



Useful festival site information 2022

Everything is new this year to all of us as we find our way around this super new site, so this is intended to let you know what to expect.

Getting to the festival site

- The festival site address is - Stuntney Estate, Soham Road (A142), Ely CB7 5TR. If you use What3Words, the relevant words are - flames.shorthand.waltz.
- There will be temporary traffic management measures in place along the A142 in the vicinity of the entrance to the festival site designed to slow traffic speeds along the A142 and allow festival traffic to enter the site safely by preventing vehicles turning right into the site and restricting over-taking. Please follow directional signs.
- Note that vehicles coming from the south will be prevented from turning right into the site entrance and will be directed to the roundabout a further mile north near Ely where vehicles can turn and travel back along the A142 to enter the site.
- If your vehicle is higher than a standard SUV, do NOT attempt to drive under the rail bridge near the rail station in Ely to access the A142 or city centre - use the bypass route instead. The bridge is really, really low and regularly features in the top 10 most bashed rail bridges in Britain!
- You will be able to access the festival campsite and box office from 11am on 8 July. Please do not arrive earlier than 11am as you

will not be able to access the site and there is nowhere to queue on the main A142 road without causing a dangerous traffic obstruction. There will be ample camping space for all who have booked it so please do not arrive before 11am.

- Once you access the festival site, please follow the stewards' directions.
- A shuttle bus service will operate between the rail station, Ely city centre & the festival site from 12.30 on Friday afternoon (first pick-up will be from the station).

When you arrive

- If you are in a caravan or campervan, please follow the stewards' directions to your pitch and position your van as they direct in order to comply with the Fire regulations.
- If you are camping in a tent, again follow the directions and pitch your tent as indicated by the steward. It should be sited 3m away from any other tent. As soon as you have unloaded, please move your car to the car park.
- If you are visiting for the day, please park in the car park.
- NEXT.... Make your way on foot to the Box Office to collect your wristband, camping tag and (if you have one), register your dog. Don't leave it until the last minute to avoid a long queue.
- The main festival arena area within the festival site will open at 1pm on 8 July.
- If you are camping, you will be given recycling & general refuse bags to use -
 - The clear bag is for dry clean recyclable waste only - glass bottles, clean tins and cans, recyclable plastic, clean paper and cardboard - nothing else!
 - The black bag is for everything else which goes to landfill including food waste and used paper plates.
- If you have not pre-ordered your festival programme, you can purchase one at the Merchandise Tent.

- If you need to leave the site on Friday afternoon or evening before 9pm, you will be directed to the Nornea Lane exit. At other times, please exit the way you came into the festival site.

Over the festival weekend

- A shuttle bus service will operate between the festival site and Ely city centre via the rail station approximately every 30 mins. The drop-off/pick-up point in the city centre will be at the coach pick up point along The Gallery outside the cathedral. The shuttle bus will operate between the following times:
 - Friday : 12.30 - 12.30am
 - Saturday : 10.00 - 12.30am
 - Sunday : 10.00 - 12.00am
 - Monday : a bus will leave the festival site at 10.00am and 12.00pm and drop off at the rail station & city centre.
- A footpath runs from the festival site into Ely going through Stuntney village. It runs along the busy A142 for most of its route, and you will need to cross the A142 twice, so please do take care if using it. It will take approx. 45-50 mins to walk from the festival site to the centre of Ely.
- All traffic exiting the site will be required to turn left along the A142 (if going north, you will need to drive to the Soham roundabout and turn back there).

The festival site

- The site is a grassland field. The grass will be cut and rolled just before the festival so camping conditions should be good.
- Portaloos and portable showers will be available on the site. Please note that despite our best efforts, we have been unable to source a disabled shower unit for disabled use - the closest location of disabled showers will be at The Hive leisure centre, CB6 2FE.

- Areas adjacent to the festival site are protected by the landowner - these will be clearly demarcated with No Access signs - please respect these and do not attempt to enter those areas.
- The access to the festival site runs through an agri-business area. Aside from gaining access to/from the festival site, this area is off-limits to festival visitors.
- Waste water must NOT be tipped onto the ground or into any drainage ditches - it must be disposed of in the bulk containers provided on the campsites.
- In order to protect the farm buildings & their contents, smoking is NOT allowed within 30 metres of the perimeter of the yard where the farm buildings are located; or within 10 metres of all other parts of the perimeter of the festival site. The above also includes the use of e-cigarettes.
- Gazebos are not allowed for individual campers. Groups of campers may use a gazebo/pergola subject to available space.
- Open fires (including firepits) are NOT allowed on site. Barbecues will be allowed provided they are properly constructed and at least 18 inches off the ground; they are NOT permitted within 30 metres of the site perimeter. Disposable barbecues are NOT allowed.
- Well-behaved dogs are as always, welcome at Ely Folk Festival - please do register your dog & pick up its special dog tag at the box office. Do keep it on a lead at all times within the festival site area including campsites and the arena. A large area of grass field will be available for dogs to run free at owners' risk (between the car park & the A142) and poop must still be picked up & disposed in the refuse bins.
- The festival arena area will be fenced off and you will be required to show your festival wristband at the entrance to it to be allowed entry. The box office on the festival site will be open from 11am on Friday 8 July.

- Glass will NOT be allowed in the festival arena area.

Your feedback

- We hope you enjoy your visit to the 2022 Ely Folk Festival at its new home. We know that there are likely to be teething issues in operating here for the first time, so please bear with us. Your feedback and suggestions for improvements will be even more important this year; we will have feedback forms available on our website, and available at the box office & control tent on the festival site - we welcome your comments.