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Dear Sir/Madam

### **ABINGDON-ON-THAMES MICHAELMAS STREET FAIR 2019**

You may be aware that this year's Michaelmas Street Fair will run on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October. The main focus of the Fair is the Market Place, High Street and Ock Street.

To avoid danger to the public, the following temporary restrictions will apply from 08.30hrs on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October until 09.00hrs on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

1. The following roads will be closed to vehicles throughout the entirety of the Fair:

High Street  
Market Place  
Ock Street  
Stratton Way – from its junction with Bath Street to Ock Street  
The Square  
West St Helen Street – from its junction with High Street to Lombard Street

2. For Health and Safety reasons, particularly with regard to the volume of pedestrians and especially very young children, Ock Street will, as usual, only be open to vehicles between 00.00hrs midnight and 12.00hrs noon daily and the access and exit point to the area will be via **Conduit Road**.

Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles will have access to all areas at all times.

3. Temporary one-way traffic will be imposed in Lombard Street, the permitted direction being west to east.

4. The usual one-way traffic flow across St Helen's Wharf will be temporarily reversed to operate from east to west, except for cycles, which will be permitted to pass in either direction.
5. A temporary 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction will be imposed on the following lengths of road in order to maintain access for emergency vehicles:

**Bostock Road** – both sides, from its junction with Mullard Way to its junction with Victoria Road;

**Edward Street** – north side, from its junction with Victoria Road to its junction with Spring Road;

**Mullard Way** – both sides, for its entire length;

**Victoria Road** – west side, from a point 40 metres north of its junction with Ock Street to its junction with Exbourne Road;

**Spring Road** – west side, from a point 40 metres north of its junction with A415 Marcham Road to its junction with Faringdon Road.

In accordance with established practice, no through traffic is permitted.

Copies of the Temporary Traffic Order, which also includes the arrangements for alternative routes, will be displayed in the locality. A copy will also be available, on request, from the above address.

Residents parking their vehicles away from their property are advised to check that their insurance covers this eventuality. Residents will be able to use the Vale of White Horse District Council car parks free of charge from 16.00hrs to 08.30hrs daily during the Fair providing a ticket is displayed to cover the free two hour period which is the normal practice for parking in Council car parks in Abingdon.

## **6. Fire Safety Arrangements.**

Whilst every effort is made to maintain the existing high level of service provided by the Fire and Rescue Service during the Fair, the congestion within the Fair site, particularly during the busy periods, may increase slightly the time it takes to respond to your property in the event of a fire.

It is therefore important that during the period of the Fair you are extra vigilant in preventing a fire in your home, and I wish to bring to your attention the following information from the Fire Authority to ensure your continued safety within your premises:

**a. Fit smoke alarms on each floor level in your home.**

If you do not have working smoke alarms in your home, your chances of surviving a fire when you are asleep are very low. Test your smoke alarms every week and replace the batteries as required or at least once a year.

**b. Keep doors closed at night.**

This will help delay the spread of fire and smoke.

**c. Do a safety check before you go to bed each night.**

The more electrical appliances you can switch off at the wall socket, the safer you will be. Check gas appliances and put a guard in front of open fires. Put out

cigarettes and candles properly. Always keep matches and cigarette lighters away from children.

**d. Practice your fire action plan.**

Knowing what to do and acting quickly will save lives. Regularly take a few minutes to 'walk' the escape route with everyone in your household and check that everyone can unlock and open doors and windows easily.

Review your fire plan regularly, especially if you make changes to your home.

For any further Fire Safety Information, please contact 0118 3589320.

**Responsibilities during the Fair are as follows:**

**Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council**

Overall co-ordination of arrangements for the Fair. The organisation of the Fair itself is the responsibility of the Fair Organiser, Bob Wilson & Sons Funfairs Ltd.

If you have any questions in relation to the above Order, closures etc., please contact Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council, Roysse Court, Bridge Street, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 3HU. Telephone 01235 522642 or [Enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:Enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk).

**Councillors.**

General comments regarding the Fair.

**Vale of White Horse District Council.**

Public Facilities  
Car Parks

**Oxfordshire County Council.**

Road Closure Order preparation and publication

**Thames Valley Police.**

Closure Order enforcement  
Crime  
Obstruction of the Highway

We are aware that the Fair does cause inconvenience to residents but is enjoyed by many. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Oxfordshire County Council

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

