

Covid Statement – Version 3 – May 5th

Lymm Historic Transport Day June 27th 2021

We are currently still on track to go ahead with Lymm Historic Transport Day on June 27th based on the government roadmap where Step 4 is targeted for June 21st (earliest). The key statement in the government document for us at the moment is

“Step 4 will take place no earlier than 21 June, and at least five weeks after Step 3, following a further review of the data against the four tests. As before, the Government will announce one week in advance whether restrictions will be eased as planned.

With appropriate mitigations in place, by Step 4, the Government aims to:

- a. Remove all legal limits on social contact, publishing accompanying guidance on how best to reduce the risk of transmission and protect ourselves and loved ones;”*

You can read the government document in full [here](#)

There is still the possibility that this date for Step 4 could be delayed. We are also conscious that while all legal limits on social contacts may be removed there remains the possibility of guidelines on safe practices to reduce the risk of transmission that may effect our event.

There is no indication yet as to when that guidance may be published but we are already considering mitigations and good practice that would make our event as safe as possible. Our final advice and procedures will be informed by the situation prevailing at the time leading up to the event and the guidance given by the government. We are also talking to and taking advice from the licensing authority, Warrington Borough Council to whom we have submitted our detailed Event Plan and Risk Assessments.

Our exact mitigation actions will be dependent on guidelines yet to be published but we have already prepared to include.

1. Minimisation of queuing for entry by promoting advance sales and providing more pay points, including contactless payment.
2. Reviewing indoor venues to provide maximum ventilation, reduce exhibits, carefully control capacity with one way routes and possible mask wearing.
3. Provision of additional toilet facilities to eliminate or reduce queuing and which would be regularly cleaned through the day.
4. Access to sanitiser, at all key points: entrances, food tables, indoor venue entry points, pay points, Event HQ and toilets though we would also encourage visitors, especially traders to bring their own too.
5. Signage that will reinforce and remind visitors of current guidelines.
6. No printed programme - to be replaced by web pages and large “info banners”
7. For one year only no drive in parade,- to avoid unmanageable crowding.
8. No arena style events on the main field that may encourage crowding.

9. Our popular food court will be split over two locations on the field instead of the usual single central venue.
10. Additional stewards will be on hand throughout the day to monitor any queuing and encourage good practice.
11. Reduced marketing and promotion of the event with an increased emphasis on creating a local event.
12. Additional training for all volunteers to ensure good practice is followed.
13. Traders, Exhibitors and Attractions will be expected to make their own arrangements as appropriate to conform to the prevailing guidelines.

We will also review and respond to any clarifications and guidelines published in the coming weeks as they become available.

If at any point we feel we will be unable to meet guideline requirements or if Step dates are shifted or rules are changed such that we are no longer meet the criteria for an event of our type we may yet be forced to cancel.

In that, hopefully unlikely, circumstance all payments from traders would be refunded in full.

Like you we very much hope that Transport Day 2021 will be able go ahead and will prove to be the much needed celebration of a return to something approaching “normality”. But the safety of everyone involved remains our paramount concern and we will be monitoring developments constantly.

If possible follow us on facebook but also check our website for any changes in the situation.

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