



ARUNDEL TOWN COUNCIL

BUSKING POLICY

Musicians and singers are welcome to busk on the Town Square Cobbles where mains power is available.



Your performance must however be considerate of those around you. You should follow the terms and conditions below to avoid disturbing local residents and businesses.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BUSKING

When busking you should:

- Be aware that under the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993, noise in the street from musical instruments may be a statutory nuisance and the local authority is able to take legal action to abate the nuisance and prohibit or restrict its recurrence. This may include the seizure of musical instruments and/or amplification equipment.
- Street Trading is not permitted when busking. There are strict regulations to only allow street trading in consent streets where a permit to trade has been issued. Therefore you are not allowed to sell any recordings of your music or other items whilst busking.
- Play at a reasonable level. Control the volume so that it is audible only to passers-by in the immediate vicinity, not in adjacent shops or office premises. Entertainers must stop performing immediately when requested to do so by a police officer or council officer (or a neighbouring shopkeeper or resident).
- Buskers shall not obstruct the highway and are also responsible for ensuring that the highway is not obstructed by people gathering to listen or to watch the performance. (Highway includes any footpath, pavement or open pedestrian area or place).
- Buskers shall not make use of street furniture, such as public seats, lampposts and railings. No structures of any sort, including gazebos and tables, are to be erected.
- No amplification equipment or electric lighting shall be used without the person busking first telling us of the proposed use of such equipment. Please note that if you intend to



use power for any amplifiers etc you must have a current PAT test certificate for any equipment.

- Busk only during hours approved under the permission to busk.
- The entertainment provided shall not contain any racist, sexist, lewd, indecent or offensive material.
- It is the sole responsibility of the Busker to check whether the busking carried out requires any other licenses, permissions, insurances or compliance with any other statutory and non-statutory regulations.

PERMISSION TO BUSK

Before carrying out any busking you must complete the **Busker Registration Form** (<https://www.arundeltowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Busker-Registration-Form.pdf>) send it to admin@arundeltowncouncil.gov.uk along with the date and time you wish to busk. Timeslots available are:

- Morning - 10.00 - 12.00
- Early Afternoon - 12.30 - 14.30
- Late Afternoon - 15.00 - 17.00

Adopted by the Planning and Environment Committee on 21st November 2019

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