

To: Belfast City Parks

**Subject: Quay Vipers Motorcycle Club 11th Snakebite Rally Boucher
Playing Fields.**

At present the club organisers are drafting together requirements and itinerary for the clubs annual rally which until 2011 was held over the weekend around the 20th of September each year at the Limavady Borough Council Benone Complex. The event caters for all types of bike enthusiasts attracting folk from all over UK and Ireland.

This year we had 5 Germans travelling 1500kms to attend the event.

Once again this year, many of the mainland motorcyclists used the event as a stop over during a week's holiday for exploring the north. Indeed we had difficulty finding accommodation for individuals and groups who were unable to camp as the local guest houses and caravan parks were booked out for short term accommodation, up to 10 miles from Benone because of the rally.

We had just over 1700 guests this year. Slightly down on last year, mainly due to the economic uncertainty at the moment and increasing ferry prices.

Feedback from visitors from this year has been very positive and many especially from the mainland are already making arrangements for next year. By e-mails and texts already received it also looks like there will be many new visitors coming over from the mainland in club strength in 2012. We feel we have provided a premium attraction and fill a niche in the tourist market by attracting visitors to our shores to sample the hospitality and craic that the Irish are renowned for.

The club for many years have been trying to secure a site within easy commute of our base in Carrickfergus. The Boucher Playing Fields have all the ingredients required to hold a successful event, from massive hard standing for bike parking and marquee erection, toilet block which is more suitable for folk with a disability and ladies than the supplied portaloos and large green spaces for camping. The site is also very secure and easily managed with only one main entrance.

It is for these reasons that club ask the Belfast City Parks and Leisure Department to consider reserving the Playing Fields on the weekend 10th – 12th August 2012 for Snakebite11 allowing Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th for the erection of the marquees, plant installation, and general site preparation. Monday 13th will be required for the dismantling, site clearance and cleaning. The club will supply all the relevant information required to host an event on city council property

Regards

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