

## Cookies

When you use the Bath Spa Students' Union website, certain information will be collected automatically. This helps us improve the content of the site and ensure the content and design work for its users.

### What are Cookies?

Cookies are a means of storing information about you and your preferences on the hard drive of the computer you are using. We use session cookies (which expire once you close your web browser).

You can set your browser to notify you when you receive a cookie, giving you the chance to decide whether to accept it. You can also set your browser to turn off cookies. If you do so, however, some areas of the site may not function properly.

Information about cookies, and how to instruct your browser to delete or not accept them, is available from [aboutcookies.org](http://aboutcookies.org)

We use the following cookies on our website:

Cookie Name	Purpose	Expires
ASP.NET_SessionID	Stores a temporary unique identifier for your session – no other information is stored. When you visit the website this cookie tracks how you use the site to ensure users have a consistent experience across pages while browsing the site.	Expires on exit of browser
ASPXAUTH	When you are logged in, this cookie remembers who you are as you visit different pages, meaning you don't have to give us your details again on every page you visit. This value is encrypted and can only be read by the server. If you use the Remember Me function this cookie remains on your computer for 3 months, otherwise it is removed when you log out of the site.	Expires on exit of browser or 3 months (optional)

### Google Analytics

Every one of our website pages contains a link to Google Analytics to provide industry standard reporting on page visits, bounce rates, referring sites and length of visit. This helps us improve the information on the site and make it easy for users to find.

Cookie Name	Purpose	Expires
_ga	Used to distinguish users	Deleted 2 years after you exit the website.