

# INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS 2026

Folk Week at Dane Court Grammar School, Broadstairs Road CT10 2RT,

**We wish you a warm Broadstairs welcome and hope you have a wonderful time.**

The Folk Week campsite is located on school fields, with hard-standing parking and residential housing nearby. There is no access to the school buildings, apart from the check-in desk. The fields are marked out with emergency lanes and according fire regulation guidelines. Please be aware that if you camp near main walkways, Hub or facilities you may be disturbed by noise.

## Arrival Details

Access is through the school's main gates on Broadstairs Road CT10 2RT,

**what three words-///steep.dreams.event.** All campers must park in the main school car park first and then go to the Campsite Check In office to collect or purchase their Festival Ticket which is in the form of a wristband and must be put on before you leave the Check-In office. You will also be issued with a tent tag, car park pass etc. Caravans and Motorhomes must only be sited in the upper areas of the site, the lower area is for tents only, this is due to the access to the lower field being unsuitable for vehicle access.

**Once you have checked in**, you can drive onto site, unload and then park your car in the designated parking areas. Only Motorhomes, camper vans and caravans may park and stay on the field, all other vehicles **MUST** be moved to the car parking areas, once unloaded. This is monitored by the campsite wardens and if you fail to move your vehicle, they will ask you to leave the site as this is a condition of hire by the school that cars must not remain parked on the school field or next to tents. All movement on and off site is monitored, so please be ready to show your wristbands at the main gates each time you enter the site during the festival.

**Arrival & Departure Times Main Festival Check-In is open Friday 7th August 10am.**

**Our office will be open for early arrivals from noon on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug.**

**Arrivals:** Please do not arrive before 10am on Friday, as you will not be allowed on site. If you arrive when check in is closed the campsite warden's team will be on hand to assist you. Our office will be open for early arrivals from noon on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Departures:** Please leave the campsite by 12 noon on your departure day. The campsite needs to be cleared by 12 noon on Saturday 15th. Our volunteers need to get the site ready to hand back to the school.

## What is Available On-Site

**Information** – our volunteers in the campsite admin office and warden's office are there to help.

**Showers/Loos** - All shower units are situated by the school buildings, portaloos by the school buildings as well as elsewhere on the site. These are cleaned on a regular basis but please leave them as you would wish to find them. Shower facilities will be closed at 10am on Saturday 15th.

**Campsite Hub and Bar** - This is the heart of the campsite for socialising, there are big games available to play the Hub bar will be open for evening sessions and socialising, this year the bar will be run by Gadds Brewery. open every evening except Tuesday due to licensing regulations. Meet up with friends, play, sing and join in the fun. We do ask that, after 11pm you are respectful of other campers and our neighbours, keeping noise to a minimum. The Hub will be closed at 1am. The late night quiz will be on Tuesday, check out posters for details. To help us reduce the amount of plastic waste, bring your own refillable drinks bottles (or tankards if you're a Morris dancer).

**Onsite Catering** - Serving Breakfasts and evening meals plus late night snacks. Hot and cold food and drinks. look out for notice boards and posters on site for menus, information & opening times. Drinking water taps are situated around the site.

**Onsite shop** – Our volunteers are running the onsite shop again this year, they hope to help you with all those essentials you might have forgotten to pack. They will also be selling all sorts of snacks and treats. Check the board for opening times.

**The Campsite Wardens** deal with facilities, site security and minibus times. They enforce the campsite rules, including parking on site. Please remember they are volunteers, and the festival will not tolerate any abusive behaviour.

**Litter & Recycling** Please use the Bins provided and try to recycle as much as possible. **do not leave bags of litter outside** - the seagulls will attack them. The warden's office can supply you with bin bags.

**Minibus Transport** Careys minibuses are running a regular service daily from 8.30am – 11.45pm, stopping at the Festival Campsite, Dance Venue at Sarah Thorne Theatre, Queen's Road Baptist Centre, Bandstand and Craft Fair then returning to the campsite. We do ask for donations to help with the rising costs. Our volunteer drivers are there to take Artists and bands plus their equipment to and from venues where necessary, please book with the Campsite Wardens office if you require this service.

**Children** There are board and garden games and activities available for use at the hub during the day. All children under 7 should wear a wristband with an emergency contact number on in case of emergencies. In the case of a lost child please contact the campsite wardens as soon as possible. **Please remember adults are responsible for their children at all times.**

**Security** Professional security guards monitor gates and patrol the site at night. Broadstairs Folk Week cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen items, so please keep your valuables with you. You may be asked by security or campsite staff to produce your wristband/pass at any time.

Any issues on site from 01.00am, contact one of the professional security guards.

