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Dear Resident,

Cambridge Folk Festival, 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

This year's festival is taking place on the last weekend in July. This letter includes practical information on how to contact the festival organisers, actions we are taking to minimise impact on local residents, Cherry Hinton Park closure times, and also information about the festival itself, now in its 59<sup>th</sup> year.

If you need to contact us for any reason up to and including Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July please email [tickets@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:tickets@cambridge.gov.uk) or use the Council's comments portal found online here <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/compliments-complaints-and-suggestions/>. During the Festival you can contact Event Control on-site at 01223 792511, Thursday to Sunday (09:00 - 00:30) and Monday (until 14:00).

Coldham's Common will be used as a campsite for Folk Festival attendees. Every effort will be made to ensure that any inconvenience to the residents during this period is kept to a minimum but in order to minimize the impact we will be putting some traffic management measures in. The arrangements for the weekend are as follows:

1. Folk Festival patrons will arrive at the site from 10.00am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July onwards. The site will be vacated on 29<sup>th</sup> July.
2. A regular free bus service will be provided for festival attendees to and from the site to Cherry Hinton Hall.
3. The campsite will be stewarded throughout the weekend.

The Coldham's Common site is really important to the Festival as it is where the majority of the Festival patrons camp. Due to the nature of the Festival it is a very family friendly site where we run workshops every morning for our younger guests from craft, to learning how to play musical instruments. There is also storytelling and theatre performances.

As the making and playing of music is at the heart of the Festival, we also provide an open mic stage at Coldham's situated within an enclosed marquee later in the evening in order to give festival attendees the opportunity to perform. Taking part in this way is an important part of every folk festival and here in Cambridge it is a very popular part of the festival as a whole.

Finally, there will be a children's concert with **Nick Cope** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11:30pm to 12:30pm (Doors 11.00am). Tickets are limited and available in advance to City residents from the City Centre Box Office and on the door, subject to availability. They cost £10 for accompanying adults, £8 for children under 14 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We would like to thank all local residents for your continued co-operation and support of the Festival.

Yours sincerely

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