
From: Dan Allen
Sent: 22 October 2021 14:35
To: licensing@westberks.gov.uk
Subject: NEWBURY BEER FESTIVAL - 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir

I would like to say that I know of no abusive behavior or excessive drinking to the point of being a nuisance, caused by the Newbury Beer Festival. I have always considered the Festival to be a pleasant day out and very much a "family friendly" event.

I strongly oppose the objections to the Festival's continuance that, according to the Newbury Weekly News, have been lodged with the Council.

The Festival is one of the highspots of the Town's year and should be allowed to continue.

If the objections reported in the Newbury Weekly News had been made about the Michaelmas Fair, there might have been some grounds for them, particularly as regards to children's sleep being disturbed. With regard to the Newbury Beer Festival, I think they are totally without foundation and the Festival should be allowed to go ahead again next year (Covid restrictions permitting, of course).

Yours Faithfully

Leslie Allen

From: Luke Andrews

Sent: 15 October 2021 10:43 AM

To: Licensing

Subject: West Berks Real Ale Festival License - Reject motion (Keep license)

Hi there,

It has been brought to my attention that there is an application to have the premises license removed from the Real Ale festival on the grounds that 'the noise levels constitute a public nuisance and encourages criminal behaviour'. This complaint seems a little out of place if it makes its argument solely on the noise levels, given that its only for one day in the middle of summer, whereas we currently have the Michaelmas Fair which makes far more 'disturbance' with both light and noise, which is repeated for four days.

While I'm currently unaware of any criminal behaviour linked to this event to the event that the individual(s) who tabled this motion claim it encourages, I do live on Northcroft Lane in one of the maisonettes that back directly onto the fields and so am placed to feel the full effects of these events, yet I have found neither problematic beyond needing to put on a pair of headphones, though there has been a threat to my diet from the smell of fresh doughnuts coming through my window!

On a serious note though, I feel that the live music scene in Newbury has dramatically decreased over the past 10 years, and taking away the license of a one day event that showcases local music, as well as brewers from the area, seems incredibly short sighted if the evidence for criminal behaviour is as lacking as it seems. I understand that there will be some residents living close who may struggle with the loud noises, but I don't think the correct response to being a bit annoyed with some noise on one day a year is to shut down a festival which has made its place on our summer calendars.

For these reasons, I hope that you respectfully decline the motion to remove the Real Ale festivals license.

Best wishes,

Luke

From: Charlotte Avery
Sent: 22 October 2021 16:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury beer festival license

To whom it may concern,

My viewpoint is positive towards continuation of the Newbury beer festival. It is a great community event that supports local businesses and also raises money for various local charities. It has a lovely atmosphere and is enjoyed by families throughout the day. There is a great community feel to the event. I certainly don't see any poor or antisocial behaviour. This year there were small groups of families sat in camping chairs having picnics or eating food from the food vans; chatting with children playing or playing football in the huge open space with them some popping over to the local nearby park.

This is an event that we as a family look forward to each year and would be very disappointed if it were not to be able to run next year.

Kind regards Charlotte and Brian Avery

From: Azzaro, Garry
Sent: 17 October 2021 4:51 PM
To: Licensing <
Subject: Ref: 21/00812/LQN : Newbury Real Ale Festival

Ref: 21/00812/LQN

To Whom It May Concern,

I am rather shocked to learn of a recent complaint made against the annual Newbury Real Ale Festival concerning a proposed revocation of their license, allegedly on grounds of '*prevention of harm to children and prevention of crime and public nuisance to the community*'. I find this particularly surprising when I have seen the festival do nothing but support local business and the community, including raising over £100,000 for charitable organisations over the years, most recently the mental health sports charity 'Sport In Mind', and the children and families illness support service 'Daisy's Dream' .

My wife I travel from west London every year to the festival, booking our tickets as soon as they go on sale, and arranging overnight accommodation at one of the local B&B or guesthouses available in Newbury so we don't have to hurry back and can enjoy a very nice, paced day out. Although our train journey is relatively short, we like visiting Newbury, and as well as the Real Ale Festival we also like to support the many independent businesses and boutiques in the area during our stay, and often look forward to a Sunday lunch the day after at such pleasant venues as The Catherine Wheel or The Lock, Stock and Barrel – places we would not frequent if it were not for the safe and pleasant atmosphere provided by the Real Ale Festival the day before.

In all the years we have been coming, we have invited friends along with us, and they too have enjoyed the well-organised atmosphere, the many local food stalls on offer, as well as the fine selection of ales and the live entertainment throughout the day. I have seen no sign of anything remotely resembling '*harm to children*' or '*crime and public nuisance*', often leaving with a lot of fellow attendees, as the festival winds to a close at a reasonable hour, well within the West Berkshire guidance hours relating to noise nuisance, seeing nothing but people and families leaving in good spirits, responsibly and well-behaved.

I see a lot of local businesses supporting and sponsoring the festival each year, many returning sponsors who I am sure would not be lending their name to the event if they were concerned at all about any kind of bad organisation or representation from the organisers.

On a personal note, after booking our tickets this year, I was diagnosed with a medical condition that would require further treatment over a couple of months and would compromise my immunity in some cases. I contacted the organisers to see

what precautions were in place re-Covid and any other measures I would need to consider before attending – and they graciously responded quickly, explaining the various steps and distancing that they had in place, as well as very kindly automatically upgrading my wife and I to the VIP area, where I would be ‘cordoned off’ away from the main crowds and have access to more private facilities, in order to make my attendance and safe and as comfortable as possible, and made me feel very safe and looked after enough to attend. In fact, throughout the course of every Newbury Real Ale festival I have attended, my wife and I have always felt safe and unbothered.

I do hope this goes some way in convincing the Council’s consideration and continued support of Newbury Real Ale Festival’s license, as I find it a great asset to the community and a great, fun, safe day out for all who attend and volunteer throughout the whole festival, from set-up to takedown and clean-up.

Many kind regards,

Garry Azzaro

From: Howard Bairstow

Sent: 20 October 2021 19:37

To: Licensing

Subject: REF 21/00812/LQN BEER FESTIVAL - REJECTION OF DRINK LICENCE

STOPPING THE BEER FESTIVAL AT NORTHCROFT

I was saddened by the desire to stop this event by a resident of Northcroft.

The Newbury and Thatcham Hockey club was originally based at Northcroft but because of the lack of an all-weather pitch had to move to Henwick. The club is a well-known club for its strong teams, teaching youngsters to play and it's good social side. Like all clubs there is a need for funds and the annual Beer Festival is an occasion when money can be raised for the club and also for charities.

Currently money goes to both Children In Need and Naomi House as benefactors of the club.

This year it is calculated that 600 children attended the event, accompanied by parents and shepherded by club stewards. To minimise excess drinking all attendees have ½ pint glasses so that they can try the many brews that are on offer without being abjectly affected. It is a social event with families and friends enjoying the music, the variety of drinks and keeping their children and others safe and happy. Food is also available to help the beer down and keep steady heads.

It is alleged that children are affected by the event, which I have to question. The children will see people drinking beer, eating, dancing and learn the way of enjoying oneself without being objectionable or a public nuisance. The club stewards are strict with people's behaviour and getting intoxicated and will request anyone becoming 'out of order' to leave. To my knowledge the vast majority of attendees are responsible and wish to enjoy this 'social drinking' and entertainment and will encourage others to do the same.

It is more likely that 'on-line' behaviour will affect children more because there is no supervision.

At Falkland Cricket Club they have a yearly Fireworks Night with similar aims to the Hockey Club and their operation is similar and family orientated and is likewise a great asset to the locality.

I hope that this complaint will be put aside and an acknowledgement made that the safety and good behaviour of children and attendees is closely monitored and their welfare is paramount to all.

I must share that my two sons have been members of the club for many years and I have attended many of the festivals. They both have been involved with the training of the young members including their own children.

Howard Bairstow, Past Mayor of Newbury and resident of Newbury for over 40 years.

I hope the Committee will ignore this request to withdraw the licence and allow this event to carry on providing the benefits it has done for many years.

Best Regards

Howard Bairstow

From: Stevebankier
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:03 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

I would like to put in my support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival. Long may this great event continue. It is a great family event which is very well supported by the local community.

I have never once seen any antisocial behaviour when I have attended.

Steve Bankier

From: Jemma Barton
Sent: 12 October 2021 20:19
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Ale Festival 21/008/LQN

Good Evening,

I am writing further to being informed of a complaint regarding Newbury's Ale Festival. This is an event that I have attended with my family for many years, one that both us and our children look forward to.

It has always been a well managed and organised event that has felt safe and respectful. I have never experienced or witnessed any trouble. My children are safe to hang out with their friends and experience the music and food.

Rather than being seen as a nuisance, the Ale Festival is an item on the local calendar that as a community we should feel proud of. There are so few places where families of all ages can come together and an enjoy time together in our town. I cannot understand any objection to such an event.

I would therefore like to log my support to the ongoing continuation of the Ale Festival as a bright light in our calendar.

Warmest

Jemma Barton

From: Tim Basden
Sent: 22 October 2021 15:22
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Ref 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern,

I have just been made aware that the license for the yearly beer festival is up for review. I would like it be known my support for this yearly festival.

I live in Saffron Close on the estate across from the park and every year I look forward to this event. I've attended the event on numerous occasion with my children and they have all come away having enjoyed the music and atmosphere. This year I wasn't able to attend but enjoyed listening to the music from my garden.

In regards to the reports that state it encourages criminal behaviour and disorder, I would dispute this claim. In all the years I've attended I've never once witnessed any criminal activity and the majority of attendees leave the field in an orderly manner. I would say the town gets more disorder from those who have attended Newbury racecourse for the day.

So if the review is to be based on the basis of law and order, then the licence for the racecourse also needs to be reviewed in the same manner.

In regards to noise pollution, unfortunately, you can't control the way the wind blows and I would state the music being blared out by the Michaelmas Fayre is much worst and is during the week. So, are we to cancel this event also?

I hope this review gets the support from the council and the relevant bodies that it deserves.

Regards

T Basden (Mr)

From: Ian Batho
Sent: 15 October 2021 12:26 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival

Hi There.

I understand there is to be a review of the Newbury Beer Festival license on the grounds of noise, crime and anti- social behaviour.

I work in Newbury town centre on Saturday evenings and I haven't witnessed any crime or anti-social behaviour stemming from the beer festival.

The event is one day a year and provides a great day out for a lot of people as well bringing in money for charity and showcasing our local beer and ciders.

Regards
Ian Batho

From: Gregg Bazley
Sent: 14 October 2021 10:32 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to 21/00812/LQN licence revocation application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been made aware of an application being made (21/00812/LQN) to have the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival removed on the basis of the noise levels constituting a public nuisance and encouraging criminal behaviour.

I am very much against this application and am saddened by the attitude of some local residents who do not want the town to come together as a community at such an enjoyable event, which really is a shining example of why Newbury is such a great place to live and visit.

I have attended the festival for a number of years and it is always a fantastically well organised event where people can relax and socialise in a safe and secure environment. I have never witnessed, or been made aware of, any violence or antisocial behaviour of any kind and feel that the way that it is set and laid out up creates a family safe environment for such an event.

I know that it is organised by the local hockey club and is staffed by volunteers who give up their time to make sure that it is a success. The day is supported by many local businesses with the list growing each year, making it really feel like a proper local event, which also raises a considerable amount of money for charity - over £100,000 to date according to their website.

The focus of the event is not on people getting drunk and making nuisances of themselves but for people to have fun, make the best of our local facilities and promote the community feel of the town - something which I would hope that West Berkshire Council should be supporting and not looking to shut down.

In past years I have lived in the Northcroft area and never been disturbed by the noise levels at this or any other event which have taken place in Northcroft Park. Nor have I ever heard any of my neighbours remark negatively about the events.

For the reasons above I would like to formally object to the application for the removal of the licence so that this amazing event can continue for many enjoyable years to come.

Kind regards,

Gregg Bazley

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18 October 2021

Ref: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sirs,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and I am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

Newbury Business Improvement District (BID) is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 2012 by local businesses. Our long-term vision is to establish Newbury as a go-to destination for businesses and visitors from all around the world, with the BID leading the way on place-shaping and town centre transformation.

Events such as the Newbury Real Ale Festival are exactly the kind of attractions we should be encouraging within our town. It is a fantastic example of an event organised both for the benefit of the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities, and it helps to put Newbury on the map as a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

I have personally attended the event for many years and have never once felt concerned about my own safety or that of anyone at the event. As Chief Executive Officer of the BID I would not support the event if I felt that it contravened the objectives of the Licensing Act knowing how important

these objectives are to ensuring events in the town run smoothly. It is also extremely important to us to that Newbury is a safe and welcoming place for residents, visitors, and workers. Any increased criminal or anti-social activity or fear for safety would negatively impact on the attractiveness of the event and the town as a whole and is certainly not something we would support.

The Newbury Real Ale Festival is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hughes', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Hughes
Chief Executive
Newbury BID CIC

REGISTERED Company No. 06977701

From: Rebecca Bird
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:46 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

I would like to support the festival. It's a bit noisy, but not so much so that their licence should be revoked. It's a positive event for our town. Perhaps they could just turn down the volume a wee bit? Please don't cancel their licence. Thank you.

