

Arrangements for Tor Fair 2017 – Statement from the Mayor

6th September 2017

Although Glastonbury Town Council has not been involved in organising next week's Tor Fair in St John's Car Park, as Mayor of the town I have been working on behalf of residents and local businesses to address their concerns. I have now confirmed, after speaking with Henry Chipperfield and senior officers from Mendip District Council that certain measures have, in fact, been taken to ensure appropriate event management. As of today it is understood that the event will be permitted to continue, with the following arrangements:

The Fair will operate from Monday 11th until Saturday 16th September. It will open on Monday at 1pm and on Saturday at 2pm but on all other days at 5pm. It will close at 9pm every day.

The Fair will open for a private event catering for disabled young people on the Wednesday afternoon.

The freeway around the car park serving all the residents and businesses will remain fully operational for the whole week.

The only area to be fenced off will be the car parking spaces inside the freeway.

There will be full public access at all regular times to the toilets in the centre of the car park. The toilets close at 9pm anyway so there will be no disruption in service.

There will only be 5 rides. These will be "small, family friendly rides".

The rides will play music but this will be limited and monitored.

There will be no use of microphones except in emergencies.

Although there will be a sign in St John's Car Park directing motorists to other Town Centre car parks, there will be no additional signage provided. Alternative Car Parking is available in the following car parks: Northload West; Proper Job; Norbins Road; Butt Close; St Dunstan's; Morrisons.

St John's Car Park season ticket holders will be permitted to park in other car parks for the week.

There will be no residential caravans or heavy vehicles on the Car Park during the Fair. These will all be sited at Glastonbury Football Club.

There will be one security caravan manned 24 hrs.

The organisers (The Chipperfields) are keen to stress that this relocation is for one year only on a trial basis. They are happy to receive feedback both during the Fair and afterwards. They have no wish to upset local residents or traders and welcome their input. Any complaints will be treated with full consideration and actioned appropriately.

Cllr. Emma George
Mayor of Glastonbury