

LATITUDE

25 - 28 JULY 2024
HENHAM PARK, SUFFOLK

LETTER FROM MELVIN BENN, RE: LATITUDE FESTIVAL 2024

Dear Resident,

I am writing to give you some information about Latitude Festival at Henham Park – we are trying hard to minimise the impact that we have on local residents and would like to thank you very much for bearing with us.

TIMES OF OPENING

The festival is open to the general public from Thursday 25th July 2024 to Monday 29th July 2024, with the main entertainment taking place on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th, and Sunday 28th July 2024. Please note campervans will be able to access the campervan field from Wednesday 24th July. The main public access into the car parks will open at 10am on Thursday 25th July. The majority of festival goers will have left by the early afternoon on Monday 29th July.

TICKETS

As in previous years, a number of reduced-price residents' tickets have been made available to residents of Blythburgh, Wangford, Uggeshall, Frostenden and Sotherton & Blyford, via the respective Parish Councils or Village Trusts. These have been donated by us and the monies raised will be retained by the Parish Councils or Trusts to fund community projects to benefit the residents of their parish.

Local residents attending the festival are reminded that the A12 and the A145 are too hazardous for pedestrians, particularly at night, and therefore we have organised a bus service run by Border Bus to travel to and from Kessingland and Southwold to the Latitude Festival bus station via Wangford. For more details of this service, the full timetable is published on our website www.latitudefestival.com (follow the links to Information – Travel – Shuttle bus services).

TRAFFIC

As in previous years, the festival traffic plan has been designed in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk County Council Highways to allow for cars to access and leave the festival site directly off the A12, A145 and Middle Barn Lane. Please note that the A12 and the A145 are likely to be busy with a high volume of traffic at peak periods, namely Thursday lunchtime and afternoon, Friday morning and Monday morning, so we would advise using alternative routes to avoid the vicinity of the vehicle gates, or allowing more time for your journey.

A full and very detailed Traffic Management Plan including details of all offsite signage, routings and gates etc. has been supplied to relevant agencies as part of the licensing process.

Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders -

In the interests of improving traffic flow for all drivers - whether attending the festival or not - we have applied this year for a number of traffic regulation orders in an attempt to get our traffic plan running as smoothly and effectively as possible for everyone. These regulations will be signed in effect from Wednesday 24th July to Monday 29th July 2024, inclusive (unless noted otherwise).

Please note, there were some new restrictions for 2023 which are repeated in 2024 so please read this information carefully. All restrictions have been shared in advance with the local parish councils.

Speed limits –

We have applied to Suffolk County Council for a temporary speed limit of 30mph: -

- The A145, London Road, between the junction with the A12 to a point 174m south of the junction of The Hills at Brampton. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 22nd July 2024 for safety reasons. Note, the speed limit then increases to a temporary limit of 40mph for a distance of 500 yards before resuming the National Speed Limit area.
- The A12 from the junction with Wangford Road, Wangford to the current 40mph restricted area at Henham. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs Monday 22nd July 2024 for safety reasons.
- Middle Barn Lane, Wangford, from its junction with the A12 to the 'split' of Middle Barn Lane/Craven Manor Lane at Manor Farm Cottages. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 22nd July 2024 for safety reasons.
- Craven Manor Lane from its junction with Middle Barn Lane at Manor Farm Cottages to the junction of London Road A145. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 22nd July 2024 for safety reasons.
- Henham Green, Henham, from the A145 to the 30mph restricted area at Sotherton corner. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 22nd July 2024 for safety reasons.

These are in the interests of road safety in the vicinity of our vehicle gates. We will be putting up relevant temporary signage. Please be aware that Suffolk Constabulary Casualty Reduction Partnership may attend the area at any time to carry out speed camera enforcement.

We have applied for a "clearway" or "no stopping" order along the same section of the A145 as the temporary 30mph speed limit. This is to dissuade people from dropping festival goers off on the public highway. The A12 already has a clearway in place.

One way system –

- Middle Barn Lane from a point west of the entrance to Henham Quarry to the junction of Craven Manor Lane at Manor Farm Cottages - One way for traffic travelling westbound.
- Craven Manor Lane from its junction with Middle Barn Lane at Manor Farm Cottages to the junction of the A145 London Road - One way for traffic travelling southwest.
- Middle Barn Lane from its junction with Craven Manor Lane to the junction of the A145 London Road – No access except for residents.

No Right / Left Turn – In order to ensure that exiting festival traffic follows the exit route, and to prevent build-up of traffic at the A145/A12 junction, **please note the following restrictions:**

- Middle Barn Lane to the A12 Southbound carriageway - No right turn between 2100hrs and 0300hrs on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th July, and between 2100hrs Sunday 28th and 2100hrs Monday 29th July 2024.
- Middle Barn Lane at its junction with the A145 London Road - No left turn between 0600hrs and 2100hrs on Monday 29th July 2024.
- Craven Manor Lane at its junction with Middle Barn Lane - No right turn between 0700hrs and 2100hrs on Monday 29th July 2024.
- Middle Barn Lane at its junction from A145 London Road - No Entry between 0600hrs Wednesday 24th July and 2100hrs Monday 29th July 2024.
- No right turn from the A12, southbound carriageway, into Middle Barn Lane between 2100hrs and 0300hrs on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th July, and between 2100hrs Sunday 28th and 2100hrs Monday 29th July 2024.