Rebecca Bird

From: Stephen Black
Sent: 17 October 2021 9:55 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have had a Letter posted through my Front Door saying an Application has been made to Remove the Premises license for the Real Ale Festival.

I Live in Northcroft Lane Newbury. We have been here for Seven Years.

I can honestly Say we have never had a Single problem or Issue relating to the Ale Festival.

It's One day per year and it never effects our Quality of Living.

I would Like to Say I Support The Real Ale festival Keeping its License.

Thankyou

Stephen Black

From: Melanie Booth
Sent: 18 October 2021 22:20
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival consultation - Object

Dear licensing team

I wish to object to the application to review Newbury Real Ale Festival's licence as I think it should not be reviewed. It is a fun family event, I attend regularly (with children) and have never seen trouble and many friends' children work there to raise money for their hockey club. It is a good way of supporting local charities and local musicians.

Your faithfully,
Melanie Booth

From: James Bradshaw

Sent: 15 October 2021 10:06 AM

To: Licensing

Subject: Licensing complaint against Newbury Beer Festival 21/00812/LQN

Dear sirs,

As a Westfields resident, I'm writing in defence of the Newbury Beer Festival.

Having read through the complainant's application for a review of the licence, I genuinely think his issues are trivial and mean spirited.

This is a comparatively peaceful event that is thoroughly enjoyed by the great majority of Newbury's residents. It's far quieter than the Michaelmas fair.

The minor inconvenience of noise on this one day a year is insignificant in comparison to the enjoyment the festival provides to thousands of local residents.

With so many pubs closing down, it's really good to witness this thriving event, where people can enjoy a drink with their friends and family, surrounded by like-minded people, without having to use their car and a nominated driver.

I have copied some of the supportive comments below, from the Facebook Westfields community website. These are from the people who live closest to the festival and there isn't one single comment in support of removing the licence for this event. As of this morning, there were over 100 positive comments.

Please reject this mean spirited complaint.

James Bradshaw

- Presumably the same could be said about the Michaelmas fair that has been coming for hundreds of years. Maybe we should all stay at home sitting in silence.
- Whilst I didn't attend this year's festival, I personally think it is great to have the option on our doorstep and would be sad to lose it
- Indeed! The sound of people having fun is not as much of a nuisance as the sound of people moaning!
- How miserable it's only one day per year
- I echo the comments above, the fun Police are out and about again it would seem!
- One day a year - and such a popular event
- Very sad for 1 day a year yet other events can take place and leave more mess and make more noise?
- I agree and how does removing the premises licence stop the noise?! It is one day .

- It's for one day! What is the world coming to, we won't be able to do anything soon! Next it'll be the cricket and football matches
- I think it would be a real shame if it didn't go ahead.. surely these events are great for Newbury to host and gave a lot of people a nice day out! I really enjoyed listening to all the different bands from the comfort of my garden and allotment that day!
- It is noteworthy that the reason cited in the note posted through doors does not match the reasons cited in the public licensing notice:
- I didn't get this note we should encourage charitable enterprise ++I can hardly hear it from Russell road!
I recommend ear plugs for the few with issues. This reminds me of the 'west field' resident who couldn't abide health cardio classes music - helping so many keep active & positive! Bah humbug! Next it will be babies crying or kids wailing at night or calling out of windows that cause noise issues to others!
Grrrr
- I've emailed to add my support for the Real Ale Festival and my concern that someone is trying to create extra support for this objection. As I think the majority do not find it intolerable?
- I did too and emailed in support and just got an auto reply back. I think if they get lots of support from the local community that will be a good thing
- Well the leaflet has given us all an opportunity so I guess we should thank the person who did it However, we don't live in a gated retirement village and I think that one of the best things about this area is that it's a mixed, hopefully, tolerant community.
- This is no different to the fairground at the current moment . Such a darn shame to close these popular local days and evenings out . I live over in west mills and loved hearing the music bands .
- it's not been cancelled yet. We all need to write in and support the event. No time to lose as the objections to the revocation of the license needs to be in by next week. If we all write we should be able to save it.
- I object to this ridiculous NIMBY attitude Especially when the festival helps support local breweries that otherwise would go out of business....
- that's exactly what I said in my support email to the council! It has to be a good thing for local breweries to be able to find new customers & good for local bands to find a new audience! As well as give people a good day out
- Omg, the fair brings more trouble in town than the ale festival and we hear more noise from the fair than we did from the ale festival. Is it the houses over on northcroft as I know they tried to get the fair stopped that have done this

From: David Bright
Sent: 22 October 2021 21:37
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sirs

I am writing in respect of an application to remove the premises licence from the Real Ale Festival on the grounds of public nuisance and the encouragement of criminal behaviour.

My wife and I, along with our two children (aged 12 and 8) have been attending the festival for many years including this year. The festival is incredibly well run with many officials on hand to ensure that it is run smoothly and without incident. I consider it to be safe with a family feel. Indeed, it is one of our favourite events in the Newbury calendar and I consider it to be something which brings the community together in a friendly way and something which I attend with a number of other families. We all feel safe and enjoy our annual outing together.

It is also something which raises a significant amount of money for charity.

Please consider this email as whole hearted support for this event.

Kind regards

David Bright

From: Ken Brunsdon
Sent: 14 October 2021 16:55
To: Licensing
Subject: Real ale festival

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I did not have any issues with the above I thought all was well organized. Compared at the moment as we have the fair here with just as many people an ten times the noise levels.

Mr Brunsdon

From: Cecilia Burdett-Ward
Sent: 14 October 2021 7:54 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real ale festival support

Good evening,

This evening as a household (Russell road) we received a note through our letter box concerning the Real Ale Fest.

All three members of our household have lived in the Westfield community decades. My father for over three decades and I personally have lived here for 25 years on various roads.

We cannot imagine the end of summer without the Real Ale Fest. It is truly a community event, brings the neighborhood together, supports a local cause and promotes local businesses. It also brings valuable tourism to Newbury. The hockey club who staff the event have never been anything other than upstanding members of the community, always of upmost help and go above and beyond to ensure the safety of the event.

As a young woman I often feel unsafe in Newbury while drinking. However this does not apply to any of the Real Ale Festival events I've attended. The accusations of public nuisance and criminal behaviour I have never personally witnessed or experienced.

Additionally our house backs onto the canal which divides the festival from our garden. While we do attend the event we are often at home before it has ended, we've never had an issue with the noise pollution from the event. We find it ends at a reasonable time and is consistently helpful in their communication with the section of the neighborhood affected.

These complains are absurd and if humoured could set a dangerous precedent for other events. What would be next? The michaelmas fair is being held currently and has an equal level of noise and public attendance.

I implore the licencing hearing to maintain the Real Ale Festival's licence.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Burdett-ward

From: Burge, Michael
Sent: 18 October 2021 12:58
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

I have been a volunteer at the event for the past 10 years managing the volunteer staff and liaising with the security and first aid teams on site. I have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at, or within close proximity, of the event.

In respect of people drinking to excess, all of the volunteer staff have to sign to confirm that they have read the instructions issued by the licensee. This includes instruction that anyone appearing to have drunk in excess should not be served and should be asked to leave by one of the organising team or the security staff. Volunteer staff are not allowed to start their shift until they have read the procedure and signed.

I also hold the "hotline" phone, the number of which is distributed to the local community ahead of the event and which I have with me at all times between 10am and 10.30pm on the day of the event. I can confirm that no calls or texts were received on the phone at any point during or after the event in 2021.

It should be noted that this event raises money for local charities and Newbury and Thatcham Hockey club and many thousands of people have benefitted from the money that has been raised over the years.

Regards

Mike Burge

From: Rachel Burge
Sent: 22 October 2021 13:46
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival licence review

Dear Sir/Madam

My family and I fully support the continuation of the Newbury Real Ale Festival. My Husband is part of the Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club and is a member of the Newbury Real Ale Festival Committee and I have seen the amount of effort that goes into organising the event which brings together all member of the NTHC and their families. It's only 1 day, it doesn't go beyond 10pm and it raises a lot of money for charity. I am surprised by a couple of comments that it was loud. As far as I'm aware although there is a mobile number to call in on day of event with any complaints no calls were received complaining about the noise!

I really hope that the licence is renewed to ensure the event and all it brings to Newbury is not lost.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Burge

From: Matt Burnett
Sent: 16 October 2021 4:00 PM
To: Licensing <
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Hi

I am writing to express my support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival, the licence for which I understand is under review.

I have been an attendee and volunteer of the festival for many years and know how seriously the organisers take licensing matters and meeting the objectives of the licensing act. This includes clear instructions to the staff around people's consumption of alcohol and not serving anyone who appears drunk.

In 2021 I attended the event with my family (including my young daughter) and at no point was I concerned about their safety or wellbeing. We were with other friends and their families and saw lots of people we knew throughout the day. As a group we spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening at the event before leaving at around 9.30pm.

Kind regards

Matt Burnett

From: Cassandra Capel
Sent: 12 October 2021 21:58
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival - 21/00812/LQN

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Hello

As residents of West Berkshire, my family and I attend the Newbury Real Ale Festival every year. I have two children, aged 13 and 10 and they have grown up attending the event and look forward to it every year. The festival is a local event that we can all really enjoy. The opportunity to get the local community together outdoors to enjoy music and to socialise is invaluable for a small market town like Newbury. It is one of the important events in our annual town calendar.

The festival this year felt like a big success. To see people having fun in a controlled manner brought so much joy to so many. By monitoring numbers and having a barrier surrounding the event it means that as a parent I can be confident that my children are safe and contained.

I really hope that the local community can continue to enjoy the Real Ale Festival for many years to come.

Many thanks

Cassandra

From: Agnes Carlisle
Sent: 19 October 2021 12:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref: 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern.

Your Ref: 21/00812/LQN

I write in support of the Newbury Real Ale Festival, which is a very successful community and charity event. Until recently I was Club Welfare Officer for the hockey club and ensured that any of our young players who volunteered to help were given appropriate tasks and supervised at all times. There are always many family groups amongst the attendees and the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and I have seen nothing that could be deemed detrimental to the safety of children.

Regards
Agnes Carlisle

From: Milena Castino
Sent: 15 October 2021 12:37 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN - Real Ale Festival

Hello,

I have heard that a resident complained about the Newbury Real Ale Festival and that this could jeopardise licensing for the event in the next years.

I am a resident at Northcroft Lane and I would like to strongly object to this complaint and advocate for the festival. We want the festival to happen. It is the biggest event in Newbury and it has always been a success.

As a resident, I can guarantee we get much more nuisance from fairs in Northcroft than the festival itself. It is just one day in the year. For me, I would even have it happening the entire weekend. It is important for the community and especially important for local musicians.

Please do NOT stop Newbury Real Ale Festival from happening. I hope you are hearing all the residents in Newbury and not just one single person.

Kind regards,

Milena Hawkins

From: Mary
Sent: 22 October 2021 16:12
To: Licensing
Subject: FW: 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in support of the Real ale Festival where I have volunteered since the first event as it is such a good community event and has raised thousands of pounds for charities over a number of years.

Children go there with their parents for a family day out where there is face painting, tuck shop and listening to music and spending time with friends and family. If parents thought their children were at risk they would not bring them.

It is lovely to see people enjoying themselves and something Newbury should be proud of to hold such an event which is largely run by volunteers from the local community. It was especially pleasing this year to see people enjoying an event such as this after all the lockdowns.

I do hope this worthwhile event continues and thousands of local people attend every year and it has become one of the must go to events in the calendar for a number of people.

People work so hard to put on this event and it would be a shame if the licence isn't renewed.

Regards

Mary Cavanagh

From: Kelvin Chaffer
Sent: 19 October 2021 17:05
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir/madam,

I'm writing to you regarding the Beer Festival that takes place in Newbury each year. I understand that someone requested a revocation of the license of the festival and I am dismayed that it is even being considered.

The Beer festival is an annual event that the organisers spend literally months planning and volunteers such as myself are only too eager to help out with.

It is a brilliant event and one that promotes local businesses and raises money for local charities. To lose this event would be to the detriment of more than just the local community who look forward to it each year. We, at Lifecycle have sponsored barrels for the last 10 years and our staff have volunteered to ensure the event can go ahead. The ale festival went as far as supporting our own charity initiative with Daisys dream due to the longevity of our support and 2 years ago over £10k was donated from the proceeds of the festival to this charity.

The organisation of the event is nothing but professional which is clear from the growth of the event from a smaller festival that ran whilst the local cricket side played next to it, to where we are today which is an event that Newbury and its surroundings are proud to call their own. Having worked behind the bar, its been a pleasure serving all those in attendance and have experienced no problems at any of the events.

One persons objection should not allow an important community event to be cancelled.

Please do not take the NRAF away for the people of Newbury.

Regards

Kelvin Chaffer |

From: Fiona Chalk
Sent: 15 October 2021 11:52 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN Licensing application

Dear Licensing Committee

We are writing to say we do not support this proposal to remove the licence for what is a very popular and well run event.

We live locally to Northcroft in Clifton Road and even with all the windows open we were not disturbed by the noise. The music has to our knowledge always finished on time according to their licence, with the event coordinators making sure this is adhered to.

Our experience of the festival is that it is safe, and well run. We have attended this event with our children, from when they were very young, and have always found the atmosphere family friendly and relaxed.

