

Quick update from the Homestay team

With the Festival of Motorcycling (Classic TT & Manx Grand Prix) all done and dusted, that's basically the end of the 2019 Homestay 'season'.

The weather during both TT and Festival was a little unpredictable to say the least, forcing endless changes to both practice and race schedules. The constant schedule changes must have been a nightmare for the organisers and the riders, frustrating for visitors and a pain in the proverbial for the hosts too, whose plans and routines will be just as disrupted. It would come as no surprise if some hosts were to take a breather before thinking about their plans for Homestay 2020.

Having said that, later this week we will be contacting all hosts and reminding those that need to renew for 2020 of the process and where they can get a copy of the 2020 Registration forms and the latest Host Information Packs.

A little later in the month we'll also start the usual PR and online activity targeted at potential new Homestay Hosts.

“When is the final Homestay List available?”

This week we've been asked this very question a couple of times this week, and it is something we've heard before, so we thought we'd try and clarify it.

There really isn't any such thing. The latest Homestays with availability¹ are on our website - www.iomhomestay.com. This is updated pretty much every day with changes applied by either the Homestay team in the office, or by the hosts themselves.

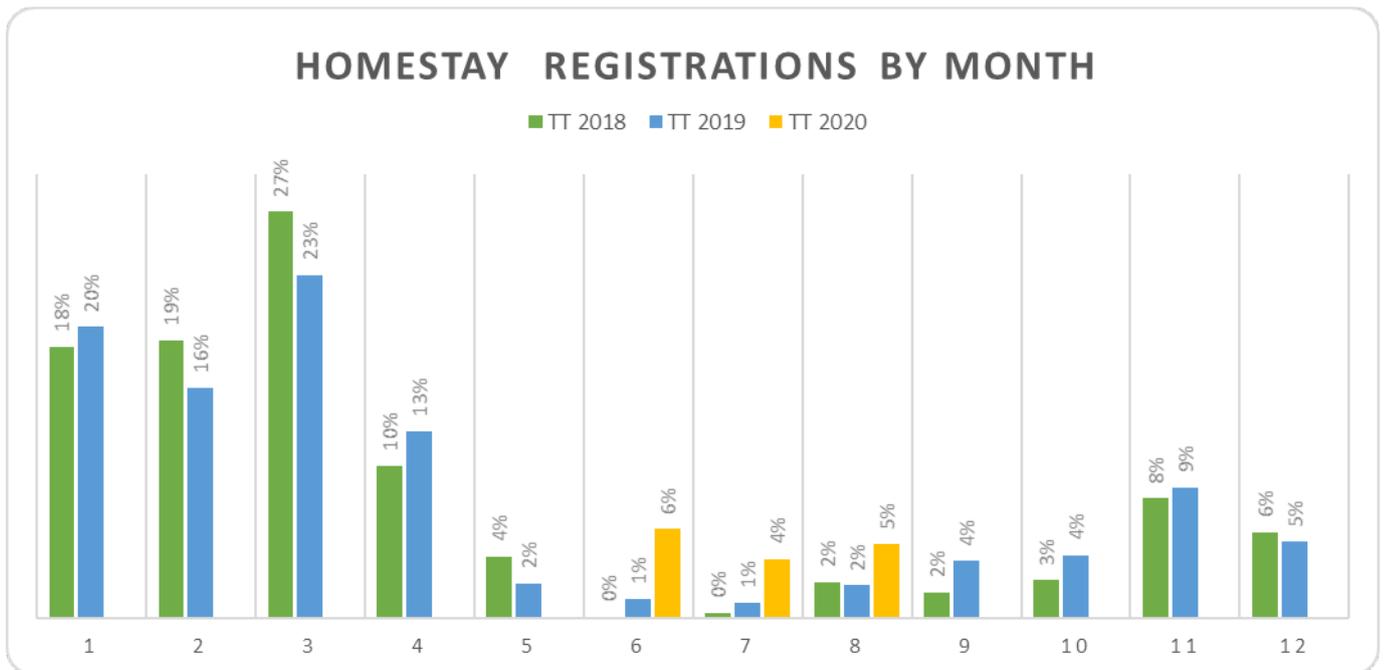
“New properties getting added right up until practice week TT 2019”

The deadline for new registrations this year is Friday 17th April 2020. The deadline is set in mid-April to allow us enough time to inspect these properties, and we expect it to be like last year when we had new properties getting added right up until practice week TT 2019.

¹ We rely on hosts to update their details and/or inform us of their bookings/availability so we can maintain the website. We always recommend using the 'Sort By' function and 'Recently Updated' option to show properties with the latest updates.

We’ve also updated the chart showing registrations year on year. This is the position at the end of August, and it shows the continued success of the early renewal process for 2020.

Despite this, we still fully expect the new year to bring the main influx of new registrations and renewals, as this is when hosts are better able to confirm their plans for next years TT and Festival of Motorcycling.



As ever, we will process all new and renewal applications as soon as we receive them, so please do keep an eye on our website www.iomhomestay.com (remember to use the “Sort By” and “Recently Updated” options, plus we will post updates and availability to our Facebook page ([IOMTTTHOMESTAY](https://www.facebook.com/IOMTTTHOMESTAY)) and also our Facebook Group ([loMHomestay](https://www.facebook.com/loMHomestay)), which we encourage you to join, as it’s a place to share your accommodation requests with registered Homestay hosts.