

Privacy Policy – MossSideStory.uk v1.4

These two pages explain our Privacy policy. As ever we must formally require you to read and agree this policy to use MossSideStory.uk. We have tried to make it as brief, common-sense and readable as possible.

In line with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), the policy explains how and why the MossSideStory.uk site collects user data in order to function, how we minimise and secure the data, and how you can see, secure, edit and delete your data.

Some elements of the Privacy policy inevitably overlap with the [Terms & Conditions](#). To avoid repetition, the two documents have been written to be read together. Queries can be raised on the [FAQs & Contacts](#) page.

Browser data, IP address and cookies

For security, when anyone attempts to log in, the system records their location, IP address and browser type. This is an essential part of preventing multiple or fraudulent attacks, registrations or logins. The system 'remembers' the source of multiple failed logins, and prevents them repeating. For security and for diagnosing problems, the history of all successful and unsuccessful logins is retained.

We use essential functional cookies to enable you to login, and to ensure functionality and security. Unlike commercial and other sites, we do not use cookies for advertising or tracking.

When you visit the login page, the site will also set a temporary cookie to check that your browser will accept cookies. This cookie contains no personal data and is discarded when you close your browser.

When you log in successfully, the website sets up functional cookies so that each page you visit knows you are logged in. It saves your login information and your screen display choices. Login cookies last for two days, and screen options cookies last for a year. If you select "Remember Me", your login will persist for two weeks. When you log out of your account, the login cookies will be removed.

User registration – what data is recorded and why

When you register on MossSideStory.uk the database will store the personal information that you provide on the registration form. We ask for the minimal necessary information: just your first name, last name, preferred display name, a chosen username, and your email address.

Your real first name and last name are required as a condition for the honest use of this site. Only your display name is displayed with your posts and comments, so that you can avoid showing your full name publicly if you wish. Your display name must not impersonate or mislead – *see the Terms & Conditions*.

Be aware that if you change your display name, it will change on all your past posts and comments too.

Your email address is used immediately on registering: you receive an email to confirm that it is you. This ensures nobody else can register with your email address. It means we know we can contact you. It also enables you to be notified whenever a post or comment by you is approved and published.

You can alternatively register through **Google or Facebook**. In this case your details follow that account; MossSideStory only stores the full name and email address you provided to them. A username is created automatically, and your display name is your first name. Password authorisation is handled by them.

You can view your profile using the green 'Editor' button, visible when logged in. You can also request an exported file of the data held about you. Use the [contact form](#); you will receive an email with a link.

Security of your personal data *(to be read with the Terms & Conditions)*

Your personal data is held securely within the website database, which is protected by state-of-the-art security software and virtual hosting to ensure industry-standards against intrusion or malware. In line with recommended practice, only one person has administrator access to your data, and they are required to use 2 Factor Authentication to access the site. Nobody can ever guarantee security, but we can follow good practice and ensure that we install and auto-update the latest security software.

The security of your data depends on your use of a non-guessable username and a strong password. Obviously, if others access your username and password, they could also post in your name. So you must change your password immediately if it becomes known to others. You must keep your password secure, and keep your personal computer account secure if it stores your password. On most websites you can change a password using email, so your email access password is always the most important.

If you request a password reset, for security your IP address will be included in the reset email.

How you can view and edit your data

If you registered directly on the MossSideStory.uk site you can view and edit your details at any time using the green 'Editor' button, visible when you are logged in. Only a username cannot be changed. However, if you registered through Google or Facebook, your details will follow that account.

What rights you have over your data

You can request that we delete your personal data from the website. This does not include any data that we are obliged to keep for legal purposes. A request to delete must be made using the form on the [Delete my details](#) page. Note that you will first receive an email with a link to confirm. If you registered through Google or Facebook, you should also remove authorisation there: see [Delete my details](#).

Our backups of the website will nevertheless include past versions of your data. We retain site backups securely, in order to be able to restore the site in case it ever goes down, or to restore elements of the site if we realise that they have stopped working or were deleted by mistake. We will not delete our secure backups of the site unless we no longer need them.

Notifying of a breach of privacy

If you believe that someone else knows your password, change it immediately (see security, above).

If you feel that a photo or the content of post on the website breaches your privacy, then please use the Request form on the Contact page to request that it be edited or deleted, and explain why. We will act on this as soon as possible after we receive your request. Our [Terms and Conditions](#) apply.

If the website ever experiences a data breach of any kind, we will communicate this with our registered users immediately or within 72 hours of first becoming aware of a breach.

Data when commenting on a post

At present the MossSideStory.uk site only accepts comments from people who are logged in. This helps to prevent unwanted comments and spam, and avoids collecting data from non-registered users.

When logged in, your comments are automatically connected with your data, so that when your comment is approved, it is automatically shown with your Display name. When commenting, your IP address and user agent (browser) and referrer are recorded for security.

Comments are checked through an automated anti-spam and offensive word detection service. If multiple links or an offensive word is detected, your comment may be deleted automatically.

Media – data that may be embedded in your photos

As always, be aware that visitors to the website may be able to download and extract embedded location data (EXIF GPS) from the images. If you wish to prevent anyone seeing that data for the images you upload, you should remove it before uploading the image.

Content embedded on MossSideStory.uk from other websites

Posts on this site may include visible embedded content (e.g. videos, images, articles, etc.). Embedded content from other websites behaves in the same way as if the visitor has visited the other website.

Those websites may collect data about you, use cookies, embed additional third-party tracking, and monitor your interaction with that embedded content, including tracking your interaction with the embedded content if you have an account and are logged in to that website.

Google & SendInBlue (SIB)

We do not currently use Google analytics, and will amend this policy if we do so in the future.

Registering for the email lists is optional. If you unsubscribe, your email address will be deleted.

The [opt-in form](#) includes a link to [SIB's Terms of use](#). We are not using the SIB tracking capabilities.

Please check the [Privacy policy page](#) regularly: the latest version date is stated there. We can update this policy without notice. You agree to any changes if you continue to use MossSideStory.uk after the policy is updated.

If you have any concern about our handling of your information, please contact us on the [Contact form](#).