



## LOCAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION – LEEDS FESTIVAL

**LEEDS FESTIVAL – 24<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY PROBLEMS DURING THE FESTIVAL, INCLUDING NOISE ISSUES, PLEASE CALL OUR DEDICATED HOTLINE ON: **0208 080 1400**.

THIS LINE WILL BE OPERATIONAL AS BELOW:

**BUILD** - 8AM – 8PM FROM FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST– TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST

**BREAK** – 8AM – 8PM TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

**ON SHOW DAYS** (8AM WED 23<sup>RD</sup> – 8PM MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST) YOU CAN REACH US 24 HOURS A DAY.

MAIN ARENA VENUES		
Date	Opening Time	Entertainment Curfew
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	11:00hrs	23:00hrs
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	11:00hrs	23:00hrs
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	11:00hrs	23:00hrs

LATE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT VENUES		
Date	Opening Time	Entertainment Curfew
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	19:00hrs	03:00hrs
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	22:00hrs	06:00hrs
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	22:00hrs	06:00hrs
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	22:00hrs	06:00hrs

**HOTLINE PHONE NUMBER 0208 080 1400**

**PLEASE CALL THIS NUMBER BEFORE CALLING LEEDS CITY COUNCIL. WE CANNOT FIX SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT.**

If you experience any problems, please contact us on this number straight away so we can provide assistance. All calls are welcome, please do not delay in getting in touch. All calls will be logged and shared with the council.

This info guide has been prepared to give you advance notice of some of the details of the event including temporary traffic restrictions and routes, operating times and ways to contact the event and partner agencies before, during and after the event. However, we also strongly advise you to regularly check our website for up to date information at: [www.leedsfestival.com/local-residents](http://www.leedsfestival.com/local-residents)

## **DEAR RESIDENT & LOCAL BUSINESS,**

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

## **RESIDENTS INFORMATION LINE, COMMUNITY RESPONSE & CONTACT DETAILS**

If you have any questions or concerns leading up to, during, or after the event please don't hesitate to contact us on the residents hotline number **0208 080 1400**. This number is staffed 24 hours a day from 8am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 8pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023. During the build and break it is staffed from 8am to 8pm (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August).

We have set up the complaints line for local residents and businesses to connect you directly with our onsite Licensing Office during the festival if required. Should you experience problems, please contact us on this number straight away so we can provide assistance. All calls are welcome. Please don't delay in getting in touch if we can help in any way.

Our operators will take details of the request / complaint and contact the appropriate department or contractor to action a response and you will be given a unique reference number.

## **NOISE**

If you have a complaint about noise or any other issue you should call our hotline number to register the complaint. Noise levels are regulated and monitored by our onsite acoustic consultants and Environmental Health at Leeds City Council.

The hours of entertainment are:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August – 7pm to 3am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – 12pm to 6am

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August – 12pm to 6am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – 12pm to 6am

These are the same timings as 2022. On Friday, Saturday & Sunday, the main entertainment will finish at 11pm. From 11pm to 3am, there will be entertainment from DJs on the Anachronica Stage & LS23 Stage. From 11pm and with staggered finish times until 6am, there will be entertainment from DJs on the Piccadilly Party stage, along with DJs in four of the campsites.

In addition there may be some sound checks. These are limited in duration to 2 hours and limited in scheduling to either Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 not before 10am. Times of sound checks and rehearsals are agreed in advance with Leeds City Council. Sound checks and rehearsals will not take place on any other day.

Please note that low level recorded music will be played once gates open until the first act comes on stage.

The out of hours noise service number for Leeds City Council is 0113 376 0337. This is operational between:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August inclusive – 6pm – 3.30am

The noise service number for Leeds City Council to call during normal office hours is 0113 222 4406 and this is operational Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

## **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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 15:00hrs on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 will be diverted. For up to date information, please contact Metro [www.wymetro.com](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### **ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR RESIDENTS**

If you would normally use the A64 eastbound to travel back to Aberford village, please use the A64 Eastbound from Seacroft to the ELOR junction, follow ELOR, taking Leeds Road via Scholes, Barwick and back to Aberford.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, and the morning of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. This traffic will be travelling one way in.

From 9pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, and the morning of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. This traffic will be travelling one way in.

Between 2100hrs and 0600hrs on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August and from 2100hrs on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August until egress is complete on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August (when peak incoming traffic is anticipated) and from 0700 to 1500 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> August & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August, and between 2100 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August and 2100 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. The only permissible vehicles through the closures are emergency services vehicles on emergency calls.

The reason for this closure is to minimise as far as possible the impact of festival traffic through Aberford Village and the possibility of injury to persons using the road at J44 Bramham Interchange.

Traffic surveys undertaken in April 2023 and during the festival in 2022 show that traffic entering the village was reduced to around 15% of the normal volume during Leeds Festival 2022.

A number of temporary traffic regulation orders will again be in place restricting access to residents and business users only and these will be appropriately signed in advance and during the festival, these extend around the nearby village of Barwick.

There will be advance signage stating no access to the A64 at Lotherton Lane, Bunkers Hill, Parlington Lane & Cattle Lane to deter festival traffic, however residents will be permitted through these access points.

Diversion routes for Aberford Residents wanting to access the A64:

- Lotherton Lane to B1217 to Towton, to Main Street (A162) towards Tadcaster to join A64 eastbound. For A64 westbound continue to Leeds Road to join A64 West.

Diversion routes for Aberford residents wanting to access M1 North and South/ A1M North and South & A64:

- Exit village via Bunkers Hill, right turn onto B1217 to M1 Junction, M1 North to A1M and exit J44 to A64 Eastbound.

As per 2022, we have appointed a Village Liaison Manager to act as single point of contact for Aberford residents & business owners. Her name is Angela Daniels and can be contacted on this email address if you have any queries - [aberfordvillage@leedsfestival.com](mailto:aberfordvillage@leedsfestival.com).

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 7th August to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 with the main entertainment taking place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The main public access into the car parks will start on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August although a number of ticket holders who have purchased "Early Bird" tickets will be allowed access on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The residents' car park and guest / local resident campsite will open at 2pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August but there will be no access into the entertainment arena until it opens at around 7pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The guest check in will be open until 9pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and from 9am – 9pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

Melvin Benn  
Festival Director, Festival Republic