



## **GOLDEN RULES**

1. Go for hard standing rather than a field as your van will be exposed to damp ground all year round.
2. Ensure there is an easy route to the entrance to the facility without narrow lanes, sharp bends or sudden changes in gradient.
3. If the facility is outdoor ensure that the fencing is to an adequate standard all around.
4. Check what hours you can access your van, sometimes there are restrictions at weekends and evenings, go for a facility that gives you unrestricted access.
5. Look for security features such as CCTV (make sure it's monitored and recorded, there's no point if no one's looking at it) and manned security.
6. Check with your insurer, some specify no storage on a working farm, for example.
7. Look for a central location as a long trip out into the country to pick up your van will increase journey times.
8. Ensure pitches are wide enough to allow a reasonable amount of space between caravans, 3 metres is a good amount.
9. Look for flexibility, for example if you are asked to pay 6 or even 12 months in advance, this may tie you in and if your circumstances change you may lose your money.
10. Look for a facility that encourages customers to use additional security devices to reduce the temptation for theft.