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The Strawberry Fair Committee works very closely with the council and the police during the build up and on the day of the Fair to ensure any issues that you have can be dealt with quickly and effectively.

If you witness a crime or disorder in the locality please contact the Police directly on 101.

Many thanks for your interest or patience: please come and visit the Fair this year!

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STRAWBERRY FAIR 2026 RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER



The volunteer and community run Strawberry Fair is set to return to Midsummer Common on Saturday 6th June. Building on the successes of previous years the Fair will be bringing together musicians, performers, artists and community groups to stage a family friendly day of entertainment.

Strawberry Fair is an independent, volunteer run, free event for the people of Cambridge.

More details can be found at www.strawberry-fair.org.uk

Strawberry Fair is passionate about ensuring that all entertainments are free of charge and of the highest quality that Cambridge can offer. It is also passionate about ensuring that both local residents and Fair goers have an excellent day out.

To enable this, as with previous years, we will be fencing around the Common and guiding visitors through controlled and staffed entrances. This is to enable us to ensure that only a reasonable amount of alcohol enters the site and also to prevent those few individuals that are already too inebriated to be safe being allowed onto the Common. It will also protect local residences from egress from the site.

Entrance Policy:

We consider four cans of beer or "Ready To Drink" (RTD) spirits and mixers/cocktails and the equivalent quantity of wine per person to be reasonable, with no bottles of spirits being acceptable. There will be a no glass policy at the entrances to prevent broken glass on the Common. Whilst it is impossible to stop every single bottle, this system has proved very successful in recent years as we collect only a sixth of the amount of glass that we used to. Challenge 21 will be in operation and anyone under the age of 18 in possession of alcohol will have it confiscated. Searches may be conducted at the entrances by Strawberry Fair security.

The entrances themselves will be well sign posted and will allow large numbers of people to easily access and exit the Common. We do not envisage queues and

the Common should still be viewed as publicly accessible even if you are not visiting the Fair. The towpath along the Cam will be open to the public and fenced off from the Fair.

There will be a number of diversions in place:

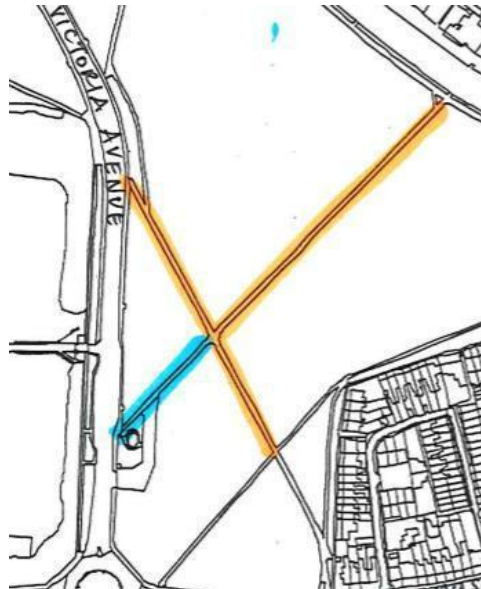
During the build (1st June - 10th June):

All local events take a particular interest in improving safety when cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles are sharing a space during event builds.

Strawberry Fair has an excellent safety record and we work hard to keep cyclists and pedestrians safe by managing traffic on the site. This year, on the recommendation of officers from Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge City Council, Strawberry Fair will be implementing **path closures on some paths on Midsummer Common at various times between 8am and 11pm from Tuesday 2nd June to Wednesday 10th June**. These closures will not affect the river towpath or the path from Maids Causeway to Walnut Tree Avenue, but will especially affect the paths which cross at the lamppost including the path from Maids Causeway to Victoria Avenue (see map below) and, less frequently, the path between the Fort St George and Victoria Avenue. During periods when the paths are closed neither pedestrians nor cyclists will be able to use them.

Although attempts will be made to keep paths open as much of the time as possible, we advise residents to assume that paths will be closed between 6am and 11pm when planning their journeys and, when paths are closed, we encourage pedestrians and cyclists to use alternative routes around the periphery of the common.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause to local residents, however the safety of the public is the primary concern for the volunteer committee of Strawberry Fair and the local authorities.



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During the Fair:

The Fort St George Public House will be fenced outside the Fair and the **Fort St George Bridge will be open for the duration of the Fair**. However, there will be no direct access to the Fair from the bridge and the public will be directed to use this entrance and entrances on Victoria Avenue via signposts placed at the major junctions on to Chesterton Road.



As with previous years we have a Residents' Hotline number (printed below). Should you wish to comment or register a complaint during the build up or on the day of the Fair. Please note that this is not a 24-hour number but will be staffed from 8am - 12 midnight daily. If you call outside these hours, or if the networks are busy, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We take comments and complaints very seriously and will look to resolve any problems as quickly as possible. If you are unable to contact us on this number, then please email us at enquiries@strawberry-fair.org.uk. If you do not get a response, and the matter is urgent, you can contact the council hub on 07803 888430. Please try to contact us before trying this number.