The Beer festival is very well planned by wonderful volunteers at the Hockey club and has raised lots of money that has been donated to many local charities. Not only that but it increases footfall in our town on the weekend with extra visitors buying from our shops, pubs and restaurants as well as filling our hotels and B&B's and encouraging local businesses to support the event.

We do hope the Licensing board will reject this proposal.

Anonymous notes have been put through residents' doors trying to drum up support to remove the festival's licence. We would like to thank the anonymous poster for giving us the opportunity to support our fabulous local beer festival. Long may it continue.

Kind Regards
Mr & Mrs Chalk

From: Emma Chambers
Sent: 14 October 2021 8:33 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real ale festival license

Hello,

It has come to my attention that some local people in the Westfields areas have submitting an application to have the license for the above event removed.

I am emailing to say that I oppose this move, as I believe that the event is not too loud or disruptive. I also believe that it brings many economic benefits to the town on the day itself.

I am emailing as I would like you to know that this is not opposition from all West fields residents.

Many thanks

Emma Chambers

From: Amanda Chandler
Sent: 14 October 2021 8:03 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival - Premise Application

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to object to the application to have the premises licence removed from the Real Ale festival. I believe 2 grounds have been cited:

1. Noise constituting public nuisance – I have lived on Russell Road for 13 years and while I can hear all the bands and crowd noise, it lasts for less than a day and does not impact on my Saturday even later on the evening as people are leaving. There is no more noise than any other Saturday night.
2. Criminal behaviour – I am assuming that any licence application is reviewed by the appropriate authorities such as the police who will have the data and statistics about whether events such as the Ale Festival lead to an increase or spike in criminal behaviour or offences. I therefore see no need to speculate on the validity of this ground or provide unsubstantiated anecdotes when this should be part of the standard application process.

In my experience, this has been a professionally run event that contributes not only to charity, but to the whole community of Newbury. It attracts families even those with young children in a safe and well managed environment. I am sure if the authorities feel that additional restrictions and controls are required, the organisers will respond appropriately as they did this year with the Covid situation. Removing this event from the annual calendar would have a negative impact on the community of Newbury and – potentially be the thin end of the wedge for this type of long running event in Newbury – if the licence for the Ale Festival is removed, where will that leave other traditional events such as the Michaelmas Fair?

Regards
Amanda Chandler

From: Paul Chandler

Sent: 13 October 2021 15:06

To: Licensing

Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN

To Whom It May Concern,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

Alpha IT have been a sponsor and attendee of the event for several years and have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event.

We support the event as we consider it to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. Many of our employees attend the event and thoroughly enjoy it, it is a real community day out. Having spoken to colleagues no one there felt that either they or their children were not safe at any point.

As a local company we would not be lending our ongoing support to the event if we had concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity

Kind regards

Paul Chandler

From: Sharon Chapman [<mailto:mrssharonchapman@hotmail.co.uk>]
Sent: 15 October 2021 11:35 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@westberks.gov.uk>
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Licensing Committee

We are writing to say we do not support this proposal to remove the licence for what is a very popular and well run event.

We live locally to Northcroft in Clifton Road and even with all the windows open we were not disturbed by the noise. The music has to our knowledge always finished at 10pm with the event coordinators making sure this is adhered to.

To imply that the well run and stewarded event causes criminal behaviour is petty and unfounded. We would say from our experience that this event is safer than the annual Michelmas fair.

As for the grounds of it being 'harmful to children' we have attended this family friendly event with our children since it started. We have always found the atmosphere family friendly and relaxed.

The Beer festival is very well planned by the wonderful volunteers at the Hockey club and has raised lots of money that has been donated to many local charities. Not only that but it increases foot fall in our town on the weekend with extra visitors buying from our shops, pubs and restaurants as well as filling our hotels and B&B's and encouraging local businesses to support the event.

We do hope the Licensing board will reject this proposal for what it is, a petty & unfounded complaint from a disgruntled kill joy.

We would like to add that anonymous notes have been put through residents' doors trying to drum up support. We would like to thank the anonymous poster for giving us the opportunity to support our fabulous local beer festival. Long may it continue.

Kind Regards
Mr and Mrs Chapman

From: Andrew Chirgwin
Sent: 22 October 2021 11:45
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival licensing

Good morning,

I understand that recently there have been complaints about the festival and that its future is under threat.

I am writing to say that I feel that this event is a fantastic opportunity for Newbury. Many of my friends use it as a social opportunity to meet (particularly this year what with civic restrictions).

The event is well organised and generally trouble-free. As for noise complaints, I feel that providing the event finishes at the allotted time, then one day a year is not really a cause for complaint, as the social benefits far outweigh the means.

I hope that you find the vast majority of people are in favour of this event and that it continues to prosper in the future.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Andrew Chirgwin.

From: HAYDEN COBB
Sent: 15 October 2021 1:28 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the objection of the Newbury Ale Festival license.

As a local resident (Gloucester Road), I wholeheartedly support the Newbury Ale Festival, and believe it's a worthwhile event which benefits the local community/economy and supports charities, as well as being good fun for 1 day a year.

I have never noticed an issue with excessive noise or any disturbances as a local resident, so would like to officially object to the License objection.

Yours, Hayden

From: Ben Cole
Sent: 21 October 2021 15:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival reference 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir, Madam

I understand concerns have been raised in respect of the Newbury Real Ale Festival

Please find attached letter which explains my full support for a truly excellent community event that should be fully supported and embraced by the council in recognition for all it brings to Newbury and the many volunteers and supporting businesses who make a truly excellent family occasion.

Best wishes

Ben Cole

Ref: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Recipient Name,

I understand that you have had some concerns raised in respect of Newbury real ale festival and suggesting revocation of the license of the festival on the grounds of prevention of harm to children, prevention of crime and public nuisance to the community.

For 11 years I worked as a Director for Lifecycle Software and was proud to sponsor this event and support the charities it selected to support including as a long term sponsor supporting Lifecycle Charity of the year -Daisy's Dream to the tune of over £12,000 -a charity close to a number of our staff who unfortunate have experienced those life impacting occurrences so well supported by Daisys Dream.

As well as sponsorship, I have also worked as a member of the bar team, I never witnessed any behavioral issues during the event, or meeting colleagues and their families, some with their disabled children enjoying the music, food, ale and occasionally sunshine. Even when the heavens have opened and all have run for cover in the beer marques, I have seen the customers make way for families to shelter.

I have often worked until closing time and again this has been orderly -I have not seen or heard of any abusive behaviour during closing down or after the event. I don't doubt there will be the occasional incident, as there would at any crowd event but I firmly believe the huge benefit for the community and charity this event provides outweighs misdemeanors from a very few -who are as likely to misbehave on a Saturday night in the town centre.

I will finish on the clear up. Although I have not been one of the clear up team, on the last event I returned Sunday morning as I had left some sun glasses. I was amazed at the efficiency and enthusiasm of the clean up team, picking up all litter across the area and bagging it up for collection

Newbury should be proud and celebrate the volunteer resource that puts this together and the support from local businesses and the community. I have had representatives from Reading Real Ale festival remark how much better the Newbury festival is.

All should be proud of its success, its accomplishments and frankly a huge and public thank you to Vincent Butler and the rest of the team who take this on each year is in order

Sincerely,
Ben Cole

From: mireille Cook
Sent: 13 October 2021 17:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Newbury Real Ale Festival, the licence for which I understand is under review. I am a local resident - living less than half a mile from the festival, and I also oversee the mini and junior section of Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club.

I have been an attendee and volunteer at the event since it began and on no occasion in all those years, have I seen or been made aware of any incidents pertaining to criminal behaviour or disorder. As a volunteer I have to, upon arrival, sign to confirm that I have read the instructions issued by the licensee which includes that anyone appearing to have drunk in excess should not be served and should be asked to leave by one of the organising team or the security staff. To my knowledge this has never had to be done.

In my role within the club and as a parent I am aware of the particular safeguarding issues facing our local communities and our children and young people. I have never had any concerns about the children attending the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

With kind regards,
Mireille Cook

From: Gillian
Sent: 15 October 2021 6:49 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival and its continuing presence as an annual event.

I think the grounds on which a review of the licence are sought (as outlined in 21/00812/LQN) are tenuous; I live on Gloucester Road and don't find the festival disruptive in the least. Long may it continue!

Regards,
Gill Cotter.

From: Mark Curran
Sent: 22 October 2021 16:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Hello.

I'm a retired Police Officer and I attended this year's festival.

Firstly, in regard to the noise, numerous people commented on how quiet, the sound system was. I've been to quite a few music festivals and the sound quality was poor, due to the low volume.

In response to the allegations that children may be adversely affected by their proximity to alcohol consumption, I refute this. The UK has stringent licensing laws and these are sufficient to allow children to see alcohol. I've worked 7 Glastonbury Festivals and there were plenty of children there. I took my own children to Chardrock this year and this is a music and ale festival. At no stage, did I see any lewd or antisocial behavior at Newbury. There were masses of uniformed SIA safety staff.

Frankly, it would be disgusting for a town the size of Newbury to refuse the licence to hold an ale and music festival and I would also suggest, legal challenges, based upon the numerous other similar events, would win.

Please don't think of prohibition, as a response to this challenge to the licence application.

Mark Curran

I grew up in Newbury and still have family and friends there.

From: Barry Digby
Sent: 22 October 2021 09:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

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I wish to confirm my support for the CONTINUATION of the Premises Licence for this event. I am a local resident and have no objection to his event. From my experience I find the Fares operated from Northcroft are noisier and attract more anti-social behaviour and litter. The Real Ale is run by local people for local organisations for the benefit of local clubs and charities. The local clubs that I know of include Newbury Hockey Club and the Sea Scouts, both of which have a strong youth movement which deserves the towns support.

I have attended the event and find it well policed and very much a family event with families and young children happily sharing the day picnicking on the grass. I do not see it as any sort of threat to children.

Barry Digby

From: gwendigby@googlemail.com
Sent: 15 October 2021 9:29 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Reference 21/00812

To whom it may concern,

I want to protest against the proposal to revoke the licensing permit for the real ale festival.

This event is such a great community event the organisers work so hard to make it the wonderful event that it is. Local businesses get involved and some amazing funds are raised for charities.

As a local who lives next to the site I have never had a problem with the noise levels I have two young children who are not disturbed, and were disappointed we could not attend this year. I am saddened the complaint highlights prevention of harm to children. The organisers do everything they can do to secure the safety of everyone including the children ultimately it is down the children's responsible adult to care for them while at the festival. There is plenty for children to take part in while learning about different music genres and a festival vibe.

Over the years the organisers have adapted their plans and procedures from lessons learnt to improve the safety and experience for all.

In my opinion the local fair currently attending Northcroft this week brings more disruption and noise pollution than the real ale festival. And the trouble that comes with the fair attracting huge groups of young people together.

The real ale festival is a family day out for us, we meet up with friends, family and spend the day celebrating being together outdoors while the children get to socialise in a safe environment. There is something for everyone to enjoy and it would be a disaster to lose this great event.

Many thanks

Gwen Digby

From: Jaymi
Sent: 15 October 2021 12:50 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

I strongly refute the claims made against Newbury Ale Festival, it is an established calendar family focused favourite.

Many local bands, brands and retailers who have been hardest hit by the pandemic, rely on the exposure and income this wonderful event showcases.

Many customers look forward to the day of frivolity, the music and opportunity to try something new.

I don't even need to mention to attendees from outside of Newbury who's custom we are so trying to encourage to save our dying high street.

Utter madness to even consider revoking the licence for baseless, unfounded and unproven accusations

Jamilee Dooley
Newbury resident

From: Joe Dooley

Sent: 14 October 2021 17:01

To: Licensing

Subject: Application to Remove Premises Licence from Newbury Real Ale Festival

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Sir/Madam,

As a resident living in Northcroft, I very much hope the above application will be rejected. I was present at the festival in the afternoon and it was great to see families and friends enjoying themselves with the various activities and refreshments. I wasn't aware of any criminal activity.

Returning home around 6pm I was not aware of any noise from the festival and was able to enjoy the US Open tennis without disturbance. The Michaelmas Fair is far more noisy and intrusive (and I'm aware of past violent incidents).

OK the festival maybe getting too big for its boots with headline bands and corporate entertainment and increased admission charges but to stop it would deny a sizeable portion of Newbury residents of a valuable social event. Just get them to turn it down a bit and have the festival stop in the early evening (by which time the beer/cider etc has mostly run out anyway).

Regards

Joe Dooley

From: Kev Dyson
Sent: 22 October 2021 11:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear Sir

I am supporting the Newbury Real Ale Festival because it is an enjoyable family event that the **majority** of people enjoy.

It also gives local musicians a chance to entertain and local craft stalls a chance to exhibit and maybe sell a few items too.

Would these objectors try to stop the German October Beerfest if they lived in Germany?

I don't think anyone would take any notice of them and neither should our council.

For goodness sake, this is what most people want and surely it is one of the things that bring the community together. I believe after the rough times we've had lately it should definitely go ahead - but it should go ahead with safety in mind.

I hope that the objection is over-ruled and that the objectors reflect on their over zealous political correctness that is eroding people's way of life.