- No left turn from the A12, northbound carriageway, into Middle Barn Lane between 2100hrs on Sunday 28th July and 2100hrs Monday 29th July 2024.
- No right turn from A12 southbound carriageway into A145 between 0400hrs and 2100hrs on Monday 29th July to minimise through traffic on A145 during peak egress.
- No left turn from A12 northbound carriageway into A145 between 0400hrs and 2100hrs on Monday 29th July 2024 to minimise through traffic on A145 during peak egress.

Resident Access Only -

- Dunwich Road, Blythburgh (B1125) from its junction with the B1387 to the junction with Chapel Road, Blythburgh - No access, except for residents.
- Green Lane from its junction with the A145, to the junction with Kings Lane - no access, except for residents between 0600hrs Wednesday 24th July and 2100hrs on Monday 29th July 2024.

The following Resident Access Only restrictions were new for 2023 and are repeated for 2024 to discourage festival traffic from the A12 from using residential streets to U-turn. These restrictions will be in affect from 0600hrs Wednesday 24th July until 2100hrs on Monday 29th July:

- Craven Manor Lane at its junction with the A145 London Road - No access, except for residents.
- The Hills from its junction with the A145 to the junction with Stoven Road - No access, except for residents.
- The Street, Blyburgh from its junction with the A12 Southbound to its junction with Chapel Road, and its junction with A12 Northbound to its junction with Priory Road. No access, except for residents.
- Chapel Road Blyburgh from its junction A12 to its junction B1125 Dunwich Road. No access, except for residents.
- Priory Road Blyburgh from its junction A12 to its junction with Church Road. No access, except for residents.
- Church Road Blyburgh from its junction A12 to its junction with Priory Road. No access, except for residents.
- Walberswick Road (B1387) from its junction with the A12 to the junction with B1125 Dunwich Road. No access, except for residents.
- The B1125 Angel Road Blyburgh from its junction with the A12 to its junction with Chapel Road Blyburgh. No access, except for residents.

Traffic lights –

We are applying to use temporary traffic lights at various locations along the A12 at the gates, at the junctions of Middle Barn Lane and the A145, and at the gates on the A145. These will be used only when absolutely necessary in the interests of making all traffic flow smoother, both into and out of the festival, and on the A12 and the A145.

Please do allow additional time for your journey and consider alternative routes where possible.

Car Parking -

The festival has space for many more cars than the number expected, and parking onsite will be free and directly adjacent to the event itself. It is very unlikely, therefore, that there will be any issues with festival goers parking or abandoning their vehicles offsite. We will, however, operate a tow-away facility in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary if required.

Bus Drop Off / Shuttle Service -

In addition to the public arriving in cars, they will arrive into Halesworth station via train and there will be a shuttle service between the train station and the festival site, along with shuttle buses to the local villages. Shuttle buses access

and exit the site from/to the A12. Unlike previous years, **there will be no shuttlebus service from Diss train station**, and so customers are not advised to travel to Diss via train this year.

TRESPASS / LOOTING / LOCAL BURGLARY / VANDALISM / SECURITY / ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS / UNAUTHORISED CAMPING

Although we do not expect any problems with trespassers, 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. There are hundreds of stewards and security on and around the site, some of whom can be redeployed offsite if necessary, in co-operation with and in support of the Police.

NOISE AND HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT

Complaints and Noise

If you have a complaint about noise or any other issue, you should call the complaints hotline number to register the complaint. This telephone number is:

01502 478 192

The telephone number is staffed throughout the hours of entertainment. If the answer machine picks up your call, this will be because another call is in progress, so please leave a message and we will call you straight back. Noise levels are strictly regulated and monitored by our onsite acoustic consultants and Environmental Health at East Suffolk Council.

The hours of entertainment are:

Thursday 25th July – 7pm to 3am

Friday 26th July – 11am – 3am

Saturday 27th July – 11am – 3am

Sunday 28th July – 11am – 3am

Although East Suffolk Council have approved our application for regulated entertainment until 3am, the main entertainment will finish at 11pm and the entertainment between 11pm and 3am will be low key i.e. cabaret, comedy, etc. and should not therefore cause any noise issues for you.

CONTACT DETAILS / FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have specific questions that are not covered here, the onsite Licensing Office will be open from 8am - 8pm each day from Monday 8th – Tuesday 30th July 2024 inclusive. Please contact Hazel McGrouther (Licensing Coordinator) by email: hmcgrouther@festivalrepublic.com

Kind Regards,



Melvin Benn, Managing Director, Latitude Festival 2024