

Heckington and District Radio Group **Loan Scheme**

1. The aim of the scheme is firstly to enable individuals who do not otherwise have any suitable radio equipment, to try hobby radio without having to make an initial purchase.
2. Items may also be loaned, on a secondary basis, to members who do have their own equipment but wish to try items before buying their own.
3. To be eligible, you must be a full member of the H&DRG and located in or around Heckington, or at a distance likely to mean that you could take part in nets organised by H&DRG.
4. To become a member, you must complete and return the membership form to the group's Secretary (membership is FREE). This can be done electronically on our website.
5. All equipment is supplied based on trust (i.e. that the same equipment that was supplied will be returned at the end of the term of the loan).
6. All such equipment remains the property of Heckington and District Radio Group throughout the period of the loan.
7. In the case of more valuable equipment, you may be asked to pay a deposit which will, providing the equipment has been returned in the condition it was supplied, be re-imbursed at the end of the term of the loan.
8. All supplied equipment will have a stated sale value (listed on our website).
9. If borrowed equipment is lost, stolen or damaged to the extent that it cannot be re-used, you will be asked to pay the sale value, minus any deposit, so that it can be replaced.
10. Fair wear and tear through normal use will not result in you being asked to pay the sale value.
11. At the end of the term of the loan, or at any time prior to it, the equipment can be returned to a Group Official, or you may opt to pay the balance of the sale value, minus any deposit paid, at which point the equipment becomes yours.
12. The term of the loan will be up to three months.
13. Note that the equipment supplied may be capable of transmission on bands for which a licence is required, where to do so without such a licence is an offence.
14. Further note that you remain responsible for the use of the equipment for the duration of the loan. No permission is granted or implied by Heckington and District Radio Group to use such equipment on bands for which a licence is required, without the borrower holding such a licence.
15. In particular, you are asked: -
 - i) Not to transmit on the amateur radio bands without an amateur radio licence.

- ii) Not to cause any nuisance or interference to any other radio user or other person.
 - iii) Not to use the equipment outside of the equipment's original specification.
 - iv) Not to use the equipment for any unlawful or anti-social purpose.
16. Note that the use of certain handheld radios on the PMR446 band, including those supplied under this scheme, may contravene the regulations applying to the use of equipment on this band.
17. While the risk of enforcement action, if you contravene these regulations, may be extremely low, H&DRG cannot and does not take responsibility for your use of the radio equipment. This always remains your responsibility. If you are in any doubt, please ask us for further advice.
18. By joining H&DRG you accept our membership terms which were stated on the webpage or paper form you completed when you joined.
19. By joining you agree to our 'Receipt & Use of Equipment Agreement'.
20. By ticking the relevant section of the and submitting to us, you relinquish any right to bring any claims or actions to recover any damages, losses or compensation against Heckington and District Radio Group, its members, Committee members, officials, volunteers, agents and representatives (collectively, referred to as the "RELEASED PARTIES"), as a result of any harm, injury or damage to you, any other person or to any property arising out of any use of any radio, transceiver, antenna, power supply, cabling or other device (the "EQUIPMENT") which you borrow, purchase or accept in gift through this scheme.
21. We hope you enjoy the use of borrowed equipment and that you will decide to join our wonderful hobby.