

STRATFORD TOWN CENTRE FOOD FESTIVAL 2019

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Festival is a free event organised by STRATFORWARD BID and Cotswold Markets of Morton in Marsh. Stratforward BID is a non-profit making organisation whose key objectives are; bring more people into Stratford town centre, make them stay longer, spend more and leave happy.

The Stratford Town Centre Food Festival is all about local; featuring a bustling regional food producers' market with over 100 stalls spread throughout our historic streets.

PRE-ARRIVAL AND PARKING

For information on travel and transport please see

www.thetrainline.com

www.nationalrail.co.uk

www.warwickshire.gov.uk

The Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station car parks operate as one, with the car park being converted to Pay and Display. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed on their dashboard. There is no charge for vehicles displaying a current blue badge.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Stratford upon Avon Railway Station is approximately 10 minutes from the Festival site and there are dropped kerbs with tactile paving at all major road junctions.

Due to the road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to both sides of Guild Street close to Kwik Fit known as the "MOP STOPS".

Below are the routes the scheduled buses will follow from 1900hrs Friday 20th September to 2359hrs Sunday 22nd September.

Stratford Food Festival Friday 20th September (1900hrs onwards)
Saturday 21st September (all journeys)
Sunday 22nd September (all journeys)

Routes 50 & X18 diversion

To Shipston/Evesham - Guild St, Windsor St, Rother St and normal route
To Stratford - Rother St, Grove Road, Arden St, Birmingham Rd & Guild St

Routes 15 & X19 diversion

To West Green Drive & Redditch - Guild St, Windsor St, Greenhill St and normal route
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BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES ON STREET

Spaces that are unaffected by the road closures are as follows:

Henley Street – 2 blue badge spaces

Sheep Street – 6 blue badge spaces

Chapel Lane – blue badge spaces as per notices

Waterside – 10 blue badge spaces

Church Street – 1 blue badge space

Rother Market – 7 blue badge spaces

Please check signage for any time limits.

BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES IN COUNCIL CAR PARKS

Arden Street – 3 blue badge spaces

Bridgeway Multi-storey - 13 blue badge spaces

Church Street - 2 blue badge spaces

Guild Street (rear of Shakespeare's birthplace / Library) - 3 blue badge spaces

Leisure Centre – 7 blue badge spaces

Recreation Ground – 8 blue badge spaces

Windsor Street – 8 blue badge spaces

Sheep Street delivery yard – 9 dedicated blue badge spaces

Southern Lane – (side of The Other Place) 10 blue badge spaces

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BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES IN OTHER CAR PARKS

Blue badge bays are provided but there will be charges.

TAXI RANKS

Due to the road closures the following street has no Taxi rank parking during the Festival:

Bridge Street

TEMPORARY TAXI RANK PARKING PROVISION

Bridge Street (Leading onto Bridgefoot) 6 spaces

FESTIVAL ENTRY

Entry to the Festival area is free and on level ground.

Surfaces are smooth asphalt but you may encounter protectors over cables on the ground. These are kept to a minimum height but are suitable for most types of wheelchair or mobility scooter. Where possible power supply cables will be installed safely above head height.

DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN

The Demo Kitchen will be located at the bottom of Bridge St adjacent to the Encore public house. The preparation and cooking areas are covered by TV cameras allowing a good view of the demonstrations via overhead cameras. Festival staff will be on hand to ensure anyone with a disability is included so they benefit fully from the experience. Seats can be removed if necessary. The demo kitchen is free to enter on a "first come first served" basis.

STALLS

The majority of stalls are canvas with wooden counters at table height (**75cms approx.**). Stall holders will be happy to serve from the front of the stall on request.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The festival leaflet shows the locations that are open during the festival. There may also be many cafes, bars and restaurants that allow access during the festival.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shoptmobility has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY 01798 414534

Monday 1000hrs – 1500hrs

Tuesday – Saturday 0900hrs – 1630hrs

Sunday 1000hrs - 1600hrs

On occasion it may be necessary for us to close the scheme in the event of staff sickness or training. We advise that you ring on 01789 414534 before you visit us. This will ensure that equipment is available and hopefully avoid a wasted journey.

www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk has lots of information too.

Site plan and map are available from Festival staff at most entry points.

Below are all the contact details for this years Town Centre Food Festival.

Twitter and Facebook pages will be regularly updated.

Stratforward [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) www.Stratforward.co.uk

<https://twitter.com/foodstratford>

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www.stratfordtowncentrefoodfestival.co.uk

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