Kevin Dyson

From: Charlie Edwards
Sent: 14 October 2021 10:56 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Application Reference: 21/00812/LQN

Good evening,

I have just seen the application to remove the license from the Newbury Real Ale Festival and wanted to email my objection to this application.

The Newbury Real Ale Festival is an annual highlight for my family and is a wonderful community event, enjoyed by so many people. We have 3 children, all of which look forward to and enjoy the festival each year and the grounds of 'the protection of children from harm' listed on the application is quite shocking. The festival is extremely well organised, I firmly believe the safety of the guests is their top priority and we have never had any concerns over the safety of children at the festival.

We are very lucky to live in a town with such brilliant, family friendly events and the Newbury Real Ale Festival is right on our doorstep, as we live in Russell Road. In all the years it has been running, we have never experienced any nuisance caused by sound, disorder or crime!

I feel it would be extremely sad for the whole town and the organisers that work so hard, if this application was approved.

Many thanks,
Charlotte Edgar.

From: Tom Edgar
Sent: 22 October 2021 14:33
To: licensing@westberks.gov
Subject: 231/00812/LQN

Good Afternoon,

I believe there has been an objection to renew the licence for the Newbury Real Ale festival, for which I 100% reject.

I am a resident living in Russell Road and have never had any issues with noise or antisocial behaviour because of the festival.

I've attended the festival on many occasions and have always taken my 3 children who have never been in any danger and enjoyed the festival as much as me.

The festival has always been a great occasion for local people to meet up and have a good time, raising money for charity in a very safe and secure environment.

Regards, Tom

From: Gwen Ekins

Sent: 14 October 2021 10:10 PM

To: Licensing

Subject: Re: Newbury real ale festival licensing consultation. Ref 21/00812/lqn

Hi. As a resident of west fields Newbury I wish to state that I have no objection to the Newbury real ale festival. I have not experienced any related anti-social or criminal behaviour and the noise does not affect me at all. If anything... I would like to see more events being held as its good for the community and gives the area an energetic vibe.

Gwen Ekins

From: Robin Elliot
Sent: 20 October 2021 10:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Ref. 21/00812/LQN

I have recently been advised by the Chairman of the Hockey Club that you have received a request from a Northcroft resident objecting to the Real Ale Festival (RAF) last month.

This has come as a surprise and great disappointment to myself. I have been a member of the Newbury (and Thatcham) Hockey Club for over 40 years and have been associated with organising many successful events at Northcroft, including latterly the RAF, for the benefit of members and the local community.

As a former DPS for the Hockey Club I can assure you that the appropriate licensing rules are upheld concerning the consumption of alcohol including not serving children under 18 and not allowing inebriated customers to acquire alcohol.

At this event the site is completely fenced off to make it secure and entry is controlled. We also limit consumption using half pint glasses and particularly this year we established a queuing system at the access to each of a number of individual small bars each serving a few ales. This also incidentally enabled us serving behind the bars to advise customers in choosing ale to suit their palates, including non-alcoholic ales.

Since 2004 we have provided an opportunity for people to sample a rich variety of ales from both local breweries and further afield. It would be a great loss to myself and the local community if it were not to continue.

Yours sincerely
Robin Elliott

From: Sue Elliott
Sent: 20 October 2021 15:22
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir / Madam

Reference: 21/00812/LQN

I understand that a complaint has been received with reference to the annual Real Ale Festival hosted by Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club at Northcroft. As an ex-Ladies' President of the club I am writing in support of the festival.

I believe the club gives notice of the date of the festival well in advance through posters around town and through notices through people's doors in the area close to the venue; they would hope in this way to lessen the inconvenience to locals. This event happens only once a year, the same as the Michaelmas Fair.

The allowed upper limit on the noise level from the live music would have been communicated to the club and I would hope that they have stuck to that, though the wind strength and direction can obviously make a big difference.

I am not aware of any incidents over the years that have involved the police.

The club makes every effort to minimise antisocial levels of drinking; beer and cider are served in half pints only and the queuing time makes it difficult for people to consume large amounts in a short time. Food is also a big feature of the festival. I became a street pastor nine years ago as I was concerned about the levels of drinking among young adults and I feel that the club takes its responsibility seriously.

The club makes every effort to reduce litter and does a thorough clean-up after the event.

Many people plan ahead to attend this event annually, even coming from other parts of the country. Families with children come with picnics and enjoy a social afternoon out.

Local bands get a chance to perform and get their name known.

The festival is a fund-raising event and gives valuable support to Sport in Mind and Daisy's Dream. As we are all aware, this has been a difficult year for charities. I hope that the club will be able to continue with this fund-raising event.

Yours faithfully

Sue Elliott

From: Nuno Ferreira

Sent: 20 October 2021 13:59

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival Survey Oct 2021 Community Consultation

Good afternoon,

First allow me to say that I actually live near the applicant for the review.

The flat I currently live in is directly facing the location where the events take place, so I am exposed to the full blast of the event.

I strongly OBJECT to the application, this is the only event in Newbury that does not contain horses or fair grounds, the latest much more annoying than this festival.

Please see below my answers to the 3 points

The grounds on which the council have been asked to review the licence are:

1. The event encourages criminal behaviour and disorder.

This statement is ridiculous and has absolutely no fundament, as stated, I live facing the event and I have never witnessed/seen such claims.

2. The event constitutes a public nuisance because of excess and continuous noise levels throughout the day and late into the evening.

So does every car, bus, lorry, motorcycle and group of people that passes on the street, every single day, will you be closing the road?

3. The event is potentially harmful to children because of excessive alcohol intake around children in attendance, and abusive language being used within earshot of children resident in the area. In addition, sleep of younger children is disrupted by the excess noise.

Again a joke, as all day people pass through the street and everyone is entitled to say whatever they want. Abusive, or not, that's something that comes with society.

If this event is cancelled, then I would assume the the carnival that just took place will also be cancelled, as well as the cricket games that occur on the Park, as they also have people cheering and having fun!! How dare they!?!?

Thank you

Best regards

Nuno Ferreira

From: A Ferris
Sent: 20 October 2021 16:41
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival in Newbury

Hi,

Please can you advise how I add my support to the Real Ale Festival continuing to have a licence and being able to operate.

I live on the Northcroft Park development and whilst I do not personally attend the Real Ale Festival, I think it is important that Newbury offers assorted events to encourage visitors and for local residents to enjoy.

I cannot for one minute imagine that it encourages criminal behaviour or any more of a public nuisance than people leaving the pub at the weekend.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

A Ferris

From: Janina Fisher
Sent: 15 October 2021 1:35 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the above application to have their premises licence removed. The Ale Festival is on for one day of the year and is an extremely well organised event from the setting up to the clearing away. It brings many people together for a day of enjoyment, raises huge amounts of money for local charities and gives small, local beer companies the chance to get their product noticed and hopefully bring them more business for the future.

In response to the complaint you have received, I too live close to the event but although you can hear the music from our house (which we actually enjoy) it is not overly loud, neighbours are noisier and it finishes by 10pm at night .

Secondly we often get noisy people walking up the road at night making a noise. Who doesn't, we live near the town centre. Just as much noise can be made in the day too by people walking by!

Thirdly, personally I think children should be taught that alcohol in small measures is not an issue. As for the swearing you unfortunately hear this wherever you go nowadays, even on television and games that children play online.

I think this is a personal grievance from one individual and is not what the majority of people in this area support. I'd also like to inform you that this individual has been posting leaflets along roads near to where the event takes place asking people to object, which I feel is totally unfair on the people who organise the event and doesn't give them a chance to put their case forward.

The organisers of the event do such a fabulous job, the day after the event the whole field is cleaned and they don't leave a trace of rubbish behind. They are a credit to themselves.

This is one individual who clearly has a grudge to bear and I hope the Council will make the correct decision and allow the Beer Festival to continue.

Yours faithfully

Janina Fisher

From: Karen
Sent: 16 October 2021 2:06 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

To whom it may concern

I am emailing in support of the premises license for this amazing event to NOT be removed. This is a great community event, it's well organised and in all the years that I have attended, since the very first event, I have never witnessed any trouble or criminal activity. On top of the afore mentioned it brings extra revenue to our town. Finally after all that Newbury and it's community has been through in the last 18 months , this year's festival was a welcome break from it all and I, like many noticed an even high level of community spirit. Oh yes, it's also massively supported by the majority of the Westfield Residents.

Kind regards

Karen Flight

From: Paul Fowler
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:17 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real ale Festival licence do not remove

As a resident of West Mills I would like to add my voice to the debate regarding the licence for the real ale Festival. I do not see the issue with one night of noise (which was hardly audible), which finishes at a reasonable hour when the event is enjoyed by so many, including whole families. I live within 400 m of the site and do not have any objection to the continuation of the event.

Your sincerely
Paul Fowler

From: Kate Frampton
Sent: 14 October 2021 7:38 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Hello,

I am writing to object to the application to have the Real Ale premises license removed. It is a wonderful event that brings together a variety of different groups of people, including families with children, to enjoy a day together. Yes, it brings noise and 'public nuisance' and I imagine 'criminal behaviour' as people are under the influence of alcohol, similarly to most weekend nights in Newbury town where the festival is held. The event organisers appear proactive in trying to reduce this. It is held on only one day of the year and has been something I have looked forward to for the past seven years. I hope you consider strongly the positives it brings it to the town and it's people.

Kind regards,
Kate Frampton

From: Darren Francis
Sent: 20 October 2021 15:32
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury beer festival

I object to the application for the license for the festival to be removed, I have attended this event many times over the years and it has always been a great success.

It brings increased visibility & revenue to the town.

I agree that it would be prudent to provide additional measures to ensure people are aware of the impact they may have on local residents during and after the event.

Thanks
Darren

From: Jon Gadd
Sent: 20 October 2021 09:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Object Newbury Beer Festival

I object to the attempts to stop Newbury beer festival. It is a great family event with no trouble whenever I have attended and supports the local economy.

Regards

Jon Gadd

From: lewis gallagher
Sent: 13 October 2021 16:56
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref: 21.00812/LQN

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Reference [21.00812/LQN](#)

I am writing to express my support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival, the licence for which I understand is under review.

I have been an attendee and volunteer of the festival for many years and know how seriously the organisers take licensing matters and meeting the objectives of the licensing act. This includes clear instructions to the staff around people's consumption of alcohol and not serving anyone who appears drunk.

In 2021 I attended the event with my family (including my 2 children aged 3 and 13) and at no point was I concerned about their safety or wellbeing. We were with other friends and their families including children and saw lots of people we knew throughout the day. As a family and a group we spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening at the event before leaving at around 9.30pm.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

From: David Gilbert
Sent: 15 October 2021 9:17 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real ale festivalo

Good morning

I returned home last night to find a letter through my door asking people to send their comments regarding the real ale festival and how, in the author's opinion it was a public nuisance and encouraged criminal behaviour.

Having served for 32 years in the police and sat on Safety Advisory Groups etc for similar events I strongly disagree with their sentiment.

I attended the event and in my opinion it was very well organised and stewarded, I saw no evidence of criminal behaviour and the atmosphere throughout the day was very relaxed and family friendly, the event was finished by 22h00 and everyone dispersed then.

I live in the local vicinity and was not disturbed at all by the event or people coming and going from it. I am also aware that the event raises a significant amount of money for local clubs and charities and is arranged by committed volunteers.

As you can see from the above I think the event should continue and hopefully grow in the future.

Kind regards
David Gilbert

From: griffithgreene
Sent: 15 October 2021 7:10 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: License Application for Real Ale Festival

Good Morning we are local residents who live near Northcroft and Goldwell Park. We had a leaflet pushed through the door asking us to support for the licence to be removed. We are somewhat surprised and disappointed to receive this leaflet.

We did not attend the festival but we can confirm that albeit the music was loud with one singer having some swearing, we enjoyed listening to the music from our back garden which is very close to the event.

We saw no instances of public nuisance or criminal behaviour only a lot of good people from Newbury and beyond enjoying a music and beer festival. The festival shows Newbury & West Berkshire at its best. Please don't cancel the licence and ruin what has become a much loved event for a lot of people. We both commented to each other on Sunday morning how quiet it was after the event finished which actually surprised us as you a little noise. Please feel free to contact us directly about these comments.

Martin Griffith and Sarah Griffith-Greene

From: Ian
Sent: 22 October 2021 20:36
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Good Evening,

I write in support of the above as both a regular attender and a business sponsor.

The festival is both great for Newbury Town and for the businesses that support it, it gives a sence of community and togetherness as well as pride in Newbury.

I have taken my grandchildren to the festival and any bad language and drunken behavior is something that is seen, but does not effect most sensible and well balanced family's.

The music is part of the atmosphere and although can be load could also be more controlled if required, but is fine in my opinion, to remove the licence for this event would be both unwise and unnecessary based on the opinions of a few diehard kill joys.

It is basically for half a day a year, and the council should be proud and supportive of such events, and listening to those who support and enjoy the festival not the self appointed fun police who try to stop us all having fun, in our own town.

I fully support the festival and want to see it continue for many years to come.

Regards Ian Griffiths
Company Director and Resident

From: Emma Guilfoyle
Sent: 14 October 2021 8:59 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury beer fest

I would like to add that I fully support this annual event, it's one day a year that the people of Newbury get together as families and also enjoy live music.

