The Guardian Crowd – Cookie policy

This page contains information on what 'cookies' are, the cookies used by the Guardian Crowd website, how to switch cookies off in your browser, and some useful links for further reading on the subject. If this does not provide the information you were looking for, or you have any further questions about the use of cookies on the Guardian Crowd website, please email support@theguardiancrowd.com

What are 'cookies'?

'Cookies' are small text files that are stored by the browser (e.g. Internet Explorer or Safari) on your computer or mobile device. They allow websites to store things like user preferences. You can think of cookies as providing a 'memory' for the website, so that it can recognise you when you come back and respond appropriately.

How does the Guardian Crowd use cookies?

Visiting the Guardian Crowd website may generate the following types of cookie:

Registration
Site performance

Registration

When you register with the Guardian Crowd, cookies are generated that let us know if you are signed in or not. They can also be used to remember your email address when you come to sign in again.

Site performance

This type of cookie remembers your preferences for tools found on the Guardian Crowd website, so you don't have to re-set them each time you visit. Examples include:

- Order of the posts (e.g. oldest first)
- Forum options (e.g. sorting, date filter)

Most of these cookies are anonymous not identifying you as a user.

How do I turn cookies off?

It is usually possible to stop your browser accepting cookies, or to stop it accepting cookies from a particular website.

All modern browsers allow you to change your cookie settings. You can usually find these settings in the 'options' or 'preferences' menu of your browser. To understand these settings, the following links may be helpful, or you can use the 'Help' option in your browser for more details.

Cookie settings in Internet Explorer
Cookie setting in Firefox
Cookie settings in Chrome
Cookie settings in Safari web and iOS.

Useful links

If you would like to find out more about cookies and their use on the internet, you may find the following links useful:

The Guardian Crowd – Cookie policy

Microsoft Cookies guide
All About Cookies

For further legal information about privacy issues, you may find these links useful:

Data Protection Act 1998
The Information Commissioner's Office

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