

BLOODSTOCK OPEN AIR

Dear Resident/ Homeowner

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Bloodstock Open Air 7th – 11th August 2024 Catton Park, Walton on Trent

It's that time of year again with the Bloodstock festival due to take place in a few weeks' time. For those of you who are not aware of Bloodstock, this will be our 18th year based at Catton Park and our 23rd year of Bloodstock with a licenced capacity of 20,000 attendees, most of which camp for the weekend.

As always, we would like to provide you with some useful information to help you get through the festival weekend with as little disruption as possible.

The festival site build will commence on Tuesday 30th July and the site will be totally cleared by Friday 16th August.

The campsite opens its doors to festival goers on midday Wednesday 7th August. We still have 4 stages at Bloodstock – The main outdoor stage which is the Ronnie James Dio stage opens at 10.30 am on Friday, The Sophie Lancaster Stage is situated inside a Big Top and opens Thursday evening at 17.00, The New Blood Stage is our 3rd stage inside another Big Top which opens on Friday and the EMP Acoustic stage is our fourth and smallest stage in the arena which also opens on Friday.

DATE	MAIN ENTRANCE BOX OFFICE	PUBLIC CARPARK TICKET OFFICE	ARENA	CAMPSITE
WED 7th	12:00 – 23:00	12:00 – 23:00	CLOSED	24 HOURS
THURS 8th	12:00 - 23:00	12:00 – 23:00	17:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
FRI 9th	10:00 - 22:00	08:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
SAT 10th	10.00 - 20.00	08:00 - 22:00	10:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
SUN 11th	10:00 - 18:00	08:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 03:00	24 HOURS
MON 12th	CLOSED	VACATE BY 13:00	CLOSED	VACATE BY 13:00

NOISE

Bloodstock is a rock and metal festival and is the largest festival in South Derbyshire... so it can get a little noisy at times!!

Leading up to and during the festival we will continually work closely with the District Council, and with a noise consulting agency, to ensure that all noise levels coming from the festival are within the legal limitations for the area. Professional noise checks will be carried out throughout the duration of the festival.

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We intend to carry out a test of the sound system on Thursday 8th, to be overseen by the Environmental Health Departments' Pollution Control officer. This allows us to set levels in the Arena that will not impact unduly on the surrounding areas.

It may help to bear in mind change in weather conditions can also affect noise levels, therefore on one day you may hear very little if anything from the festival site and on another day, you may

think it's louder. Onsite noise levels will not have changed – low lying cloud and wind carries sound further than if it were a clear day with little or no wind at all. Also, if its very hot weather, heat carries sound much quicker than on a cooler day. Therefore, we are beholden to the elements to an extent.

We do not have traditional fireworks at Bloodstock, but some of our headliners may have pyro during the set. So please note:

PYROTECHNICS

THESE MAY BE USED FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY EVENING DURING THE HEADLINER SET BETWEEN 21:15 – 22:45 (not during the whole set).

SECURITY & CROWD MANAGEMENT

We continue to invest heavily in our security and crowd control operation and are once again employing the services of an industry leading crowd Management company. We will have security operating 24 hours a day from the first day of our build right through until we leave site on 16th August.

SITE LAYOUT

The festival site will be a very similar layout to last year with the Public Car Park situated on the field directly across the road from the main Catton Hall building, with the festival entrance approximately 900 metres down the road directly opposite the Round House. The VIP car parking will once again be in the field directly across the road from the production entrance. All Campervans this year have been moved to the field directly next to the Catton House so the patrons no longer have to cross the road to the festival site. The main pick up and drop off point for taxis and other vehicles is situated in the main public car park on Thursday and Monday. However, this pick-up and drop-off point will be relocated only during the live event days which are Friday, Saturday and Sunday to the 'Coach drop off point' at X8 (as shown on the map).

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

CUSTOMER TRAFFIC

We have been made aware by Staffordshire County Council that there will be major roadworks planned across Tamworth and Burton throughout the summer period this year which will very likely impact traffic travelling to the festival site. Therefore, to help relieve traffic congestion as much as possible, we have decided to split those travelling by car to the festival over 2 days so that 50% of our patrons arrive on Wednesday and the rest arrive Thursday as normal.

Even with adding this extra day for arrival, disruption to the road network is inevitable at certain times during the festival weekend. So please be aware that during Wednesday and Thursday, there will be more vehicles on the road than normal. However, we go to great lengths to minimise this disruption as much as possible. If vehicles breakdown on the road en-route to the festival, this can increase road congestion for a short time until the vehicle is recovered. We will have recovery vehicles on standby from Wednesday to Monday in case of such an event.

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All campers have to vacate the campsite by the afternoon of Monday 12th August. This means that the highest volume of traffic coming away from the festival can be expected between Sunday night and Monday morning.

Due to the traffic management measures on Chetwynd Bridge, we will once again put in place additional measures in an attempt to alleviate the effect for both existing road users and our own event traffic. However, we have to prioritise the A38 and therefore local traffic travelling northbound on the A513 to the A38 will experience delays and we would encourage those who can to use alternative routes especially during our peak traffic periods.

Once again, we will have temporary public crossings with temporary traffic lights in place at 4 locations on the main Catton Road to allow festival goers to cross the road safely from the main public car park, the VIP car park and the crew campsite. So please be conscious of the public crossings if travelling along the road from the A513 (A38). PLEASE NOTE –**There will be a temporary speed restriction to 30mph on the main road along Catton Park and Catton Hall from Monday 29th July to Friday 16th August. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY.**

BUILD AND BREAK TRAFFIC

Our Build and Break traffic management plan worked successfully last year to accommodate the loss of being able to use Chetwyn Bridge due to the new 7.5 TONNE weight and width restrictions. This was historically the main route in for most of our heavy good's traffic as well as our live event traffic. However, this restriction does not affect our live event traffic.

We have put together a build and break traffic schedule that we will make available to all local parish councils no later than 2 weeks before our build starts. This will be emailed to the following Parish Councils to make available on their websites should you wish to view.

Alrewas Borough Council, Barton Parish Council, Coton in the Elms Parish council, Drakelow Parish Council, Netherseal Parish Council, Overseal Parish Council, Rosliston Parish Council and Walton Parish Council.

Please bear in mind that this schedule is a guide line only. We will endeavour to keep all traffic to this schedule but roadworks around Staffordshire may cause slight delays to some of these deliveries.

BLOODSTOCK & THE COMMUNITY

We would like to thank you for being supportive residents of the Bloodstock festival and hope that we can continue to work alongside you to maintain a good relationship for years to come.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

We only offer complimentary non camping tickets to those households residing on the Catton Estate. If you are one of these residents and require tickets, please email your ticket request to rachael@bloodstock.uk.com by no later than 20th July.

CONTACT US

Should you have any questions about this year's festival, do not hesitate to contact me by email or leave a voice message with our head office.

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During the festival weekend we have a 24-hour dedicated resident's phone line within our Event Control Office on site; this will be in operation between the following times: Wednesday 7th August at 12 midday, until Monday 12th August at 12 midday.

Bloodstock Head Office - 01332 666370
Residents Onsite 24-hour Phone Line - **07486 117686** Activated at 12 midday on
Wednesday 7th August 2024 through to
Midday Monday 12th August 2024.

Please only call the residents number if there are major concerns that need to be addressed immediately and are a direct consequence of Bloodstock activation.

Yours sincerely



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