



Victoria Park Premises Licence



Newbury Town Council is pleased to announce that it has been granted a premises licence for Victoria Park, covering the provision of live and recorded music, dance, theatre and street theatre together with associated workshops.

It has been a long and complicated process to gain the licence, under the Licensing Act 2003, but was a requirement to ensure that the many traditional events held in Victoria Park (such as Crafty Craft, the Fringe Festival, the Carnival, the Waterways Festival, Sunday bands on the bandstand and other DJ and live music events) can legally continue.

There were some local concerns that the application requested events until 11pm, seven days a week. Newbury Town Council listened to those concerns and have agreed an end limit of 9pm. If any event wishes to go beyond those hours, or serve alcohol, then the event organizer will need to apply for a specific Temporary Event Notice from the Licensing Authority, so that that event can be individually assessed.

There were plans to hold a funfair in the park in the summer, but given the local concerns, that event has been cancelled. Newbury Town Council will enter into discussions with local residents to see if such an event can be held in the future.

The new licence imposes a number of additional conditions, in order to meet the Licensing Objectives of a) prevention of crime & disorder; b) public safety; c) prevention of public nuisance and d) protection of children. The terms and conditions for the hire of Victoria Park have been updated accordingly. The Council welcomes these extra controls as the safe running of any event is a key to its success.

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