



Dear Resident/Business owner,

August 2023

The 2023 Arundel Festival of the Arts begins this Friday, 18th August and after many hours of planning, we cannot wait to celebrate with our special community in our wonderful town. Each of the days offers a mixture of new, exciting and varied programme of entertainment in numerous locations around the town ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

As in previous years, many of these events involve some changes to the normal running of our town. There will be times when some of the Town Centre roads are closed and some of you will be affected by these. Please read the list of road closures below. We would be most grateful for your cooperation in making these arrangements run smoothly.

FRIDAY 18th AUGUST – Opening Ceremony and Procession

The High Street from Maltravers Street to McColls and The Swan will be closed from 16.00 to 18.30 latest. River Road bollards will be down.

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST – Farmers Market and Festival entertainment

The High Street from the Norfolk Hotel to McColls and from the Tarrant Street junction to The Swan will be closed from 06.00 to 16:30 (one hour later than usual).

THURSDAY 24th AUGUST – ABBAMAGIC on the High Street

The High Street from Maltravers St to McColls and The Swan from 16.00 to 23.30. In addition the large cobbles in front of Arundel Butchers/Pallant of Arundel will be closed from 13:00-23:30. River Road bollards will be down. Parking bays around the Cobbles will be suspended from 09:00 to allow the stage to be built.

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST – Festival Market, Tarrant Street, Dream Rides and Entertainment

Full town centre road closure (all of High Street and Tarrant Street up to Kings Arms Hill). Tarrant Street will be closed from 07.00 while the High Street closure begins at 08.00. All roads will re-open by 19.00. River Road bollards will be down.

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST – Festival Market, Tarrant Street, Dream Rides and Entertainment

Full town centre road closure (all of High Street and Tarrant Street up to Kings Arms Hill). Tarrant Street will be closed from 07.00 while the High Street closure begins at 08.00. All roads will re-open by 19.00. River Road bollards will be down.

MONDAY 28th AUGUST – Festival Entertainment and Classic Car Display

Full town centre closure (all of High Street and Tarrant Street as far as Kings Arms Hill). Tarrant Street will be closed from 07.00 while the High Street closure begins at 08.00. All roads will re-open by 19.00. River Road bollards will be down.

The Finale Entertainment in Jubilee Gardens will finish at 9.30pm.

Please note that, no vehicular access will be permitted while the above closures are in place, except for emergency vehicles.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking restrictions are in place during all road closures to ensure access is maintained for emergency vehicles at all times, and for ensuring the safety of all those taking part or watching. **We would kindly request that vehicles are not parked inside the road closures or in suspended bays of closed roads during the closure times.** We appreciate your cooperation, but if you do have any concerns please contact me directly, or speak to one of our Team Arundel volunteer marshals on the day.

However, for ABBA on the High Street on **Thursday 24th August**, with guidance from our Event Safety Officer and parking services, vehicles may remain parked inside the road closure **in Tarrant Street only**. Please note that no vehicle movements will be allowed *into* Tarrant Street from the High Street during the times of the road closure (16:00-23:30 approx).

To prevent any visitor parking in other parts of the town, 'No Parking' cones will be put in place on Ford Road from the roundabout to Torton Hill and on London Road by the entrance to Arundel Park.

Thank you for your understanding: all these arrangements are in place to ensure the safety of everyone.

We hope that all in our town will participate in as many aspects of the festival as possible. You should have received a brochure through your door with details of many of the events and how you can buy tickets where these are needed. Full information is to be found at www.arundelfestival.co.uk and www.visitarundel.co.uk. Please note that **Music Festival Tickets are selling out fast for this coming Saturday 19th August featuring The Runaway Killers, Harry and the Hounds, Young Pine and The Rolling Tones plus a variety of food and drink stalls.** For more brochures, please visit Arundel Town Hall, Arundel Museum, Arundel Lido, Arundel Post Office or Arundel Library.

As residents of Arundel, please also consider becoming one of our volunteers who have fun, make new friends and help the festival and other events throughout the year run smoothly. To join Team Arundel, please contact volunteers@arundelfestival.co.uk.

For queries and further information, please contact secretary@arundelfestival.co.uk.

For fundraising and sponsorship opportunities, contact marketing@arundelfestival.co.uk.

The Festival begins on Friday 18th August and ends on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at this 45th Arundel Festival of the Arts 2023.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your understanding and support and we hope you have an enjoyable experience.

With kind regards and thanks,

Sharon Blaikie

Chair & on behalf of the Committee, Arundel Festival of the Arts.