I've attended the event on numerous occasions and always felt safe and never had any problems with mess of music. Yet other events such as the fair cause problems, run late into the evening and churn up the park stopping families from using it whilst the fair is on plus its not an event I feel safe taking my children too.

Regards

Emma Guilfoyle

From: Chris Hall
Sent: 12 October 2021 15:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref: 21/00812/LQN

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Good afternoon

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

I have been a sponsor and attendee of the event for many years and have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event.

We as a company support the event as we consider it to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. My family (including my 2 young children 13 and 10 who have been coming with us for many years), along with my colleagues attend the event and all thoroughly enjoy it. None have ever felt that our children were not safe at any point.

Both my family, friends and work colleagues all have the opinion that this is one of the best events in the Newbury calendar each year and it really does bring so many local people together.

As an individual and a local company owner I would not be lending my ongoing support to the event if I have concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity

I really do hope that the review of this licence can be sorted in the correct manner. If you would like any further comments from me then I would be more than happy to support this

Best regards

Chris Hall
Managing Director

Firstxtra Financial Services

From: Lauren Hammond
Sent: 14 October 2021 7:12 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale festival license

I am writing to strongly OBJECT to the potential removal of the Newbury Real Ale Festival premises licence.

This is a well loved event in Newbury and one of the highlights of an otherwise dull events calendar in town, and a night of slight noise does not constitute a reason to withdraw the license.

Many people in town love this event and look forward to it.

Again, I object to the removal of this license.

Many thanks,

Lauren Hammond
Newbury resident

From: Rachel Hannon
Sent: 22 October 2021 17:58
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for the Newbury Ale Festival and the positive aspects it brings to Newbury in terms of money and community.

I live very nearby to the site (Russell Road) and do not think the noise is excessive, nor have I noticed any other adverse effects of the Festival.

Many thanks,

Rachel

From: Rich Harrison
Sent: 19 October 2021 17:17
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

I have received a letter from an anonymous source inviting me to complain about the Real Ale Festival before it has its licence reviewed.

On the contrary I would like to voice my wholehearted support for the Real Ale Festival to continue. As I suspect the vast majority of the local community would also.

The current licensing arrangements are perfectly adequate to ensure that noise is kept to acceptable hours, I live at one of the nearest properties to the site, so am well placed to say that it isn't any issue for a 'reasonable' person. Any suggestion of encouraging criminal behaviour by such a family orientated event, is simply laughable to the point of undermining their own argument. This is obviously simply some NIMBY with nothing better in their lives to do than find irritation in others enjoyment.

I realise as a council you must balance the feelings of all and can never make everyone happy. However, on balance, if you had a maths equation for overall community happiness, the Real Ale Festival obviously creates far more happiness for far more people, than the misery it creates for a small minority of people; who are probably just miserable people anyway.

I would strongly suggest that it is the abundance and diversity of the many community events, that contributes to the arts and culture of Newbury and the fabric of our local community. Taking away such entertainment and culture, is far more likely to encourage criminality. And more NIMBYism as we will have nothing better to do, than think up reasons to complain about stuff.

I'm not even a particular fan of the festival and rarely go myself. But am more than happy to tolerate the noise as I see the music and arts as vital for our society. At a time when many musicians and venues have had no income due to the pandemic and many venues have their music licenses revoked for being too near town, where are our up and coming musicians of the future going to start out? I would hate to sleepwalk into a society of no arts and culture because we are no longer allowed to enjoy ourselves anymore. What a miserable existence that would be!

I would suggest that in Britain in general, it is the developers and residents of properties that need to take some responsibility for their own sound insulation and choice of location. Town's and cities are and always have been noisy places, choosing to live in one, unavoidably comes with that. But that was their choice to live their, a choice they made long after the Real Ale festival has been running, so it is quite unfair to blame the Real Ale Festival, or anyone else apart from themselves.

I'm writing with such passion on this issue, as The Real Ale Festival, as with our other arts and cultural events, is a prime example of an event that brings so much joy to so many people. It would be a travesty for a small minority of NIMBY's to take that joy away, which I doubt very much would make them happy even, they'll just move onto the next thing to complain about until we have no events at all and we are all forced to be as miserable as the NIMBY's themselves.

Regards

Rich Harrison
local resident

From: Abbie Hart
Sent: 22 October 2021 15:51
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref: 21/00812/LQN - Objection to application.

Good Afternoon,

I would like to state my objection to the above application and support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

In my opinion, as a resident of Newbury (currently living 0.25 miles from the event) and West Berkshire all of my life, this is one of the very best events the area has to offer. It has options for all of the family and is a relatively low cost. The fact that this year raised over 10k for charities, let local and small breweries showcase their products and introduce patrons to new tastes, experiences and sounds in itself should mean this isn't even entertained as a serious application.

The event is very well managed and the site looked after with no more crime or antisocial behaviour than a normal weekend evening. The music stops at a more than reasonable time and the crowd is well mannered and creates a fantastic atmosphere. The fact that this is only for 10 hours at most of one day with well-advertised date and time and I've learnt that the immediate residents of the area are supplied with contact details for the festival organisers to raise any concerns with goes to show how caring the organisers are to the community so it doesn't create a nuisance and gives people plenty of opportunity to otherwise occupy themselves for that very short period.

This is a fantastic local event which is doing very well with little to no downsides, we need to support our local artists, creators, business owners and charities and I hope to see it carrying on for many more years to come.

Yours sincerely
Abigail Hart

From: Wendy H Hayes
Sent: 13 October 2021 10:26
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival

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Dear Licensing,

I would like to express my whole hearted support to Newbury Beer Festival for continuing the September tradition going forward. My husband and I have lived in Newbury for 16 years now and it is one of the highlights of our year, we even plan holidays and going away around it.

To have seen it grow from what it was a bit slapdash and quirky, to the well organized, well positioned, and well promoted event it's become, is such a great thing to see. Their choice of music, their stage set up, their range of beers, ciders and now gins, the food choice, the fact it is such a family friendly mix of people attending, the joy of seeing those in fancy dress, talking to complete strangers, eating remarkably good food for a festival, all combine to make this such a highlight of the Newbury calendar. It supports local charities, we even saw the scouts and local youth groups getting involved in the rapid clean up process on the Sunday. They listen to feedback year on year to make each version of the event better organized, more secure, easier to access and we love attending.

Long may it continue,
Yours faithfully,
Wendy H Hayes

From: Peter Hayman
Sent: 15 October 2021 10:47 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Ale Festival

Good morning,

I'm writing today in full support of keeping the Real Ale Festival going.

It's incredibly disappointing to see there are some looking to wipe out one of the last decent events Newbury have - I grew up in Newbury and lived next to Northcroft Park in Cleveland Grove the entire time.

The noise from the beer fest is hardly even noticeable from my house and only once a year (admittedly I do notice it as I'm usually there) and the claims it "encourages criminal behaviour" is laughable. Ever been in town after a race night? Seen a lot more fights, and other activities, than after the beer fest and I wouldn't think race days are going anywhere anytime soon.

Friend's of mine come back every year for the beer fest, I suppose if it's gone we have the option of meeting at spoons or a choice of 2 dead shopping centres. (Great investment Park Way was hey).

Cancelling the beer fest would be the final nail in Newbury's cultural and musical coffin and a huge mistake. It's sad enough already what a sorry affair the town has become.

Kind regards,

Pete Hayman

From: Caroline Hearn
Sent: 22 October 2021 19:54
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival

Hi

I am writing to object to the application against Newbury Beer Festival. I have been attending since it started and took my children when they were younger. This event is a fun day out and early in the days lots of families attend. By late evening the families with small children tend to have left. I have never seen behaviour that would cause concern. I am sure people do drink too much but the same could be said of Newbury town centre on a Saturday night.

I am unsure why the event encourages criminal behaviour.

The noise is surely no different to when events happen at the racecourse. It is also one night of the year and not on a school night.

I feel it is naive to think children will never see drunk adults. Good parenting equips children to cope with being in society and how to make good choices.

This event has been running successfully for many years. I am at a loss to understand why it has suddenly become objectionable.

Best wishes

Caroline Hearn
Newbury Resident

The Firs
Tydehams
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 6JT

13th October 2021

Dear Sir, Madam,

Reference - 21/00812/LQN

We write in support of the Newbury Real Ale committee's application to renew its alcohol license.

We have been going along to the Newbury ale festival every year since its inception and have watched it grow and develop with each year that passes. It is a local event that is run to a professional standard, keeping ahead of the pace of growth in its audience, providing appropriate security measures, organising the site to ensure ease of access to exits, toilets and all other facilities. There is a continual and significant team presence on site all day to deal with any queries or issues that may arise.

We thought the way that the team managed the Covid health and safety measures this year was both excellent and innovative with the numbered queues and hands free/jug approach in the ale tents.

It is badged as a family event and we, ourselves, have been bringing our children to the ale festival since they were youngsters and have never had a worry that their safety was at risk nor their enjoyment compromised. They enjoy it as they get to run around with their friends, dance around to the acts (whom they would, otherwise, have no realistic opportunity to see live) and join in with other people enjoying live music.

It is now great to see younger families coming to enjoy the day, bringing their children, including plenty of babies this year, to experience the festival atmosphere in a safe, controlled and contained environment. It is a testament to the team that generations of the same families come together at the festival to enjoy a day out together picnicking to music and ale!

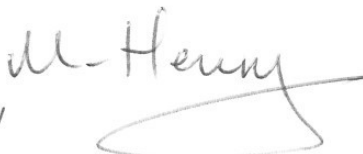
As we bring our children to the festival, we are watchful for any anti-social behaviour, but we can honestly say that we have not seen people drunk or behaving in an unseemly or objectionable manner, no shouting, no fighting, no foul language.

We have no doubt that locating the event within a short walking distance to Newbury town centre is a key factor to its success, it enables a gradual spread of people throughout the day but more importantly, it provides easy access to taxis, trains, buses.

The Newbury ale festival is a firm fixture in Newbury's calendar and to have it taken away would be a detriment to the town and its community.

Yours faithfully,


Adrian & Michelle Henry



From: EVH59 Henstridge
Sent: 18 October 2021 12:22
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref license review 21/00812/LQN Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express my dismay and objection at the notice for license review for Newbury Real Ale Festival on the grounds of

Prevention of harm to children.

Prevention of crime.

Public nuisance to the community.

I have been a volunteer at the festival since its conception 19 years ago. I have seen it grow from a tiny event to its present-day incarnation. My family have attended on many an occasion both parents and children and I have invited friends to attend and help the festival with a sense of pride of being part of something that is so valued by the community.

I may as well point out my professional capacity at this stage. I am a Healthcare professional that is registered with the Healthcare Professions Council for over 20 years. They are a regulatory body for my profession that take the conduct of their professionals very seriously. If, at any point, I considered an event, of which I am a part, was considered any of the above I would not be a part of it. As part of my role, I am also Level 2 child and adult safeguarding trained and at no point, during any of the festivals have I seen a child placed at risk of harm.

I have seen the Ale Festival team work with local police and other organisations to ensure the safety of the event and there is security on site to prevent disorder, not that I have ever seen any in the many years I have been involved. All festivals are ended in good time and people leave in an orderly fashion and in good spirits.

I understand there have been a few concerns about noise this year but, from the management team I gather there are systems in place to deal with any concerns. I know one of the team has a mobile phone and all residences in the area are given a slip of paper with the contact details so that the team can be contacted if there are any noise concerns. I have been to events in Newbury town centre that are much, much louder and go on for longer.

I do not know the complainant, Mr Wyper, and I am sure he has his concerns and feels them valid. But as someone who sees the event, year on year, both inside and out, I cannot see where his concerns are coming from. The event is a valued part of the calendar in the Newbury social scene and has the support of the community, I know people that come from far and wide to attend the event and consider it safe and well organised. I would not invite friends and family if that was not the case.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Edward Henstridge. BSc (Hons). MRCPod.

From: Matt Herbert
Sent: 16 October 2021 2:48 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir/ Madam

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

We have been a sponsor and attendee of the event for several years. It is a great event where people from the community enjoying coming together, in particular this year after the 18 months that we have all endured. Having attended the event on numerous occasions over the years I can say that I have not ever seen or been made aware of any criminal behaviour or disorder taking place on the site, or in the local area. The level of security staff at the event always makes it feel very safe.

We support the event as we consider it to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. Many of our employees attend the event and thoroughly enjoy it, it is a real community day out. Having spoken to colleagues no one there felt that either they or their children were not safe at any point.

As a reputable company we would not be lending our ongoing support to the event if we had concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity

Kind regards

Matt Herbert
Managing Director
LA Digital Print

From: David Herdman [<mailto:davidianherdman@yahoo.co.uk>]

Sent: 15 October 2021 11:30 AM

To: Licensing <Licensing@westberks.gov.uk>

Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Newbury Real Ale Festival.

Good morning.

I'm writing in complete support of The Newbury Real Ale Festival. It's a wonderful community event loved by all - including children.

I attended the event this year, as per usual and witnessed both children and adults having a great time.

The event should continue as it's enjoyed by thousands. If one individual doesn't like it, well, perhaps they should go along and see for themselves!

Thank you.

Regards.

David Herdman.

