

Dear Resident/ Homeowner

27/6/23

Bloodstock Open Air 10th – 13th August 2023 Catton Park, Walton on Trent

It's that time of year again with the Bloodstock festival due to take place in a few weeks' time. For those of you who are not aware of Bloodstock, this will be our 17th year based at Catton Park and our 22nd year of Bloodstock with a licenced capacity of 20,000 attendees, most of which camp for the weekend.

As always, we would like to provide you with some useful information to help you get through the festival weekend with as little disruption as possible.

The festival site build will commence on Monday 31st July and the site will be totally cleared by Friday 18th August.

The campsite opens its doors to festival goers on Thursday 10th August. We still have 4 stages at Bloodstock – The main outdoor stage which is the Ronnie James Dio stage opens at 10.30 am on Friday, The Sophie Lancaster Stage is situated inside a Big Top and opens Thursday evening at 17.00, The New Blood Stage is our 3rd stage inside another Big Top which opens on Friday and the Jagermeister Acoustic stage is our fourth and smallest stage in the arena which also opens on Friday.

DATE	MAIN ENTRANCE BOX OFFICE	PUBLIC CARPARK TICKET OFFICE	ARENA	CAMPSITE
THURS 10 th	12:00 - 23:00	12:00 - 23:00	17:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
FRI 11 [™]	10:00 - 22:00	08:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
SAT 12 [™]	10.00 - 20.00	08:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
SUN 13 TH	10:00 - 18:00	08:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
MON 14 TH	CLOSED	VACATE BY 13:00	CLOSED	VACATE BY 13:00

NOISE

Bloodstock is a rock and metal festival and is the largest festival in South Derbyshire... so it can get a little noisy at times!!

Leading up to and during the festival we will continually work closely with the District Council, and with a noise consulting agency, to ensure that all noise levels coming from the festival are within the legal limitations for the area. Professional noise checks will be carried out throughout the duration of the festival.

We intend to carry out a test of the sound system on Thursday 10th, to be overseen by the Environmental Health Departments' Pollution Control officer. This allows us to set levels in the Arena that will not impact unduly on the surrounding areas.

It may help to bear in mind change in weather conditions can also affect noise levels, therefore on one day you may hear very little if anything from the festival site and on another day, you may think it's louder. Onsite noise levels will not have changed – low lying cloud and wind carries sound further than if it were a clear day with little or no wind at all. Also, if its very hot weather, heat carries sound much quicker than on a cooler day. Therefore, we are beholden to the elements to an extent.

We do not have traditional fireworks at Bloodstock, but we do have pyro during the set of our Friday night headliner. So please note:

PYROTECHNICS

THESE WILL BE USED FRIDAY EVENING DURING THE HEADLINER SET BETWEEN 21:15 – 22:45 (not during the whole set).

We are not aware, at the time of sending this letter, of any other Pyrotechnics to be used over the event weekend.

SECURITY & CROWD MANAGEMENT

We continue to invest heavily in our security and crowd control operation and are once again employing the services of an industry leading crowd Management company. We will have security operating 24 hours a day from the first day of our build right through until we leave site on 18th August.

SITE LAYOUT

The festival site will be a very similar layout to last year with the Public Car Park situated on the field directly across the road from the main Catton Hall building, with the festival entrance approximately 900 metres down the road directly opposite the Round House. The VIP car parking will once again be in the field directly across the road from the production entrance. Campervans are also across the road to allow for extra camping on the fields that run along the river, we will continue to use the small Rugby field to accommodate campervans too. The main pick up and drop off point for taxis and other vehicles is situated in the main public car park on Thursday and Monday. However, this pick-up and drop-off point will be relocated only during the live event days which are Friday, Saturday and Sunday to the 'Coach drop off point' at X8 (as shown on the map.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

CUSTOMER TRAFFIC

Disruption to the road network is inevitable at certain times during the festival weekend. However, we go to great lengths to minimise this disruption as much as possible. If vehicles breakdown on the road en-route to the festival, this can increase road congestion for a short time until the vehicle is recovered. We will have recovery vehicles on standby from Thursday to Monday in case of such an event.

The road networks will be generally more congested leading up to and during the festival weekend than would normally be expected. Due to the fact that the majority of our festival goers

camp for the whole weekend, the traffic coming to the festival from the morning of Thursday $10^{\rm th}$ will be the busiest.

All campers have to vacate the campsite by the afternoon of Monday 14th August. This means that the highest volume of traffic coming away from the festival can be expected between Sunday night and Monday morning.

Due to the traffic management measures on Chetwynd Bridge, we will be instigating additional measures in an attempt to alleviate the effect for both existing road users and our own event traffic. However, we have to prioritise the A38 and therefore local traffic travelling northbound on the A513 to the A38 will experience delays and we would encourage those who can to use alternative routes especially during our peak traffic periods.

Once again, this year there will be temporary public crossings with temporary traffic lights in place at 4 locations on the main Catton Road to allow festival goers to cross the road safely from the main public car park, the VIP car park and the campervan site and crew campsite. So please be conscious of the public crossings if travelling along the road from the A513 (A38). PLEASE NOTE – There will be a temporary speed restriction to 30mph on the main road along Catton Park and Catton Hall from Monday 31st July to Friday 18h August. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY.

BUILD AND BREAK TRAFFIC

This year we have revised our Build and Break traffic management plan due to the new 7.5 TONNE weight and width restrictions implemented on Chetwynd Bridge. This was historically the main route in for most of our heavy good's traffic as well as our live event traffic. However, this restriction will not affect our live event traffic.

We have put together a build and break traffic management plan that we will make available to all local parish councils no later than 2 weeks before our build starts. This will be emailed to the following Parish Councils to make available on their websites should you wish to view.

Alrewas Borough Council, Barton Parish Council, Coton in the Elms Parish council, Drakelow Parish Council, Netherseal Parish Council, Overseal Parish Council, Rosliston Parish Council and Walton Parish Council.

BLOODSTOCK & THE COMMUNITY

We would like to thank you for being supportive residents of the Bloodstock festival and hope that we can continue to work alongside you to maintain a good relationship for years to come.

CONTACT US

Should you have any questions about this year's festival, do not hesitate to contact me by email or call our head office.

During the festival weekend we have a 24-hour dedicated resident's phone line within our Event Control Office on site; this will be in operation between the following times: Thursday 10th August at 12 midday, until Monday 14th August at 12 midday.

Bloodstock Head Office - 01332 666370

Residents Onsite 24-hour Phone Line - **07486 117686** This will be activated at 12 midday on Tuesday 1st August 2023 through to Midday Monday 14th August 2023.

Please only call the residents number if there are major concerns that need to be addressed immediately and are a direct consequence of Bloodstock activation.

Yours sincerely

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