



## **CURRENT MEASURES IN PLACE FOR BEARDY FOLK FESTIVAL 2020**

**#sociallysafetogether**

We're working incredibly hard to make sure Beardy Folk Festival 2020 will be a weekend where we can be socially safe together whilst maintaining our familiar festival feel.

After rescheduling from our normal Midsummer June weekend to September, we set about planning for an event that will be as normal as possible, albeit with some important measures in place. Let's make this happen folks!

Many of the following points were due to take place anyway, however there's some extra measures that, we hope, will only be in place this year to enable us to go ahead in the most comfortable and safest way.

If guidelines change then we'll update as necessary. The following information has been highlighted from our current risk assessment that forms part of our extensive event management plan.

**1** MORE SPACE - We're an outdoor event with no indoor public spaces. We now have a large arena outside the walled garden. There is a new wide marquee main entrance off the campsite/day parking which will house the box office, medics and onsite security. We'll check all visitors' wristbands etc at this point. Please remember, your own alcohol is not permitted anywhere inside the arena or walled garden (only on the campsite). Our bars offer a fantastic range of drinks at brilliant prices.

**2** CONCERT STYLE EXPERIENCE - Bring your own folding camping chair or picnic blanket as we need you to help us keep everyone socially safe. For this year only we have moved the main stage outside of the walled garden. You will find we've marked the grass with 6ft (1.80m) circles - our Beardy Bubbles! They are perfectly positioned to enable everyone to remain distanced by sitting 2m apart (front/back) or 1m apart (side/side) facing the main stage. Each circle can comfortably fit 1, 2 or 3 adults on standard sized folding camping chairs. For this year only, there'll be no mass gathering standing in front of the stages. Where there aren't any circles, please remember to stay socially distanced.

**3** LESS VISITORS. Due to the current situation we're restricting the visitor attendance this year to 20% of capacity.

**4** WALKWAYS. There'll be an IN/OUT walkway at the main entrance and the walled garden entrance, plus marked walkways inside the walled garden for everyone's comfort.

**5** NEW OUTSIDE ARENA. The main stage is now outside the walled garden for 2020 only. There's no covered areas for visitors inside or outside the walled garden this year. You can now sit outside the wall, watching/listening to live music and enjoying a beer all weekend!

**6** CLEANING. We pride ourselves on being a clean, green festival with the best visitors in the world! There'll be more single toilets, free showers, handwashing areas, a campsite sink for washing crocks etc, plus electronic hand sanitizer units throughout the festival site. We'll also have professional cleaners onsite to keep us clean all weekend. Showers will be deep cleaned at the end of every day plus enhanced cleaning throughout each day.

**7** MEDICS. As usual, our brilliant team of professional first aiders - STS MEDICS - will be onsite at the main entrance 24 hours a day. They'll be monitoring the usual health and safety of all visitors plus taking temperature checks where needed.

**8** WRISTBANDS AND PASSES SENT OUT IN ADVANCE. As usual, visitors will receive their wristbands, camping passes and programmes in advance through the post. This means there's no human contact on arrival. Just put your wristbands on before arriving and display your camping pitch pass sticker in your windscreen.

**9** MORE CAMPING PITCHES. Pitches will be marked out in the general and family area. We now have a new, third camping field available which means a huge amount of space in the quiet camping zone.

**10** FOOD, DRINK AND TRADERS. As always we'll have a fantastic range of food and drink all weekend. The food court will be inside the walled garden serving traditional fish and chips, Mexican burritos and tacos, stonebaked pizzas, Polish inspired stews, schnitzel and Pierogi pasties, vegan curries, pakora and salads, sweet and savoury crepes plus fresh tea, coffee and sweet treats. The festival bar is inside the walled garden and is stocked with Hobsons ales, cider and stout plus lager, wine and spirits. We will be offering our usual drinks card deal (buy 5 get one free!), plus we'll have 2 and 4 pint holders to help you to make less visits to the bar. All food, bar, merchandise and trade outlets will be operating a queuing system plus cash or card payment options. There will also be plenty of tables and chairs in the food court.

All ticket holders will receive an email with this information and the programme of events will also have a full rundown of what's on and what to expect.