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Dear Resident,

Cambridge Folk Festival, 25th – 28th July 2024

This year's festival is taking place on the last weekend of 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 59th year.

If you need to contact us for any reason up to and including Wednesday 24th July please email 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).

We work hard to minimise the impact on local residents around the time of the Festival, and in particular recognise the challenge of on-street parking by festival goers. We have taken a lot of advice from the Police over the last year as to what we are legally able to do to stop on road parking. As there is not a residents parking scheme and no general restriction on parking (i.e. double yellow lines), the only way to prevent parking would be to apply for a parking suspension, which would apply equally to residents and visitors. We are therefore using additional signage to encourage folk festival attenders to use the designated car parks and this seems to be having a positive impact.

Signage advising Festival goers not to park in surrounding roads and to use the designated car parks will be put up in the following roads: Queen Edith's Way from the Netherhall School to Cherry Hinton Hall, Walpole Rd on both sides; St Bede's Crescent and Gardens; Cherry Hinton Rd from the junction of High Street Cherry Hinton to Perne Rd on both sides; Baycliffe Close Estate; St. Thomas's Road, St. Thomas's Square; Birdwood Rd; entrance to Kelvin Close & Derwent Close; Greystoke Rd/Greystoke Court; Mill End Rd near Dawes Lane; Forest Rd; Cherry close; Ventress Rd; Ventress Farm Court; Rothleigh Rd; Penrose Close; Bosworth Road; Carrick Close.

Festival attendees are provided with parking on Netherhall playing fields, with the School's upper field being used for customers, the lower field will be used by staff, caterers and traders. They are advised in advance not to park in roads around the festival site, and we provide a park and ride service from the Upper playing field car park, as well as a dedicated drop off zone at the festival for attendees who need to unload closer to the site (i.e. for health reasons).

Cherry Hinton Hall ground closures are as follows:

Area of Cherry Hinton Hall	Closed	Re-opens
Festival main arena (a gate is provided to enable access from Dawes Lane/Cherry Hinton during this period)	Monday 15 July	Thursday 1 August
Car Park	6pm, Tuesday 23 July	2pm, Tuesday 30 July
Entire park	6pm, Wednesday 24 July	2pm, Tuesday 30 July

As we head towards our 60th anniversary, we wanted to let you know a bit more about the Festival itself. We are predominately a music Festival, with 4 stages that run from lunch time each day but we also run music

workshops, giving attendees the opportunity to learn from Main Stage artists in song writing, singing and the playing of tunes. We have an amazing kids area, where we run craft workshops, theatre and music workshops and give kids the opportunity to perform themselves. We also have a wellbeing area where you can do yoga, Thai-Chi, positive thinking sessions and others.

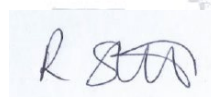
The festival is committed to the future of folk music, and in particular encouraging young people to take part. We are really proud of our Hub Band Project. Young people ages 14 – 18 can apply to take part in the project and if successful, get a free ticket to the Festival. At the Festival they take part in a series of workshops all geared up to a performance on the Sunday evening in the on Stage 3. The Festival, in partnership with Cambridgeshire Music Education Hub, have also introduced for this year a 4-day course, including 3 days of workshops for ages 11-18. We welcome all instruments and abilities from grade 8 musicians to those just starting out or even those who have never played an instrument before.

In association with the local residents around Cherry Hinton we are helping organise a litter pick on Saturday August 3rd. If you would like to join please join us from 10am – 12pm. All equipment will be provided.

Finally, there will be a children’s concert with the marvellous **Nick Cope** on Sunday 28th July, 11:30am 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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