



LOCAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION – LEEDS FESTIVAL

LEEDS FESTIVAL – 24TH – 27TH AUGUST

DEAR RESIDENT & LOCAL BUSINESS,

I am writing to confirm our plans for Leeds Festival 2023. The dates of the festival are the 25th, 26th and 27th August, with entertainment for those camping starting on Thursday 24th. Traffic will start arriving from Wednesday 23rd August and will leave on Monday 28th August 2023.

Below are details of plans developed with Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and other statutory bodies.

Festival Republic aim to continually reduce issues faced by local residents over the events and have been working closely with the local community year round.

TRAFFIC PLANS ON EVENT DAYS

Please allow extra time for your journey during peak times. Please plan your respective journeys and follow the instructions posted and any additional signage as well.

We hope the advance notice of the traffic restrictions and event traffic routes will enable you to plan your journeys and allow you to notify visiting family members, friends and customers. Please note that it may be necessary for additional restrictions after this publication. Please check the website for updates: www.leedsfestival.com/local-residents

Please read the following information carefully. The festival Traffic Management Plan is largely the same as last year, however there are a few changes that may effect some residents.

There are three key routes for festival traffic:

Red Route - all Pick Up Drop Off (PUDO) traffic arriving and departing

As per 2022, the one-way system on the A64 will be in place for the duration of the festival. From 04:00hrs on Wednesday 23rd August to 15:00hrs on Monday 28th August, the A64 between the Fox and Grapes public house and the A1(M) / A64 roundabout will be closed to all traffic travelling Eastbound (i.e. from Leeds to York). The closure turning point will be at the red-bus layby as in previous years. Please note we will take the closures off as soon as possible.

This closure period has again been agreed with Leeds City Council, as the East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR) can be used as a diversion for local traffic.

PUDO Festival Traffic will follow the red route that starts on the A1(M) and requires all traffic to exit via Jct 44 and join York Road (A64) Westbound. Traffic will then enter the site on a right turn into Red Gate 2/Red Gate 1.

Bus routes travelling along the A64 eastbound from Seacroft to the A1(M) A64 roundabout may be diverted. For up to date information, please contact Metro www.wymetro.com or tel 0113 245 7676

As in previous years, Kiddal Lane at the junction with the A64 / York Road and Potterton Lane at the junction with Kiddal Lane will be closed from Wednesday 23rd August to Monday 28th August 2023.

Brown Route – all car parking travelling from the South (Northbound on A1(M) via Jct 45)

Festival car parking traffic will travel from the south up the A1(M) and will be signed via Jct 45 to Grange Moor / Wattle Syke roundabouts and then South on West Woods Road to Thorner Road, left on Thorner Road and then right onto Paradise Way and into site on a left turn into Brown Gate. This route will be used throughout, with particularly heavy traffic on Wednesday 23rd August, Thursday 24th August, and the morning of Friday 25th August.

This traffic will be travelling one way in.

From 9pm Sunday 27th August, this route reverses as festival goers leave along the same route but in the opposite direction. This traffic will be travelling one way out and Monday morning will be another peak period.

White Route - all car parking travelling from the North (Southbound on A1(M) via Jct 44).

Weekend and Day customers parking at the festival will travel from the north down the A1(M) and will be signed via Jct 44 roundabout to go north up Paradise Way. Traffic will then enter the festival on a left turn into White Gate. This route will be used throughout, with particularly heavy traffic on Wednesday 23rd August, Thursday 24th August, and the morning of Friday 25th August. This traffic will be travelling one way in.

Between 2100hrs and 0600hrs on Friday 25th August & Saturday 26th August and from 2100hrs on Sunday 27th August until egress is complete on Monday 28th August, this route reverses as festival goers leave along the same route but in the opposite direction. This traffic will be travelling one way out and Monday morning will be another peak period.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR RESIDENTS REQUIRING ACCESS TO BRAMHAM

Use routes via Clifford / Boston Spa / Tadcaster and avoid the A1 (M) / Grange Moor / Wattle Syke roundabouts throughout at the peak times 0800 to 1800 hours from Wednesday 23rd August to Monday 28th August 2023.

Westwoods Road via J45 A1M, and Paradise Way via J44 A1M are the main incoming festival traffic routes and are best avoided from 0800 to 1800 from Wednesday 23rd August to Sunday 27th August (when peak incoming traffic is anticipated) and from 0700 to 1500 on Monday 28th August on main egress of Festival traffic.

