

Stratford Upon Avon Food Festival 2022

Accessibility Statement

INTRODUCTION

The Stratford Upon Avon Food Festival is a free event organised by Stratford Upon Avon Business Improvement District on behalf of the Stratford-Upon-Avon BID member businesses which is a non-profit making organisation whose key objectives are to 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 120 stalls spread throughout our historic streets.

Quieter times and chillout areas

The Festival is a popular family event and is expected to attract thousands of visitors to the town centre on Friday 30th, Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2022. However, we understand that some visitors and residents may prefer to attend when there are fewer people around and if this is the case for you, the first hour of the event each day, between 10am and 11am tends to be a bit less busy.

PRE-ARRIVAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

For information on travel and transport please see:

<https://www.thetrainline.com/>

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses>

[Stratford-upon-Avon – bustimes.org](https://www.stratford-upon-avon.gov.uk/bustimes.org)

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. This does not apply to Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

The Stratford upon Avon Railway Station is approximately 10 minute's walk 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”.

PARKING

As space is limited in the town centre there is no specific event parking. If you're a blue badge holder, we recommend using blue badge parking in the surrounding car parks listed below.

Blue badge parking on-street, check signage for time limits

Spaces that are **unaffected** by the road closures are at:

Chapel Lane, Church Street, Henley Street, Rother Market, Sheep Street, Waterside

Blue badge parking spaces in council car parks, where there is no time limit or charge:

Arden Street, Bridgeway Multi-storey, Church Street, Guild Street (rear of Shakespeare's birthplace / Library), Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground, Sheep Street delivery yard
Southern Lane (side of The Other Place), Windsor Street.

Please visit for the latest information <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/parking-roads-transport/disabled-parking-in-stratford.cfm>

TAXI RANKS

Union Street

Due to the road closures, there are **no** Taxi ranks during the Festival at:

Bridge Street and Wood Street

TEMPORARY TAXI RANK PARKING PROVISION

High Street (at the Sheep Street end)

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 buggies [pushchairs], wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

There are a number of venues within the town centre that would be delighted to welcome visitors who need a **chilled-out** area to enjoy including the Library (Henley Street) and The Dell Garden (behind the RSC, Waterside).

DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN

The Demo Kitchen will be located at the top of Wood Street, at the junction with Meer Street. 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 everyone is included to enjoy the experience, and seats can be removed if necessary. The demo kitchen is free to enter on a “first come first served” basis.

PERFORMANCE AREA

The Performance Area will be located at the top of Bridge Street, at the roundabout with the stage on a platform that is raised two feet off the ground for easy viewing. There will be limited seating available on a “first come first served” basis. Festival staff will be on hand to ensure everyone is included to enjoy the experience.

STALLS

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

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Festival Programme shows the locations that are open during the Festival, including Bridgeway car park, Bell Court, Waterside and with a Changing Places Toilet at Stratford Leisure Centre, CV37 6YX.

There may also be many cafes, bars and restaurants that allow access during the festival.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shopmobility has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY 01789 414534

Monday 10am – 3pm

Tuesday – Saturday 9am – 4.30pm

Sunday 10am – 4pm

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 year's Stratford Upon Avon Food Festival.

News updates

Social media pages will be regularly updated.

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