

Mill Road Winter Fair

Performing at Mill Road Winter Fair

Thank you for your interest in Mill Road Winter Fair. This factsheet contains information for bands, musicians, dancers, choirs or other acts who wish to perform at the Fair. Please note that no payment is made to performers, but collecting money from the public is allowed, and you may sell merchandise (except at Romsey Mill).

Finances for the Fair are always very stretched, so if you would like to collect on behalf of the Fair during your performance, or make a small donation, it would be very much appreciated. **We are also desperately in need of volunteers to help steward on the day, so would very much appreciate it if you could spare a couple of hours before or after your set – please let us know.**

The Fair extends along Cambridge's historic and vibrant Mill Road, from East Road to Coleridge Road between 10.30am and 4.30pm. **The road is closed to traffic between 9am and 5.30pm.** The Fair is officially opened at 10.30am with a ceremony in Ditchburn Gardens. Over the course of the day, around 10,000 people attend the Fair.

Busking Sites

There are a number of busking sites available for performers along Mill Road. At each busking site, performances are typically scheduled to take place between 11am and 4.15pm. Performance slots are typically either 30 or 45 minutes, with a 15-minute changeover.

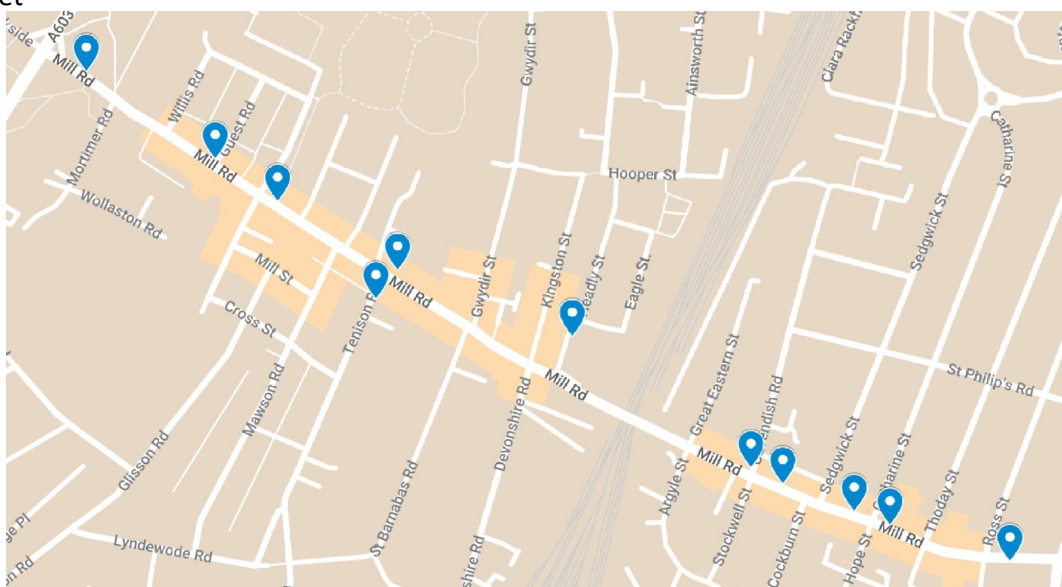
The map below shows the locations of the busking sites, which may be subject to change. They are, from East Road (left on the map) to Coleridge Road (right):

Petersfield

Petersfield Bus Stop
Guest Road
Avenue of Limes
Tenison Road/Salvation Army Courtyard
Ditchburn Gardens
Headly Street

Romsey

Cavendish Road
Urban Larder
Bush & Co
The Co-op, corner of Catharine Street
Salisbury Club/EF, corner of Coleridge Road



The sites are of different sizes; only one definitely has electricity, a PA or cover (gazebo) so most acts have to perform acoustically or with battery-operated amps.

After you have been confirmed to perform, the Events Organiser will inform you of which site(s) and slot(s) you have been scheduled to perform at.

Please arrive at the busking site ten minutes before your slot is due to start.

Please note that all busking sites are outdoors, so please do come prepared and dressed appropriately for the weather.

Other Stages

There are usually also a few outdoor or indoor 'stages' at the Fair which are organised and run by other organisations/individuals separately to the Fair Committee. These include the Cambridge 105 (on Donkey Common), Argyle Street Housing Cooperative, Shake Your Tail Feather (corner of Thoday Street), St Barnabas Church and St Philip's Church stages. These stages usually feature access to electricity, a PA and cover. We may be able to help link you with these stages if you wish to play at them, or you can contact the organisers directly yourselves.

Other Venues

It is possible that there may be other (indoor) venues but these have not yet been agreed, and so are not guaranteed. We therefore recommend that you perform at a busking site if at all possible. Many of our performers have told us that they really enjoy performing at the busking sites as "it's so much more fun and you get to see more people that way". Also, more people get to see you!

However, if you are a very large group or need to be indoors and really cannot play at a busking site, do let us know and we will try our utmost to accommodate you.

Unloading/Loading Equipment

As Mill Road is closed to traffic for the day, you will need to carry any equipment to your busking site or performance venue by hand. Alternatively, you may unload equipment on Mill Road before 9am but you will need to stay with your equipment yourselves. You will be able to pick up any equipment after the road reopens at around 5.30pm. If this is likely to cause difficulty, please speak to the Events Organiser.

Please note that, although we will try to help as best we can, if you leave equipment on Mill Road, you leave it at your own risk. Mill Road Winter Fair and the coordinators/stewards cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or mishap to equipment left at a site.

Parking

During the Fair, vehicles should be parked off-site. Gwydir Street Car Park and Great Eastern Street Car Park will be closed as they are used for the Food Fair, events and stalls. The nearest public car park is the Queen Anne Terrace next to Donkey Common.

Further Information

Please review the information on the Mill Road Winter Fair website at www.millroadwinterfair.org before the event. If you have a specific query, please email events@millroadwinterfair.org.