

STRATFORD TOWN CENTRE FOOD FESTIVAL 2018

ACCESS STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Festival is a free event organised by STRATFORWARD BID and Cotswold Markets of Moreton-in-Marsh. Stratforward BID is a non-profit making organisation supporting the town centre businesses of Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Stratford Town Centre Food Festival is all about local, featuring a bustling regional food producers' market with over 130 stalls spread throughout our historic streets.

PRE-ARRIVAL AND PARKING

For information on travel and transport please see

www.thetrainline.com

www.nationalrail.co.uk

www.warwickshire.gov.uk

The Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station car parks will now operate as one, with the car park being converted to a Pay and Display car park. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed on their dashboard. This does not apply to Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Stratford-upon-Avon train station is approximately 10 minutes from the Festival site and there is an easy pedestrian route with dropped kerbs and tactile paving at all major road junctions.

Due to the road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to Guild Street on both sides of the road close to the rear of Marks and Spencer and adjacent to Kwik Fit.

Buses from the Alcester direction are diverted from Wood Street to Rother Street.

BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES ON STREET

Spaces that are **unaffected** by the road closures are as follows:

Henley Street – 4 dedicated blue badge spaces

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Sheep Street – 6 dedicated blue badge spaces

Chapel Lane – 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

Waterside – 10 dedicated blue badge spaces

Church Street – 1 dedicated blue badge space

Rother Market – 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

Additional Provision of Blue Badge spaces for the Festival

4 spaces in front of the National Westminster Bank (Wood Street).

(These are within the road closure and must be accessed with the assistance of Festival staff.)

BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES IN CAR PARKS

Arden Street – 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

Bridgeway Multi-storey - 13 dedicated blue badge spaces

Church Street - 2 dedicated blue badge spaces

Guild Street (rear of the Library) - 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

Leisure Centre – 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

Recreation Ground – 8 dedicated blue badge spaces

Sheep Street loading and unloading area - 9 dedicated blue badge spaces

Windsor Street – 8 dedicated blue badge spaces

Southern Lane – (side of The Other Place) 10 dedicated blue badge spaces

Blue badge users should check signage to see if there is a time limit or required to pay for their parking.

TAXI RANKS

Due to the road closures the following streets have no taxi rank parking during the Festival:

- Bridge Street
- Union Street
- Wood Street

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TEMPORARY TAXI RANK PARKING PROVISION

Rother Square (Outside One Stop) 4 spaces

Bridge Street (Leading onto Bridgefoot) 6 spaces

Both these Temporary Taxi Ranks are within the road closure area and therefore accessed with the assistance of Festival staff.

FESTIVAL ENTRY

Entry to the Festival area is free and all on level ground.

Surfaces are smooth asphalt, but you may encounter protectors over cables on the ground. These are kept to a minimum height suitable for the cable and all types of wheelchair or mobility scooter. Where possible power supply cables will be installed safely above head height.

DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN

The demo kitchen will be located on Waterside opposite the Encore public house. The preparation and cooking areas are covered by TV cameras allowing a good view of the demonstrations via overhead screens. Festival staff will be on hand to assist people with disabilities to ensure they benefit fully from the experience. Seats can be removed from rows to accommodate wheelchairs and spaces are left at the front of the seating area for wheelchairs. The demo kitchen is free to enter on a "first come first served" basis.

STALLS

The majority of stalls have steel frames, PVC/Canvas roofs with wooden counters at table height (80 cms). Stall holders will be happy to serve from the front of the stall if possible. Ask if you need assistance.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The festival leaflet shows the location of toilets that are open during the festival. There may also be many cafes, bars and restaurants that allow access during the festival. Many accessible toilets require a Radar key for access.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shopmobility hire out mobility scooters, manual and powered wheelchairs.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY 01789 414534

Opening hours

Monday 1000hrs – 1500hrs

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Tuesday – Saturday 0900hrs – 1630hrs

Sunday closed (at the time of the Festival)

On occasions it may be necessary for us to close the scheme in the event of staff sickness or training. We advise that you ring on 01789 414534 before you visit us. This will ensure that equipment is available and hopefully avoid a wasted journey.

Changing Places toilet located at Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford Upon Avon CV37 6YX. Phone: 01789-268826.

Local access information can be found at 'My' Accessible Stratford upon Avon Guide which can be downloaded from www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk and paper copies at Shopmobility and the Visitor Information Centre, Bridgefoot.

Site plan and map available from Festival staff at most key entry points.

Below are the contact details for this years Town Centre Food Festival.

Twitter and Facebook pages will be updated regularly, in the run up to and during the Festival weekend.

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