**SITE RULES & Safety** by booking into our campsite you are agreeing to these rules.

- Everyone on site must wear a Festival Camping Wristband. No under 18s are permitted to camp without adult supervision.
- **Parking** - All vehicles **MUST** be moved to the car parking areas, once unloaded, no vehicles except motorhomes & Campervans can be left on the field. This will be monitored by the campsite wardens and if you fail to move your vehicle, you will be asked to leave the site **For safety and noise reasons there should be no vehicles moving** anywhere on the campsite fields, especially at night. In the case of an emergency please speak to security.
- **Pitching your tent or caravan** - You must keep all marked access lanes clear for emergency vehicles. There must be a minimum of 3 metres between units. Small groups of no more than six tents can be closer but then there must be a firebreak. Caravans and Motorhomes must only be sited in the upper areas of the site, the lower area is for tents only, this is due to the access to the lower field being unsuitable for large vehicle access. No cars can be left by your pitch; they will need to be moved to the designated parking areas. All tents/ caravans/ campervans **must always display their Tent Tags.**
- **Fire Precautions & Safety** Please bring a bucket to fill with water on arrival and leave it by your caravan/tent. No fireworks, smoke canisters or open fires are allowed, only barbecues raised up from the ground may be used. **STAY SAFE** – if you are cooking or using gas lamps or cookers anywhere near a tent they **MUST** be kept at least 2m away from your canvas when alight, this is to reduce the risk of fire **AND** to avoid gases building up in your tent causing asphyxiation. The local Fire Officer will inspect the site during the week and may ask people to move if he considers that any van, caravan or tent constitutes a Fire Hazard. For more information regarding camping safety visit [www.rospea.com/leisure-safety/advice/camping/](http://www.rospea.com/leisure-safety/advice/camping/)
- **Chemical Toilets** Must be emptied into the disposal facility provided, CDP. **Please do not** empty your chemical toilet waste into the general toilets.
- **Drugs** Any persons found using/selling illegal drugs on the Campsite will be asked to leave. **Smoking** is not permitted on the School premises.
- **No animals are allowed on the campsite.** Persons arriving with animals will be asked to leave. Guide or support dogs are the exception to this rule and please advise the festival when you book your camping.
- **Behaviour** Any camper whose behaviour is deemed unacceptable will be asked to leave. This is a family site and we do expect common decency regarding dress code and behaviour. **Noise curfew time across the site is 1am** Anyone continuing to make excess noise after a warning will be asked to leave the festival. Too many problems will lead to the site being closed and there is no alternative site for the festival to use.



## GENERAL FESTIVAL INFORMATION 2026

### Thank you for purchasing a Festival Ticket

**VENUES** You are advised to arrive in good time for events. Seating in venues is not reserved.

**Main Festival Concert Venue** - Folk Week headline concerts will take place at the Queens Road Baptist Church. You will also find many music and song workshops. The QRBC run a super Café, open most of the day serving food and drinks, we have a small bar open before and during concerts. No food or alcohol is allowed to be brought onto the venue. NB no alcohol sales on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> due to licencing regulations. The **Sarah Thorne Theatre** is our ceilidh dance venue, The Jack Hamilton bar is open from 1pm daily. The rest of our dance programme at **The Pavilion**. More intimate venues - **Crampton Tower** for concerts, **Sailing Club** with concerts and singaround each day, **NEW FOR 2026** – **Bleak House** where you will find creative and relaxing workshops, crafts and music. The venue has a bar and food as well as the onsite cafe. **Not forgetting the many pubs and bars** with free music and events. Buses and trains run regular services to and from Broadstairs. There is limited street parking and a public carpark available nearby..

Queues at some events will be inevitable. People arrive early although doors cannot be opened until sound checks have been completed. Please be patient and co-operate with our volunteer stewards who will let you in as soon as they can. We reserve an allocation of seats for Festival Wristband holders, then tickets may be purchased at the door.

Venues are visited by our official Festival photographers; images may be used for Festival marketing via various media formats. The use of audio, audio visual or video equipment is strictly prohibited without prior arrangement with the Festival Director.

**PROGRAMME CHANGES** Programme changes will be displayed at the Concert venue, Dance Venues and Campsite.

**CRAFT AND MUSIC FAIR** Free Entry - open 10am to 8.30pm from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Positioned on the clifftop at Victoria Gardens is our Craft & Music fair, in the open-air, with many new stalls, Rent-a-Bar will be serving you, enjoy Music at the Busk Stop and lovely food from our vendors.

**THE FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE** – on sale at our Craft & Music Fair, some items will be available at the Box office and Campsite.

**MINIBUS TRANSPORT** Carey's will be running a regular service for us throughout the day stopping at all major festival venues 8.30am-11.45pm. Donations are welcome.

**HOW TO FIND US** Broadstairs is on the East Kent coast between Margate and Ramsgate.

**BY RAIL** – high speed link means London is less than an hour and a half away.

**BY COACH** – there is a direct route from London Victoria Coach Station.

**BY ROAD** – Campsite at Dane Court Grammar School. CT10 1NU Sat Nav users can use postcode CT10 2RT, what three words - steep.dreams.event.