From: John Heywood
Sent: 19 October 2021 10:28
To: Licensing
Subject: Response to complaint Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear WBC,

I have been made aware of a formal complaint lodged against the Newbury Real Ale festival reference 21/00812/LQN.

I would like to register my support of the event. I am a local CAMRA member and have volunteered at their festivals for many years, and over the last 10 years I have been helping build and run the Cotswold Beer Festival at Postlip near Cheltenham. I know precisely how much planning and effort goes into making a beer festival a safe and secure place, and can without hesitation endorse the work of the Hockey Club with their arrangements. This is a view widely shared by West Berkshire CAMRA, who do not hold their own beer festival in Newbury precisely because the Hockey Club does such a good job, and raises huge sums for charity at the same time.

I was hugely impressed with their Festival this year (which I attended). It was the first such event many have been able to attend in nearly 2 years. In complete contrast to a public nuisance, the Festival is of huge benefit to the community, especially as we start to return to some elements of normal life after Covid. It would be a real shame for this event to be cancelled in future purely on the basis of a tiny minority that do not agree with the premise, and seek to force their opinions on everyone else.

Regards,
John Heywood

From: Kath Hodgson

Sent: 15 October 2021 4:01 PM

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival Ref 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern,

Reference 21/00812/LQN

Newbury Real Ale Festival

I would like to express my horror that the festival may lose its license. It is one of the highlights of our town year. My family and friends regularly attend, have never witnessed antisocial behaviour and have been involved in the following day's clear up with my daughter's Sea Cadet unit.

It is one weekend a year, unlike the racket from Bonfire Night which goes on for weeks!

Kathryn Hodgson
Thatcham

From: Paul Holdaway
Sent: 16 October 2021 4:06 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale festival

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

I am a resident of Bewicks Reach Newbury, which is adjacent to Northcroft Park.

I understand that an application has been made to have the premises licence removed from the Newbury Real Ale Festival. I write to object to the application to remove this licence and in support of the Newbury Real Ale Festival retaining its licence.

My reasons are:

1. I believe that a vibrant culture with a wide range of events for all tastes is of benefit to the town and its residents. Removal of the licence would damage this and restrict the range of events available to residents and visitors.
2. I understand that the festival donates to various charities and good causes. Removal of the licence would remove this contribution and impact the beneficiary charities.
3. The festival did not cause me a nuisance and I do not believe it should cause anyone else a nuisance. The festival music can be heard from my residence, but it was not excessively loud and is only for one afternoon and evening each year. If anything, the annual Michaelmas Fair causes much more disturbance and nuisance because it runs for several days and is just as noisy.
4. The festival appeared to be very well organised and did not seem to represent any kind of public safety risk or risk to children.
5. I am not aware that the Festival causes any increase in crime or disorder, certainly nothing of concern was reported in the press.

Yours faithfully

Paul Holdaway

From: Maja Howgate
Sent: 22 October 2021 13:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for beer festival

Hi

Not sure which format this should be in but writing in support of Newbury beer festival!
In fact I believe it should be better and bigger. It's great fun, great for out town and great for al the charities.

I believe data from police show there was no increase in trouble so if it's just noise people who didn't like town noise should move to the country side.

Maja Howgate

From: Minnie Hughes

Sent: 12 October 2021 20:30 and resent on the 15 October 2021

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival. 21/00812/LQN

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To Whom it may concern,

I am dismayed to learn that there has been a complaint regarding the Newbury Real Ale Festival. We have lived in West fields since 2002 and have been attending the festival every year since it's first inception.

It is a wonderful community event that is fully family friendly. Our eldest is now 16 and has attended every one. It is a lovely safe environment and a great introduction to live music.

We have always felt safe and have never experienced any negative effects to the community. If the festival is banned with regard to safety you may as well ban the Michaelmas Fair, the lantern parade, xmas light switch on and the inflatable park. They pose the same risk of crime and safety in terms of violence and pick pocketing.

Indeed the music finishes quite early and is certainly less intrusive than fireworks displays that go off continually from October past new year.

The Festival has also raised tens of thousands (if not more) over the years for several local charities. This is essential fundraising and should be fully appreciated.

The Festival is run by volunteers many of whom live within the immediate vicinity of the festival site. I think this proves how important it is to those within the local community. When my husband was made redundant being able to volunteer really did save his mental health. It really is an all round wonderful event.

The organisers have done a brilliant job over the years. They are an amazing team and really do aim the day at the local community. It is the highlight of our year. It is full of family groups unlike many beer festivals which tend to be adults only.

I can only plead with you to listen to those of us who live in the community. We love this festival and feel so privileged to have it on our doorstep. Please don't revoke the license.

Yours sincerely

Flaminia Hughes

From: Kelly Hughes
Sent: 13 October 2021 15:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival - 21/00812/LQN

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Hello,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and I am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

We have been a sponsor and attendee of the event for several years. As a local business we understand the benefits that an event of this type brings to the town and we feel that it is a great community day out, which also raises much needed funds for local good causes.

Our employees and clients attended the event and thoroughly enjoyed it. No one there felt that either they or their children were not safe at any point, and they did not see and were not aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at the event or within the local area.

As a local company we would not be lending our ongoing support to the event if we had concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance, or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary, the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity.

Thank you,

Kelly Hughes
Principal

Protection & Investment Ltd t/a Shirley Hughes Financial Services

From: Laura Hunter
Sent: 22 October 2021 14:57
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

I am disheartened to hear this is even being considered. I was a food trader at this event for 5 years and have enjoyed it as a patron for the last several. It is an absolutely wonderful local event, and I absolutely disagree about the issues related to children being present as most families like us only join for the first few hours. We put down a picnic on the grass with other families, they get their face painted and have a blast. It is an incredibly mellow event in comparison to other events. I appreciate it might be frustrating to have the noise if you live by. But just like those of us living near the race course music and noise is apart of life. We all have choices in life, if one night a year is too much to tolerate than my suggestion would be for them to rethink their living situation.

I really hope the council will consider continuing the support for a beloved local event and one that raises money in support of the community rather than for profit.

From: Lauren Huszarik
Sent: 22 October 2021 18:14
To: Licensing
Subject: Ale festival

I would just like to say the Newbury ale festival SHOULD STAY it is only once a year and is great for the community, especially after covid and everyone had the chance to have some fun again and interact with friends. The fair causes much more havoc and noise and drunk teenagers. The beer festival is age restricted and really gives the community a chance to connect and cancelling it would be awful. I met my partner there 2 years ago and I believe it should stay! I am a local resident of Cleveland grove right next door and do not find the noise a problem at all. It is a friendly and peaceful environment and everyone just has fun and it is well controlled. It is only once a year it happens and for me and my friends is the best event in Newbury. Please do not stop it! It brings the community together and even people who are not local attend which is amazing.

Thanks.

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Kind regards
Lauren Huszarik

From: Hutchinson, John
Sent: 13 October 2021 20:46
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival - License Revocation Request

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

Ref; 21/00812/LQN

Hi WB Licensing Team,

I am dismayed to hear that a single individual has made a formal yet petty request to revoke the annual beer festival license, and that this is seemingly under consideration despite the festival being one of the highlights of the Newbury calendar year for thousands of town residents of all ages.

The festival organisers have proven repeatedly that they listen to attendees, learn from and improve the organisation of the festival each year and this year's festival was incredibly well organised, especially given the latest Covid measures.

We are a family with high school age children and have been attending the festival in the day time for the last 10 years with many of our friends and their families. During the day the festival is full of happy children who enjoy seeing their mates and having a chance to experience live music. I hear that one of the justification points raised in the revocation letter specifically references the 'prevention of harm to children' – what an earth are they talking about! And frankly, they can keep their nose out of other people's business on what's best for their kids. The individual in question simply does not have to bring their kids, if they have them (!), to the event – problem solved.

If a resident does have an issue with the festival, then they have plenty of notice to arrange a trip away from Newbury for a few hours so that they are not offended, and the majority of town residents can enjoy an event that the whole town can be proud of!

I trust the WB licensing team will reach a sensible judgement, for the benefit of the vast majority, and re-new the festival's license for many years to come. Let's not forget that the festival is run by volunteers and generates a significant sum for local charities, hence it is greatly and fondly supported by the community.

I am happy to discuss in person if appropriate.

Yours Optimistically!

John and Lucy Hutchinson

From: louise james
Sent: 22 October 2021 22:00
To: Licensing
Subject: NRAF 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir or Madam

I write in support of renewing the licence to the Newbury Real Ale Festival. It is a really well organised event that showcases our town while directly supporting local brewers, local charities and providing a great day/evening out for local people and visitors.

Thanks
Louise James
Greenham

From: A J
Sent: 19 October 2021 16:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival

I wish to object to the removal of the licence for this event. I'm sure measures can be put in place to limit disturbance which would be much better than stopping it.

Regards
A Jennings

Newbury resident

From: Ben Johnson
Sent: 15 October 2021 2:19 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Real Ale Festival

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Dear Sirs,

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My family and I have attended the festival at least five times over the last decade and we have not once felt this event to be anything other than wholesome, family-friendly and good natured. In fact, for the first time, I took my two-year-old son and new-born daughter to the event this year and did not once consider the event, its entertainment, the presence of alcohol or the event's attendees to be anything other than safe for my young family. The same, however, cannot always be said of Newbury Town Centre (or any other for that matter) at night!

Any noise or disruption to residents living closest to the festival (which is rightly held on public recreation space) is only very temporary by the event's nature and, from what I have seen, appears to be well-managed through effective security and cordoning, a schedule and curfews and – most importantly – an effective degree of self-policing.

This event is one of the few things that our town, otherwise in visible decline, has got going for it and the ale festival is well supported by a range of local business and sponsors – all of whom are happy to be associated with this event. The fact that it grows in popularity each year is testament to the success and organisation of this event, and this would not be the case if it were the cause of crime, disorder and disruption that the complainant no-doubt suggests it is.

As long as the licence holders continue to host the event in the same positive way they always have, it is vital that the Newbury Real Ale Festival continues to operate free of onerous conditions that may hamper its future success and inevitably

prioritise the temporary amenity of a few over all of the aforementioned benefits to the town and its wider community.

I would expect West Berkshire Council and its members – particularly those representing town centre wards - to fully support the licensee in this case. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Ben Johnson & Family

From: Mark Jones
Sent: 18 October 2021 19:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

reference 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and I am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

I have been involved with the event, (as one of the organisers, a volunteer and an attendee), since it began and have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder, at or within close proximity of the event.

The festival is a great not for profit event organised by volunteers for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. My friends all attend the event and have never expressed any concerns about safety, including those of their children.

I would not be lending my ongoing support to the event if I had concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. The event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity.

Yours sincerely
Mr M Jones

From: Ian Jones
Sent: 22 October 2021 20:37
To: Licensing
Subject: NRAF

This is one of the highlights of the year on the Newbury calendar.

It is well run, gives thousands to local charities, brings the Newbury community together like no other event.

Please consider this review of the licence and throw it out. I would suggest a compromise is in order in terms of how late the music is allowed to be played, say 22:00 curfew. That way people can continue to enjoy a fantastic event during the daytime.

Regards,
Ian Jones

From: Garry Kaxe
Sent: 12 October 2021 09:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale festival 21/00812/LQN

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Dear Sirs

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

I have been a sponsor and attendee of the event for several years and have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event.

We support the event as we consider it to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. My family, along with my colleagues attend the event and all thoroughly enjoy it.

As an individual and a local company owner I would not be lending my ongoing support to the event if I have concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Garry Kaxe
Garry Kaxe FCILEx.FARLA. ANAEA. FRSA.
Henwick Properties 3 High Street Thatcham RG19 3JG

From: Gill Russ
Sent: 15 October 2021 6:17 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern at the potential for Newbury real ale festival to be cancelled for future years.

I am new to the area and Newbury hockey club this year and thought it was a fantastic atmosphere and a wonderful event for the community and surrounding area. Having volunteered to work behind the bar as part of the club I certainly witnessed no antisocial behaviour whatsoever. All customers were extremely pleasant and polite and was wonderful to see after such a tough 18 months for all, people laughing, smiling and enjoying themselves!!

The fact that so much work is put into this event and so much of the proceeds goes to charity is commendable it would be a great shame to see this event stopped due to a bitter few. The benefits to the hockey club the community and the charities is irreplaceable. It not only helps relieve financial burden for many areas but also serves massive physical and mental well-being benefits for all involved as well as the attendees to the event.

I hope these points will be considered when reviewing the license and the many benefits that are gained from the event can be seen and valued for the community.

Kind regards

Gill Kearins

From: Ben Kelly
Sent: 22 October 2021 15:52
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Hi Guys,

I would like to make representation on the following licence review.

21/00812/LQN Newbury Real Ale Festival

The undermining of the licensing objectives of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, The Prevention of Public Nuisance and The Protection of Children from Harm.

Firstly, I would like to respond the point regarding crime and disorder. I have seen no crime and disorder at or in the vicinity of The Real Ale Festival. Yes, there is drinking of alcohol but in a fun environment with no anti-social behaviour and no visible under-age drinking

Secondly, regarding the issue of public nuisance. I see no public nuisance issue at or after the festival. The Northcroft area is fully cleaned after the event and the event is only for one afternoon / evening per year so cannot be considered a nuisance for a long duration.

