

Strawberry Fair

Residents Newsletter 2009



Hello from Strawberry Fair!

The first Saturday of June is nearly upon us, meaning that Cambridge's most popular arts event, Strawberry Fair, will return to Midsummer Common once more.

The 100% voluntary organising committee is again expecting thousands of people to turn out to enjoy: our largest parade ever, six stages of music, a massive kids area, a circus, over 250 stalls of every type, an arts area, a green area, our Friday Night Film Festival and this year we are delighted to welcome BBC *Head Room* who

will have their own tent on site to promote emotional and psychological well-being.



All entertainment at Strawberry Fair is free of charge. The organisers pay for the event through

stalls concessions and benefit gigs held throughout the year. The event is not reliant on public hand outs and does not accept corporate sponsorship.

Nine months planning and over 15,000 volunteer hours go into the event each year - with 1,200 people helping on the day.

Around 90% of the acts performing are from within 25 miles of Cambridge - and one of the music stages is dedicated to performers under the age of 18.

It's Your Fair, PLAY FAIR!

Sadly, whenever people gather in large numbers there will inevitably be a minority who behave in an anti-social manner.

The organisers have spent months working with the council, police and residents groups and have announced a number of new measures to minimise the impact on the community.

will have direct on-site communication with the council and police throughout the event. Please call us with anything you feel needs bringing to our attention so that we are able to provide a combined response when it is needed.

The organising committee takes all complaints very seriously and a log of all calls will be provided to the council and police following the event.

As phone networks get busy on the day, it is possible that you will reach our voicemail, but please be assured that all messages will be checked regularly from a landline.

If you would like a member of our Residents Liaison Team to call you back, please make sure you leave a number.

If you witness any crime or disorder, please contact the police directly on the number below.

We will again be operating our residents hotline (see below) and

A message from Cambridgeshire Police

"There has been a tremendous amount of consultation with other agencies, with the community and with the Strawberry Fair Committee to ensure that a wide range of preventative action has taken place to ensure that this event passes with the minimum of disruption and inconvenience to local people. All agencies involved have adopted a flexible approach to issues raised and there will be additional staff on duty to respond to concerns raised by the community in consultation with the event organisers.

There will be three mobile police stations at the event and these will be situated at Walnut Tree Avenue, Brunswick Terrace and Victoria Avenue. We welcome local people to come to these stations to talk to us during the day so that we can properly assess and respond to any emerging issues. Telephone calls to the police should be through the main switchboard number, below."

-Chief Inspector Vicky Skeels, Cambs Police

Residents Hotline: 07984 230377
Cambs Police: 0845 456 4564

www.strawberry-fair.org.uk



Saturday 6th June 2009
For more information, go to: