

Rimrose Valley Community Celebration 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

Following on from the announcement of a Community Celebration on Rimrose Valley this summer, we've prepared answers to some frequently asked questions.

As you'll appreciate, it isn't possible for us to cover everything. Instead, we hope that these FAQs address the most common themes.

When is the festival taking place?

Saturday 30th July.

What times of day?

Gates will open at 12pm (midday) and the event will finish promptly at 8pm.

Where will it be held?

The event will take place on Chaffers Running Track and some of the areas immediately around it. The track is situated next to the Glenwyllin Road entrance to the park.

How many people will be attending?

The maximum capacity for the event has been set at 1,000 people at any one time, with a maximum of 700 members of the public, after considering staff, stewards, performers etc.

Stewards will be controlling access in and out of the site and monitoring the number of attendees.

This means that, if numbers are high and capacity is reached, entry will be on a 'one out, one in' basis.

As with all outdoor events in the UK, the weather will have a major bearing on numbers attending on the day.

What will be happening?

The day is made up of family and community-based entertainment including music, food & drink including vegan options, a kid's 'sports day', craft and market stalls, demonstrations, with the full list of activities to be confirmed prior to the event.

What about parking?

We're aware that parking will be the major consideration for many people living near the closest entrances to the event site. We have written to these streets in advance.

It will be communicated that no parking is available for this event and all promotional materials will reflect this. The event is for the communities surrounding Rimrose Valley and we therefore encourage everyone to attend on foot, or to use public transport where this isn't possible.

Having held similar events and demonstrations in the past, we have seen that people respect the message to leave their cars at home and are confident that this will again be the case.

What about litter?

Wheely bins will be positioned around the site and a Sefton Council refuse collection vehicle will be on site to enable the bins to be emptied when necessary.

We support Sefton Council's policy on single use plastics as far as is possible. No plastic plates or cutlery will be used at this event. However, recycling of contaminated food waste will not be possible, as is the case with the regular recycling collection.

A team of litter pickers will be on duty throughout the event and will ensure the site is left free of litter afterwards.

If you would like to be part of the litter-picking team, please email enquiries@rimrosevalleyfriends.org

What about the impact on wildlife?

As a charity, Rimrose Valley Friends is committed to protecting the park's wildlife and to minimising the impact of any activities.

The proposed location is designated recreational ground in the park's management plan and not in the zones designated as either a nature reserve or a site of local biological interest. That said, we obviously understand that wildlife moves around the park.

We have worked closely with Green Sefton, who manage the park on behalf of the council, and are following their guidance to ensure that both the preparation of the ground and staging the event itself will minimise the risk to wildlife.

Will there be any noise?

The event will mean that this part of the park will be busier and louder than a usual weekend, but we will endeavour to keep any disturbance to a minimum.

We have also taken this into consideration when booking musical acts for the day.

The event curfew is 8pm, before it gets dark, ensuring there is no disruption from noise into the late evening.

We have followed guidelines set by the Council's Environmental Health Officer concerning sound levels.

When will set up of the festival site begin and when will it be cleared?

Set up of the festival site will take place on Friday 29th July. This will include fencing off a section of the event area and the arrival of the relevant infrastructure.

The site will be cleared by Monday 1st August.

All event support vehicles will be accessing the site via Beach Road.

Will alcohol be available?

Yes. The event is licensed, which brings with it responsibilities on those selling alcohol and normal licensing laws will be followed.

All drinks sold on site will be served in plastic glasses. The site will be glass and can free. People will not be allowed to leave the site carrying out alcoholic drinks.

As this is a community, family-friendly event, experience has shown that people have enjoyed a drink and previous events have passed without incident, so we anticipate the same again.

All stewards working at the festival are approved by the Security Industry Authority and are therefore familiar with stewarding events where alcohol is served.

What safety and security measures will be in place?

People's health and safety is paramount.

Experienced and qualified stewards will be on duty throughout the festival with overnight security being provided from Friday 29th July until the site is clear.

First aid provision will also be in place throughout the festival.

A detailed Event Plan has been produced which outlines health and safety measures and has been approved by Sefton's Safety Advisory Group.

Who approves these events?

All events go through Sefton Council's approval process which involves input from the relevant council departments and the emergency services.

This means that the process is thorough and will only proceed if the council is happy with the plans proposed.

Is there anything we may have missed?

If you have any other questions regarding this event which we may have missed, please email enquiries@rimrosevalleyfriends.org

Please note that we are unable to respond to individual queries. Instead, these will be considered with any common themes/issues being addressed using this FAQ format.

Thank you.