Thirdly, regarding the issue of child protection, I see no issues with the festival. I see some adults drinking who are responsible for children, however, the children I saw were not at any risk. I also saw no visible under-age drinking given it is mainly a 'middle age' event with the majority of attendees between approximately 30 and 55 years old.

Overall, this is a significant one day celebration for the people of Newbury. It is a fun occasion with little or no anti-social behaviour which is a big part of the bringing the community together and also raising important funds for charity and local sports clubs. I strongly object to the alcohol licence being withdrawn as this would effectively close the festival.

Cheers,

Ben

Ben Kelly

From: andy kimber
Sent: 22 October 2021 13:45
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival - objection.

Good afternoon - I along with my family or with adult friends, have visited this lovely event on several occasions and even when the children were very small.

I cannot recall a single incident that made us think twice about attending. The atmosphere is friendly and warm in a great setting.

The organisers do a terrific job at putting on a safe and popular event and should be commended, particularly as proceeds go to good causes.

One complaint should not spoil the enjoyment for the VAST majority of well-mannered and well-behaved customers.

Yours faithfully - Mr A Kimber,

From: Fiona Knott
Sent: 19 October 2021 22:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for beer Festival

To whom it may concern

I live in Russell Road, close to the monkey bridge. I am emailing to offer my support for the beer festival. As a local resident I have never been affected by noise from the festival, and have never witnessed or been affected by any criminal behaviour or nuisance. In contrast, the festival seems well organised and well run and to provide a lot of enjoyment to those who attend

Kind regards,

Dr Fiona Knott

From: Jonathon Layton
Sent: 15 October 2021 9:06 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Keep NRAF

Dear West Berks Council,

I am fully in support to keep the real ale festival in Newbury and on the Northcroft park location.

It is a highlight of my friends and my year and such an enjoyable event. It is really well organised and run and in the many many years I have been going, I have never witnessed any violence or anti social behaviour, just so many people having a great time, being sociable and enjoying great music, food and most especially some fabulous real ales!

Please keep this wonderful event going.

Yours Sincerely
Jonathon Layton

From: TCD
Sent: 15 October 2021 4:10 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: application number 21/00812/LQN

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Kind regards,

Sam Lee

From: Simon Lennie

Sent: 22 October 2021 15:14

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Hi,

I was simply staggered to learn online that there has been an objection made that might potentially impact the future licensing of the above.

This continues to be one of the best organised real ale festivals that I have had the good fortune to attend and is another shining example of what Newbury has to offer and what Newbury does well.

As a local resident who has attended on numerous occasions, I continue to be amazed by the level of organisation, control, sponsorship and volunteering that goes into the festival each and every year and the all round positive impact it has on those that attend.

I have previously attended with both friends and family, age groups ranging from 5 - 85 and a thoroughly good time is always had by all.

I trust common sense will prevail in this regard.

Kind Regards

Simon Lennie

From: Nick Leonard
Sent: 17 October 2021 9:23 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival Licence

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing in support of the Newbury Real Ale festival.

I have been a resident in Gloucester Rd. for 18 years, and have only been to the festival twice. But I have been impressed with the organisation from when it was just one tent and a local Cricket match to what it has become now.

It is a great day out, and the festival goers are, in general, very responsible and there for a great time and to satisfy their interest in ales and ciders. I have also talked to people who have visited the festival from outside for Newbury who have described it as a great event they would travel from many miles away to visit.

It is noisy, but only for one night and the noise gives me great pleasure to think that Newbury is a vibrant town and people are enjoying themselves. Whilst, as with any other event, I'm sure that it may attract some undesirables, it is so well organised I suspect this is no worse than any other event and is certainly one of the events I am proud Newbury hosts.

Yours Faithfully
Nick Leonard

From: Suzi
Sent: 19 October 2021 07:19
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

I am in support of this application.

It's an event that bring friends, family and the community together for one day. I've been q few years and always enjoy it and have taken my daughter since she was 18mths old - she's nearly 10. It's a fun experience for her with the live music and being with family and friends.

I've never seen/experienced or heard of any criminal behaviour relating to this event.

I live close to the area and was quite disappointed I couldn't hear the music where I lived as had to miss the event but was hoping to hear some of it so don't believe the event is excessive with noise.

My daughter has always slept and never been bothered by any noise from this.

It would be a devastating shame if this licence was revoked.

Kind regards

Suzi lewis

From: Steven Lewis

Sent: 22 October 2021 14:12

To: Licensing

Subject: RE: 21/00812/LQN - In support of Newbury Real Ale Festival

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards reference to application 21/00812/LQN.

I have attended the Newbury Real Ale Festival for many years as patron and more recently as a volunteer photographer. As a photographer I get to wonder around the site, it's great to see so many people enjoying themselves, from groups of friends and work colleagues to families with children of all ages. I have never witnessed anything that would cause concern, anyone causing problems or acting antisocially.

NRAF has grown in to a local traditional, one that I hope will continue for many years.

Yours Faithfully,
Steven Lewis

From: Rosalind Littlejohn
Sent: 15 October 2021 7:33 AM
To: Licensing <Licensing@westberks.gov.uk>
Subject: Newbury beer festival

Sir,

I write to register my support for this important community event. Whilst notionally about beer, it is actually a day enjoyed by locals of all ages, and this year the music was especially good and welcome.

The event has always been well organised with efficient set up and clearing up afterwards. I trust that the licence won't be withdrawn.

Yours truly,

R and D Littlejohn

From: Andrew Livingstone
Sent: 19 October 2021 12:15
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

OBJECTION to the application to review the licence of Newbury Real Ale Festival

I write to object to the application to review the licence for Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I have attended the event for many years with my family including young children, and we thoroughly support the continuation of the event. There have always been activities for children, face painting, tuck shops etc and within a fenced area we feel it is safe for them to roam around.

The consumption of alcohol, music/noise and general behavior is no different than you would see at other large events attracting families such as football matches, music festivals and other beer festivals that are run successfully in many towns, including Reading.

The continued popularity and support for the festival is reflected in the event organisers scaling up certain aspects of security, and generally is well planned. The location close to the town centre encourages people to walk rather than risk driving.

Other events at Northcroft such as the Michalmas fair run for several days with high noise levels and have some historical track record of bad behavior, crime and violence.

It is unfortunate that a small number of residents object to the beer festival which is of relatively short duration (one afternoon/evening), ends well before pubs close and supports a number of local brewery and catering businesses, local musicians and brings people to Newbury year after year.

Perhaps more signage as people leave the site to be considerate to residents would be helpful, and pointing the stage away from immediate residents to minimise noise.

I would be very disappointed to see the festival's licence revoked.

Regards

Andrew Livingstone

From: Alice Lockhart
Sent: 21 October 2021 18:11
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to formally lodge my support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival. This support is specifically in reference to the festival retaining its premises license and to strongly oppose the current application for the removal of this license.

I attended the festival as a volunteer for the first time this year and I was overwhelmed by both the professionalism of the event in general and also the clear social and economic benefits it brought to the community. The event is clearly very popular having successfully taken place since 2003 (apart from last year due to COVID-19 restrictions) and the feedback from those attending on the day spoke volumes to support this. I was very impressed by the manner in which the event was run and as a medical professional was reassured by the number of security and first aid staff employed by the organisers. At no time did I witness any antisocial behaviour or encounter a situation that would have caused harm to either those attending or those who may have been in the general area at the time of the event.

Finally, I am aware that alongside supporting the local hockey club (Newbury and Thatcham), the proceeds raised by the festival are split between local charities. The benefits of this generous support are obvious and play a vital role in keeping these organisations functioning.

As stated at the start of this email, I strongly oppose the application to remove the event's license and I hope that the future of the festival will continue with no interruption.

Yours faithfully,

Alice Lockhart

From: Martin Lockwood
Sent: 15 October 2021 11:26 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival

Good morning

I am emailing to register my support for the annual beer festival at Northcroft.

It is a fine event that has been successful for many years and brings enjoyment to thousands of people of all ages.

I do not believe that it is the cause of any criminal behaviour and the minor noise issue is no more than any other organised events within the town. It does not go on late and is only one day a year.

I sincerely hope that the licensing department will not pay heed to a miserable nimby's attempt to spoil the enjoyment of many.

Yours
Martin Lockwood

From: Anthony Lovell
Sent: 20 October 2021 18:57
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Reference 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am contacting you in response to the news that there has been a formal request to revoke the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I feel strongly that this request should be rejected. As a community event, it is well managed, sustainable, and secure. A team of volunteers has provided a day of entertainment for the people of Newbury and further afield for many years without any cause for complaint. Additionally, it has raised a substantial sum of money for charities and local clubs.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Newbury Real Ale Festival should be allowed to continue for as long as the organisers wish to put in the substantial amount of work that it requires.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Lovell

From: NEIL MANTLE
Sent: 18 October 2021 22:01
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival - Ref: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has been brought to my attention that an objection has been raised around the holding of The Newbury Real Ale Festival (NRAF).

Whilst I am very surprised that anyone would complain about this event which is held just once a year on just one day, I am not 100% sure of the finer detail of the complaint. Therefore rather than criticise this when I don't understand their motivations I have simply laid out below the huge positives that I have seen over the years of being involved and visiting the event.

As you are probably aware this is an event organised by a team of volunteers from The Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club with the sole aim of raising money for a number of charities in the Newbury area. They start organising many months in advance and give up hours and hours of their time to organise what I believe is a superbly structured event. I believe that any professional events company would be highly impressed with every aspect of how the NRAF is put together from the facilities and entertainment to the security and family friendly atmosphere.

The field is surrounded by secure Heras fencing enabling the event to be controlled throughout the day with a professional security company employed to add the experience needed to oversee as the day progresses. Some of this team is initially deployed at the front gate before moving people through to the 'Ticket gate' which is manned by a mix of parents, adults and young volunteers from within the club. The ticket check and payment is undertaken by the adults ensuring ages are checked before an armband is issued to those over the age of 18. Anyone under 18 is issued with a plain white band to show that they cannot drink but can enter with their families and enjoy the entertainment and have a fun time. I myself have worked the Ticket Gate over the last three events and I enjoy helping to set the happy atmosphere which surrounds the festival. This year I worked it with my 16 year old daughter who helped hand out programmes and direct people and answer any queries.

In previous years from about the age of 12 my daughter has helped man the Candy stall and Crepe stand. With the support of some adults the younger club members can get involved and contribute towards the success of the event.

I think it is worth mentioning that as well as the security staff being identifiable all the volunteers are easily recognisable. Each volunteer is checked in at the staff gate and issued with a club sponsored T-shirt (generally quite a bold colour) which again helps all visitors easily identify the staff should they have any questions.

Then as people enter onto the main lawn area everyone quickly sets up pitch with chairs and picnic blankets and enter into the warm and family friendly atmosphere that the day brings. For me the day then goes from strength to strength with some superb entertainment which if you know the words gets everyone singing along. I see many people attending as a couple, as a group of friends and as families.

Then the clear up! The group of volunteers that were manning the event on the Saturday then assemble again on the Sunday morning. A well organised break down then swings into action with teams of people clearing the site. Many hands make light work and by close of play on the Sunday you would not know that anyone had been there the day before! I now that by the time I finish on the Sunday afternoon I am a little weary but love being involved with such a superb event which does so much good for the community and local charities that it supports.

I hope the above has been useful in trying to demonstrate what a fantastic event the NRAF has become. Should you want to discuss any of the above or obtain further feedback I would welcome the conversation.

Many thanks

Regards

Neil

Neil Mantle

From: Steve Martin (Newbury Branch)
Sent: 12 October 2021 09:24
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Good morning,

I understand from Sara Dufield, who is involved in organising the Newbury Real Ale Festival, that you have received some objections to the granting of a licence for next year's event.

Buildbase have sponsored the Festival for a number of years now and I'd like to make the following points about this year's event.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to make it along on the day but several members of our staff and a number of our customers did attend and they all really enjoyed themselves..

I've spoken to my colleagues about the objections you've received to the festival and they all found them quite hard to believe!

None of them witnessed any form of criminal behaviour or disorder (the event was very well stewarded) and the children that they saw on site were having a thoroughly good time.

Obviously the music at an event like this was going to be relatively loud but it was no more so than the Michaelmas Fair and it finished at a reasonable hour.

Northcroft has always been an excellent public entertainment venue and as such seems to be the ideal location for the Real Ale Festival.

I thoroughly hope the views of one individual will not stand in the way of the enjoyment of the many hundreds of people who attend the festival and we look forward to sponsoring the event again in 2022.

Regards,

Steve Martin | Branch Manager | Buildbase

From: Alison Martin

Sent: 15 October 2021 12:53 AM

To: Licensing

Subject: Note of support for Real Ale Festival licence review - reference 21/00812/LQN

To whom it may concern,

As a near resident of Northcroft (Gloucester Road), I would like to voice my support for the Real Ale festival. This one day event is well managed, is a family-orientated event and raises significant sums for charity. I think most residents appreciate the live music playing and do not find this troublesome at all, and they always finish at 10pm to be respectful to local neighbours.

I think the idea that this event encourages crime is not factually correct as the organisers manage the event very carefully and ensure all appropriate post event clean-up is done, etc.

