

May 2025

Dear Resident,

Re: Bearded Theory Festival @ Catton Park

I am writing to let you know that Bearded Theory Festival will return to Catton Park between **Wednesday 21st and Sunday 25th May 2025**, and to inform you of the measures we're taking to minimise disruption due to noise and traffic. We will begin delivering equipment to the site on **Friday 9th May**, with final clearance expected by **Friday 30th May**.

Bearded Theory is an award-winning, family-friendly music event featuring several stages, international touring bands, DJs, and a large children's activity area. Below is a summary of key timings:



Key Dates

- **Initial Deliveries Begin: Friday 9th May** (fencing deliveries)
- **Early Public Entry Opens: Wednesday 21st May**
- **Main Audience Arrivals: Thursday 22nd – Friday 23rd May**
- **Live Music Performances:**
 - Begin **6pm Wednesday 21st May**
 - End **by 11pm** nightly on the main stage
 - Smaller stages continue at lower volume until **3am**
- **Festival Closes: Sunday 25th May**, with a short fireworks finale at around 11pm
- **Main Departure Day: Monday 26th May** (expect traffic between **9am and 3pm**)



Noise Management

We work closely with South Derbyshire District Council to ensure all noise levels remain within legal limits. Independent acoustic consultants dBx Acoustics will monitor sound levels both onsite and at various local locations.

Weather conditions such as wind direction and pressure can affect what can be heard in surrounding areas. If you experience any disruptive noise, please call our Event Control team directly on **07301 004031**, and we will investigate in real time.

If you are reporting a noise issue, it's helpful to include your **What3Words** location so we can respond as accurately as possible.

Traffic & Deliveries

We are working with national and local highways departments to minimise disruption, especially in light of continuing restrictions on Chetwynd Bridge.

Deliveries will follow routes that avoid nearby villages wherever possible. Due to highway weight and height restrictions, some HGV deliveries must come via **Walton on Trent**, although these will be scheduled to pass arrive between **9:30am and 4pm** whenever feasible. We appreciate your patience — some vehicle movements outside these hours will still occur.

Friday 9th May will be a particularly busy day for HGV movements due to significant fencing deliveries.

To reduce congestion during the festival, we have again spread customer arrivals across three days. Temporary traffic lights and marshals will be in place to help keep things moving.

Contact Information

If you have any concerns or questions in the run-up to the event, feel free to contact us at **residents@beardedtheory.com**. During the festival, our Event Control number (**07301 004031**) will be operational 24 hours a day for any urgent issues.

We want to be good neighbours and deeply appreciate your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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