**Queens Road Baptist Church** for main concerts CT10 1NU, what three words - ///bags.prom.track.

Please visit the Thanet District Council website for more information on local parking.

[www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/maps-of-car-parks-in-thanet/](http://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/maps-of-car-parks-in-thanet/)

**FIRST AID** - Festival Concert Venue and Craft Fair/Bandstand will have first aid cover during opening hours. There is a 24-hour A & E unit at Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate CT9 4BG tel. 01843 22544 [10 mins drive]. There are several pharmacies in the town. First aid kits will be available at all Festival venues.

**PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE** Most problems during the week can be sorted by individual managers or by the Festival Director. However, sometimes there are issues that fall outside of this. Any issues that cannot be resolved should be sent in writing to the Chairman of Broadstairs Folk Week and will be dealt with by the committee following the festival.

**WORKFORCE** - The Festival has a superb volunteer workforce, identified by their Yellow T shirts & Badge ID, without whom we would be unable to stage the event, and we thank them for giving us their time. They are not paid to work here—other than by receiving a free Festival Ticket—so please be nice to them and respect their free time.



**Why not volunteer yourself next year?**

## Broadstairs Folk Week - TERMS & CONDITIONS AND TICKET POLICY

**Full Festival Week, Weekend or Day Tickets, with or without camping include all ticketed events, except the pre festival Martin Barre Pre Festival Concert.** The Festival Lite tickets do not include evening concerts at Queens Road Baptist Church. There is no reserved seating in any venue.

**Individual tickets** are available for all Folk Week ticketed events. Only Week, Weekend or Day tickets can be used in conjunction with camping. Tickets are available online.

**Festival Box Office** is in Queens Road Baptist church, open daily 3pm from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 11-3pm to buy tickets in person. Open 9.45am to 9.30pm 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ticket Types**

**Family Tickets** are for 2 adults and 2 children aged between 7 and 15. Under 7s are free, (except for specific children's events).

**Concessionary Full Week Festival Tickets** apply to people of pensionable age, registered disabled and unemployed people. Proof of entitlement should be emailed to [info@broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk](mailto:info@broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk). When booking, please advise the Box Office.

### **Children and Youth Tickets**

Child and Youth Festival Tickets are only available when booked in conjunction with Adult Festival tickets. Youths are 16 & 17; Children's tickets are between 7 and 15. Under 7s go free (unless specified in programme) but please notify us that they are in your party if you are camping. Children under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all performances and under 16 at any licensed bar area.

### **Camping at Broadstairs Folk Week**

Festival Tickets with camping are sold subject to the terms and conditions below: -

You **MUST** have a Festival Ticket to camp. Festival Day/Weekend/Week Tickets with camping cover all events on the relevant day. Festival Lite Tickets do not cover evening concerts at the Queen's Road Baptist Centre.

Camping charges are applicable to the relevant Festival Ticket – Day/Weekend/Week.

'With Camping' Festival Tickets are priced individually – not per tent or caravan.

Holders of individual event tickets are now able to purchase camping. For more information about the Campsite – please visit the Camping page on the website.

### **Carers and disabilities**

If you have special requirements, such as positioning of a wheelchair, it is the ticket holder's responsibility to contact Folk Week in advance to make sure that requirements are known. Venue stewards will do their best to accommodate requests. **We also have an**

Information Sheet for Disabled visitors available on our website.

**Postage/Dispatch of Tickets** - Tickets are sent by email in the form of E-tickets, you can request for ticket to be posted to you or to collect them from the Festival Box Office from the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Tickets & Refund Policy**

Please ensure you arrive early for your chosen event at all venues, or we cannot guarantee entry.

Tickets of all types are limited in number, sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tickets cannot be exchanged, transferred, re-sold, refunded, or re-issued. Tickets will not be replaced if lost.

Once tickets have been purchased at a certain price, there will be no refunds of balance difference on other ticket options.

Broadstairs Folk Week reserves the right to alter or change the programme, without prior notification.

Every effort will be made to carry out the programme as advertised.

The festival concert venue has seating and is indoors. Ticket holders give their express consent to the use of their actual or simulated likeness in connection with the production, exhibition, advertising or exploitation of any film, video and/or audio recording of this event, and/or element thereof in any/all media throughout the world.

Folk Week does not accept responsibility for any losses of valuables.

No tickets may be used for competitions, promotions, or hospitality packages without the written consent of Broadstairs Folk Week, and any ticket so used may be voided and the holder may be refused admission.

Any details which you provide when booking, are held and processed lawfully in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Your details are not passed on to any third parties.

These Terms and Conditions are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Any such change shall not affect any contract between us at the time of such change.

### **Venues Policy**

Please ensure you arrive early for your chosen events, or we cannot guarantee entry. Broadstairs Folk Week reserves the right to refuse entry to any festival venue. Any person who fails to comply with instructions from a steward or other person acting for the management may be ejected from the venue or campsite.

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