



## **Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre 2016 Information for residents and local businesses**

- Thursday 24th November, 12pm-9pm
- Friday 25th November, 11am-9pm
- Saturday 26th November, 10am-8pm
- Sunday 27th November, 11am-5pm

This newsletter is for local residents and businesses to update you on plans for the 2016 Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre. We appreciate your patience during the build-up and staging of the event, and are pleased to provide information on the local traffic and access arrangements that will be in place. We also hope that you will join us at the Fayre and enjoy the event!

The Fayre will open on Thursday 24th November at Midday with the official opening ceremony taking place from 5.00pm in the Cornmarket. This year stalls are being selected and managed by our market operator LSD Promotions, including the popular 'local quarter in Friar Street', where all of the products on sale will have been made within 30 miles of the city.

### **The Fayre area**

As in previous years, the Fayre will be located in the New Street, Friar Street, Pump Street, High Street and in the Cornmarket. The Fayre team will also be working closely with our local market in Angel Place and CrownGate Shopping Centre to ensure businesses benefit from this annual event.

Businesses wishing to trade outside of their premises during the event should call LSD Promotions on 01384 877336 or email [help@lsdpromotions.com](mailto:help@lsdpromotions.com). As always, any businesses looking to trade outside of their premises should be confident that they comply with the City's current regulatory standards, trade within their agreed licenses, and have all the necessary insurance, safety documentation and equipment.

### **Entertainment**

A full programme of entertainment has been planned for the weekend, with a number of traditional Victorian entertainers lined up to amuse the crowd and plenty of Christmas music as carol singers fill the streets. Programmes will be distributed in the weeks before the event, please take a copy to see details and timings of entertainment.

### **Access during the event**

Please be aware that Cornmarket Car Park will be closed from the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November until the morning of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Signage will be in place for the fortnight before the event, but businesses are advised to make customers aware of this where possible.

Businesses and residents who normally have access to **private off road parking spaces** which are inaccessible during the event may be eligible for reimbursement of their parking fees during the Fayre weekend. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, St Martin's Gate Car Park must be used and tickets must be retained and returned to: Helen Mole, Worcester City Council, Guildhall, Worcester, WR1 2EY. Please be aware that you may be required to prove eligibility to take advantage of this service.

To try to minimise the impact on traffic, a Park and Ride service will be in operation and all visitors and traders will be encouraged to use these where possible. This will run from County Hall on both Saturday and Sunday.

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## Road Closures

The Victorian Christmas Fayre takes place in Worcester city centre and access to this area will be restricted through the opening hours of the event and during stallholder set up and breakdown. Full details of the times and locations for the road closures and traffic restrictions are as follows:

Road Closures	Thursday 24 November	Friday 25 November	Saturday 26 November	Sunday 27 November
Queen Street (St Nicholas St – The Trinity)	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 18:00 to Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 23:00			
The Trinity & Queen Street (The Trinity – Cornmarket)	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 04:00 to Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 23:00			
Mealcheapen Street	04:00 - 23:00	08:00 - 10:00	07:00 - 21:00	08:00 - 23:00
Cornmarket	04:00 - 23:00			
New Street	04:00 - 23:00			
Charles Street	04:00 - 23:00			
Pump Street (Charles St to the Shambles)	04:00 - 23:00			
Union Street	04:00 - 23:00			
Friar Street	04:00 - 23:00			
High Street (Pump St to Elgar Statue)	04:00 - 23:00			
High Street (Pump St to The Cross)	07:00 - 23:00			
The Shambles	07:00 - 23:00			
Copenhagen Street	07:00 - 23:00			
Pump Street (Shambles to High Street)	09:00 - 23:00			
Angel Place	10.00 – 23.00			
<b>Please note the above times are subject to change, please check the on-street notices in November</b>				

Dedicated stewards will work with West Mercia Police to try and help anyone with legitimate access needs in the areas covered by road closures.

**We recommend that deliveries are re-scheduled to times outside of the Fayre weekend in order to avoid inconvenience.** Vehicles will not be allowed access once the road closures are in place so deliveries during this time will need to be brought in by foot.

### Thank you from us

Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre benefits the whole county of Worcestershire in a variety of ways and contributes an additional boost to the economy of more than **£7.3 million**. However, we are aware that not everyone enjoys or gets a direct benefit from the event and we could not run this event without the support and understanding of locals who we know can be inconvenienced.

Your needs are considered at every stage of the planning for the event but we understand there will necessarily be an impact on a number of people affected by the road closures and additional visitors to the city. The entire event team will work to keep any disruptions to a minimum and appreciate your support at this time.

If you would like to speak to somebody before the event, please contact Helen Mole on 01905 722309 or by email [helen.mole@worcester.gov.uk](mailto:helen.mole@worcester.gov.uk)

The Fayre office emergency contact number if you need to speak to someone during the trading hours of the Fayre will be 07720 208168.