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3BE.

TK MOTORS (repairer). By Springfield Café, Park Gate Road, Corringham, Essex. 01268 553271.

UNITEX SERVICES (repairer). 188 Crow Lane, Romford, Essex. Contact Micky Bolt on 01708 753616.

VOLKS DOC (repairer). Unit 5, Maltings Industrial Estate, Maltings Road, Battlesbridge, Essex, SS11 7RH. Contact Stewart on 01268 765354 or 07835 602913.

If you have received service or products that you believe to be worthy of recommendation to other enthusiasts, please email committee@abvwc.com with the details, so that the recommendation can be included within future editions of this guide.