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Dear Sir/Madam

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES MICHAELMAS STREET FAIR 2024

You may be aware that this year's Michaelmas Street Fair will run on 6th, 7th, and 8th October 2024. The main focus of the fair is the Market Place, High Street and Ock Street.

Temporary Traffic Restrictions Abingdon Michaelmas Fair 2024: Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

To avoid danger to the public, the following temporary restrictions will apply from 07.00hrs on Sunday 6th October until 09.00hrs on Wednesday 9th October 2024.

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.

From Sunday 6th October to Wednesday 9th October there will be no vehicular access to the car park at the rear of Bury Street Shops accessed between NatWest Bank and Pablo Lounge. Delivery vehicles are also prohibited from accessing business / shops / properties along the High Street from Market Place to Stratton Way. Please ensure you have rearranged your delivery timings and schedules in accordance for the above closures.

Residents parking their vehicles away from their property are advised to check that their insurance covers this eventuality. Residents will be able to park at Vale of White Horse District Council West St Helens Street Car Park for free from 08:00 – 10:00 and 16:00 – 18:00 during the fair. A ticket and valid street parking permit must be displayed during these times to ensure free parking which is only permitted at the West St Helens Street car park. All other VWHDC car parks standard charges will apply.

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. Traffic heading into Abingdon from Culham will be directed down East St Helens Street and via St Helen's Wharf. This will include large buses but articulated lorries will not be permitted to use this route. Parking, loading and stopping will therefore be restricted at the top of East St Helen's Street.
6. 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 is available here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/licences-and-permits/upcoming-public-events>

7. Fair Opening Time.

Abingdon Fair service will take place Sunday 6th October at 15:00 on the Market Place in front of the carousel. The fair will open to the public from 16:00 to 21:00 Sunday 6th October and resume at noon Monday 7th October.

8. 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 visit:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/fire-and-public-safety/community-safety/safety-home

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 traffic order, road closures, or related matters, please contact as follows:

Your local councillors

General comments regarding the Fair

Vale of White Horse District Council

Public Facilities

Car Parks

Tel: 01235 422422

Email: enquiries@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Oxfordshire County Council.

Road Closure Order preparation and publication

Tel: 0345 310 1111

Email: Highway.Enquiries@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thames Valley Police

Closure Order enforcement; Crime; Obstruction of the Highway

Please note that there will be no road closures for the Runaway Fair on 14th October 2024. This fair will be sited on the Market Place only.

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
Abingdon Town Council