As per 2022, Westwoods Road will be closed at its junction with Wattle Syke for Southbound traffic between 2100 and 0300 on Friday 25th August & Saturday 26th August, and between 2100 on Sunday 27th August and 2100 on Monday 28th August. During these times, access to Bramham from A58/Wetherby/J45 will need to be via Boston Spa. There are several routes available but we suggest using Clifford Moor Road.

Aberford Village Closures

As per 2022, we are closing Aberford Road (Main Street) at its junction with Bramham Interchange (Jct 44) and its junction with the A1(M) underpass for the duration of the festival, from Wednesday 23rd – Monday 28th August. There will be no access for road users, including residents, down this road.

Other temporary traffic regulation orders

Some other restrictions are in place in addition to those outlined above and are detailed below. These apply throughout the festival period (Wednesday 23rd August to Monday 28th August) unless otherwise stated:

- The closure of Westwoods Road at its junction with Wattle Syke for Southbound traffic between 2100 and 0300 on Friday 25th August & Saturday 26th August, and between 2100 on Sunday 27th August and 2100 on Monday 28th August. During these times, access to Bramham from A58/Wetherby/J45 will need to be via Boston Spa. There are several routes available but we suggest using Clifford Moor Road.
- The closure of the bridge over the A1 (M) that leads to Bowcliffe Hall and Bramham Park other than for residents and business'
- **New for 2023:** Paradise Way will be closed from the junction with Thorner Road to the junction with Milnthorpe Lane for the duration of the festival. This is to prevent the use of Bramham village as a cut through by festival traffic seeking to loop through the village to Thorner Road.
- 30mph speed limit and no u turns on the following roads:
 - along Bramham and Thorner Road from the junction with Kirkfield Avenue to the Bramham bypass / Paradise Way
 - West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Thorner Road
 - Bramham bypass from Thorner Road along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the A1(M) / A64 roundabout
 - A64 York Road from the A1(M) / A64 roundabout to Thorner Lane.
- No stopping (clearways) on the following roads:
 - West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Thorner Road
 - Thorner Road bridge over A1(M)
 - Bramham Bypass from Thorner Road along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the A1(M) / A64 roundabout
 - A64 York Road from the A1(M) / A64 roundabout to Thorner Lane

Traffic Management Plan

A full and very detailed Traffic Management Plan including full details of all signage, routings, access and exiting strategies etc. has been supplied and approved by all relevant agencies as part of the licensing process. Meetings and consultation about the traffic plan with these agencies are ongoing.

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

We have again applied to Leeds City Council to temporarily close the following footpaths:

Footpath numbers 12, 13 and 30 - these run through Bramham Park Estate and we are therefore applying to close them during the period of the build and load out of the infrastructure as well as the festival itself. The closure dates applied for are Monday 14th August to Friday 1st September 2023.

Mangrill Lane bridleway number 33 for all users from the junction of Mangrill Lane and footpath 16 to the junction with Thorner Road and for cyclists and equestrians from the junction with the A64 to the junction with Thorner Road. The closure dates applied for are Friday 4th August – Friday 1st September 2023.

I realise that the road closures and the one-way system may mean a longer journey time for you and I would like to thank you in advance for bearing with us, it is very much appreciated.

TRESPASS / SECURITY / ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS / UNAUTHORISED CAMPING

The public parts of the festival site (which comprise the main entertainment arena, the campsites and the car parks) are well away from all residential areas. Although there have been no significant problems with trespass in the past, if someone should trespass on your land, then please call the Police in the first instance. If necessary, our security staff will be available to assist them.

We will again have an on-site supermarket and there will also be various stalls onsite. We will advertise these facilities onsite and in the advance publicity. While we are not able to prevent people from accessing public highways or keep them onsite, we feel confident that the above measures will mean we have done much to reduce the need for people to go into local villages. There are a very significant number of stewards and security on and around the site, some of whom can be redeployed offsite if necessary in cooperation with and in support of the Police.

TIMES OF OPENING

The festival is open to the public from Wednesday 23rd August to Monday 28th August 2023 with the main entertainment taking place on Friday 25th August, Saturday 26th August and Sunday 27th August 2023. The main public access into the car parks will start on Thursday 24th August although a number of ticket holders who have purchased "Early Bird" tickets will be allowed access on Wednesday 23rd August in order to reduce the traffic during the Thursday peak period. From past experience, the vast majority of festival-goers will have left site and left the area by 3pm on Monday 28th August 2023.

Yours sincerely, Melvin Benn

Festival Director, Festival Republic