

Stratford Upon Avon Food Festival 2023 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 levy paying businesses in partnership with LSD Promotions. Stratford Upon Avon BID 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 Upon Avon Food Festival is all about local; featuring a bustling regional food producers' market with over 120 stalls in two of Stratford's 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 Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 October 2023. 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 less busy.

PRE-ARRIVAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

For information on travel and transport please see:

thetrainline.com

nationalrail.co.uk

warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

The [Park & Ride](#) and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station car parks operate as one. 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 minutes' 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 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 event specific parking. If you're a blue badge holder, we recommend using blue badge parking in the surrounding area.

Blue badge parking spaces on street

Chapel Lane, Church Street, Henley Street, Rother Market, Sheep Street, Waterside, Please check the signage for any time limits.

Blue badge parking spaces in council car parks

Arden Street, Bridgeway Multi-storey, Guild Street, Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground, Sheep Street delivery yard, Southern Lane, Windsor Street multi storey,
Please check signage for any time limits.

Please visit for the latest information www.stratford.gov.uk/parking-roadtransport/disabled-parking-in-stratford.cfm

TAXI RANKS

Bridge Street: Due to the road closure the rank is moved High Street.
Wood Street and Union Street ranks are unaffected.

FESTIVAL ENTRY

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

Surfaces are smooth asphalt, with cables under protectors on the ground. In some places.

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

DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN

The Demo Kitchen will be located in Henley Street, near the library. The preparation and cooking areas are covered by TV cameras allowing a good view of the demonstrations via overhead cameras. The demo kitchen is free to enter on a “first come first served” basis.

PUBLIC TOILETS

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shopmobility has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY. Telephone 01789 414 534

Saturday 9am – 4.30pm

Sunday 10am – 4pm

<https://www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk> has lots of information.

Social media will be regularly updated. @stratforduponavonBID

stratforduponavonbid.co.uk/food-festival

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