Cancellation of this real ale festival would see the whole community miss out on this hugely popular event, local breweries benefit from the sales/marketing opportunities and supported charities would be significantly effected by the missed revenue generated.

Thank for adding my note of support into your upcoming licence review.

Alison

From: Vicky Maunder
Sent: 13 October 2021 11:52
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference: 21/00812/LQN

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to confirm that Daisy's Dream (registered charity 1177145) have been the beneficiary of significant donations from the Newbury Real Ale Festival in recent years. In 2019 we received a donation of £10,000 following the event, and this year (2021) we have been pledged a donation of £2,500.

As a small, local charity who receive no government grants or funding, we rely on our local communities to raise the £450,000 a year we need to continue our work with children and young people facing, or following, bereavement. Donations, such as the ones we have received from Newbury Real Ale Festival, are essential to Daisy's Dream. The funds we have received through these two donations will help us support 24 bereaved families for an entire year.

Unfortunately, we were unable to send a charity representative to the Festival this year, so did not experience the event first hand, but we have received no negative feedback about the event or our association with it. We hope to continue to work with the Newbury Real Ale Festival in years to come.

Kind regards,

Vicky Maunder

From: Jenny Maxwell
Sent: 15 October 2021 11:01 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival, Premises Licence

I am writing to ask you NOT to remove the licence from this event. It is a well run and popular event which is enjoyed by many members of the local community, and there is no noticeable increase in criminal or otherwise undesirable behaviour in the area.

Regards,
Jenny Maxwell

From: Paula McAuley
Sent: 22 October 2021 17:38
To: 'licensing@westberks.gov'
Subject: NRAF Reference 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to the Newbury Real Ale Festivals licensing review.

I visited the festival this year for the first time, having heard glowing reports, and have to say I was not disappointed.

It was an extremely well organised, laid back event. There were lots of families with children present, and at no point did I witness any antisocial behaviour.

The festival is only for one day, raises thousand for charity and helps raise the profile of local businesses – this is something Newbury needs now more than ever.

I find it incomprehensible that residents have complained about an event that has been running for years, and they must surely have known about.

Presumably they have complained about the Michaelmas fair too ?

I have read previously that a proposed Christmas event at the racecourse has been dismissed. At the current rate there will really be little or no entertainment in the town, and we will loose desperately needed trade right across the region.

I therefore fully support the NRAF to continue.

Kind regards
Paula McAuley (Mrs)

From: Kris McDonald
Sent: 12 October 2021 21:23
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref: 21/00812/LQN

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Dear Sir / Madam

This is a letter of support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I understand that there has been an objection raised to the licensing of the above event. As a resident of Westfields I have enjoyed attending the festival (with my family) since it started (in 2004 I think?). The festival has grown over the years but has always managed to maintain the feeling of a local community event. It not only provides an annual event for the community, it raises money for charity and is entirely run by local volunteers.

I have always felt safe at the event and happy to take my children there - from the time they were babies to the present day as teenagers. The festival is not just about alcohol. The Ale (and cider etc) might create the backdrop to the festival but the music, food and face painting etc have always helped keep the feeling of a family friendly event. I have never witnessed any "antisocial" behaviour at the festival and the fact that the organisers can clean the site by the next afternoon of all litter, I think speaks very highly of the love and effort that still goes into this annual event. (It would be nice if the same clean up could occur after other events on Northcroft!!)

The loss of the Real Ale Festival would be felt greatly by the local community and would be seen as a disgraceful application of local government powers.

Yours sincerely
Mrs K McDonald

From: Daniel McIntosh
Sent: 22 October 2021 14:36
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Newbury real ale festival

I would like to write in support of the Real Ale Festival. As a resident in the West Mills area and someone who also attended two years ago, I thought the event was very well managed, well policed and staffed and can't see any issues with it being held again in the future.

Newbury is a diverse, creative town and events like this only help to put it on the map for all the right reasons. People come to Newbury because there is always something going on. If events like this aren't allowed then it sets a very bad precedent and I can only see Newbury taking a nose dive on both a social and cultural level.

I really hope this gets renewed, and can only speak positively about the event. Anyone opposing is surely in the minority.

Dan McIntosh (RG14), and family.

From: Taig McNab
Sent: 14 October 2021 10:06 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Newbury Real Ale Festival license

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to STRONGLY OBJECT to the ludicrous application 21/00812/LQN to revoke the premises license for the Newbury Real Ale Festival at Northcroft Park in Newbury.

I am the owner and occupant of a property on Russell Road that backs onto the canal, in very close proximity to the site in question at Northcroft Park.

I note that the applicant has an issue with the noise levels. For the past two festivals, we have been fortunate to have two world-renowned bands (Toploader and Reef) headline. They have been brilliant and brought joy to countless local residents. The noise intrusion felt by myself as a neighbour has been no different to the countless fairs, fireworks, Corn Exchange Live events (eg: Crossing Lines, 11/08/17; Winter Lantern Trail, 11-1307/20) and neighbourhood parties (eg: the annual garden party on the island). Why is it only the Ale Festival that the applicant's ear objects to?

I also note that the applicant has an issue with the festival encouraging criminal behaviour. This is utter nonsense. We are located close to a bustling town centre. It is not unusual for there to be criminal behaviour - whether it be at 'kicking out time' or in broad daylight. During lockdown, youths started to shoot swans on the canal. It is pretty common for bikes to be stolen or cars to be keyed in the neighborhood.

These criminal incidents do not all happen on the one night of the annual beer festival. They happen all the time. It's not OK, but it is part and parcel of living in an urban setting. To assign blame to the Ale Festival for encouraging criminality seems, quite frankly, irrational. It also makes me question if the applicant has such an issue, why don't they go away that weekend, rather than try to stop everybody else in the community having fun?

We are so fortunate to have such a well-organised, sociable and fun annual event on our doorstep. To think that it benefits local charities and small local businesses too makes it all the more worthwhile. I know my feelings are similar to that of many of my neighbours, who also intend to write in. I hope the council gives our correspondence very careful consideration, and that the Newbury Real Ale Festival is able to benefit local charities, companies and residents for many years to come.

Kind regards,
Taig

From: Heather McNab
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:54 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Newbury Real Ale Festival license

REFERENCE: 21/00812/LQN

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to STRONGLY OBJECT to the ludicrous application 21/00812/LQN to revoke the premises license for the Newbury Real Ale Festival at Northcroft Park in Newbury.

I am the owner and occupant of a property on Russell Road that backs onto the canal, in very close proximity to the site in question at Northcroft Park.

I note that the applicant has an issue with the noise levels. For the past two festivals, we have been fortunate to have two world-renowned bands (Toploader and Reef) headline. They have been brilliant and brought joy to countless local residents. The noise intrusion felt by myself as a neighbour has been no different to the countless fairs, fireworks, Corn Exchange Live events (eg: Crossing Lines, 11/08/17; Winter Lantern Trail, 11-1307/20) and neighbourhood parties (eg: the annual garden party on the island). Why is it only the Ale Festival that the applicant's ear objects to?

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Yours,

Heather McNab

From: Jo Medhurst
Sent: Thursday, 14 October 2021, 21:07
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury real ale festival

Hello there,

I'd like to support Newbury real ale festival and request their license is not removed.
Ref 21/00812/LQN

The music finishes at 10pm once a year so I feel the noise nuisance complaint is unfounded. The idea that this encourages criminal behaviour seems ridiculous. I don't see how it could possibly be worse than any pub with live music, and suspect there isn't evidence to back up that claim.

It is one of the nicest events in Newbury in my opinion, and very family friendly and supports local businesses. I think it would be a real shame to see it disappear.

Just wanted to send over those comments.

Many Thanks

Jo Medhurst

From: Richie Milner
Sent: 15 October 2021 10:18 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

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Dear West Berks Council,

In reference to above complaint.

I have been working at the Real ale festival for the last twelve years, I work as the overall production manager for the music. It has been nothing but a joy to be involved in an expertly organised and run family event that brings so much to the local community.

The music we have each is varied and brings something for everyone. Each year we invite local talent to the event to play in an open mic competition , the winner gets to play on the main stage on the day. It brings so much pleasure to local artists and the community.

I am also the father of two boys who have been accompanying me to the festival since they were in prams. They are now 13 and 15 and attended again this year. They had a wonderful time as did everyone who attended.

It would be an absolute travesty if this event was not allowed to continue.

As a local businessman I walked into town after the event and spoke to the owner of the Kebab corner who said his shop had people queuing

Outside since 5pm and it was his best business day of the year, this was also echoed by the local taxi drivers.

It is a wonderful event for local business people and the community and I hope you see fit to discount the baseless false claims that have been put forward.

I am available to speak to anyone about this matter if needs be.

Richard Milner

Owner – Director Livewire sound

From: Claire Milsom
Sent: 22 October 2021 12:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer festival feedback

I have just seen the article on Newbury Today about the future of the beer festival being at risk. It invited views via this email address. So I really wanted to give my view.

I can only speak for my experience having attended several times including this year. I found the festival really relaxed, with a community feel and a bringing together of different groups of people and ages.

I attended with my family and friends including teenager under 18 and adult children and some of us approaching retirement age! It felt to me a safe environment for all, friendly and relaxed. I did not see extreme drinking and many of those with younger children left as it got dark.

It definitely feels like a family event to me. I love the live music aspect - it is loud but in a big open space. I am sure the event brings people into Newbury. And it's voluntary raising money for charity. I would think the council should be working with the organisers to address any valid concerns and to ensure the festival goes from strength to strength.

I feel it's important that you get some alternate views. So wanted to share mine.

Regards
Claire Milsom
Newbury resident

From: Chris Minhinnett
Sent: 22 October 2021 13:12
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing this email in support of the Newbury Real Ale Festival. I have been involved with the festival since its first inception and have been immensely proud of the event each and every time that it has been held. The festival raises a significant amount of money for worthwhile charitable causes and the volunteers from the Hockey Club, willingly give their time for free to support this fundraising event. To suggest that the event encourages criminal behaviour and disorder is nothing more than farcical and as a Director of a limited company and long time resident of Newbury, I can assure anybody that I would not be personally involved in such an event if this was the case. The event is professionally run and no expense is spared with regards to the organisation of the event so as to ensure that all aspects of the festival are enjoyed in a safe, pleasant and secure environment.

I have never witnessed any crime nor have I heard of any, any noise disturbance was kept to a minimum and the music was all wrapped up before 10pm, which I believe to be wholly acceptable.

The festival is great for Newbury as people travel from further afield and it has built a great reputation for a fantastic day out for families. The event also allows a lot of people from different backgrounds and beliefs to enjoy the festival as well as building immense comradery amongst the willing volunteers. All aspects of the festival, before, during and after are focussed on maximising the benefits to the community and minimising any impact on them. As part of both the set-up and break down of the site, I can confirm that every care was taken and the site was returned ready for the planned game of cricket @ 11am on the Sunday, this is no mean feat and shows the sheer dedication of the committee and volunteers to deliver against every commitment made.

If the event was cancelled for future years, I feel that the impact across many areas would be significant, including but not limited to the charities who have been so severely impacted by COVID-19.

Should you have any questions or require any further information regarding my involvement, please do not hesitate to contact me, either on this email or on the number stated below.

Yours sincerely
Chris Minhinnett

From: Mitchell, James
Sent: 12 October 2021 20:59
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference 21/00812/LQN

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To whom it may concern,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

I have been an attendee and volunteer at the event for the past 8 years. Kerridge Commercial systems promote this event to its staff (200 staff in West Berkshire) and our customer base. It is a great community event.

I have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event. As a volunteer I have, at every event, signed to confirm that I have read the instructions issued by the licensee which includes that anyone appearing to have drunk in excess should not be served and should be asked to leave by one of the organising team or the security staff. To my knowledge this has never had to be done.

I consider the event to be a great not for profit event organised by volunteers for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. My family and friends all attend the event and have never expressed any concerns about safety, including those of our children.

As an individual, a volunteer and a member of the local business community I would not be lending my ongoing support to the event if I have concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity.

Thanks,

James

James Mitchell | Managing Director UK & Ireland

From: robert molloy
Sent: 19 October 2021 12:58
To: Licensing
Subject: Application to have the licence removed for the Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear sir/madam,

I writing to object to the application for the licence to be removed for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I have been attending since 2008 and have never seen any acts of criminal damage or any kinds of anti social behaviour. This festival also raises hundreds of thousands of pounds for local charities each year. I feel if the Michaelmas fair can be tolerated for 4 days each year then a one day real ale festival should be allowed to continue at Northcroft for the foreseeable future. It's benefits to the local community far outweigh the negatives.

Kindest Regards

Robert Molloy

From: James Morley
Sent: 19 October 2021 15:52
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival Licence Review

Good Afternoon,

I would like to make known my objection to the review of the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I feel that the benefits of the festival, to both the community and local businesses far outweighs the downsides and minor inconveniences to a vocal minority for one day. To deny the festival future permission would be short sighted and detrimental to the town as a whole, and I hope that common sense will prevail.

Yours faithfully,

James Morley,

From: Catherine Melis
Sent: 14 October 2021 8:44 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Dear Sirs

I understand that there has been an application to have the licence of the real ale festival removed on the grounds that the noise levels constitute a public nuisance and encourage criminal behaviour.

I am a local resident. I live on Craven Road, within audible distance of the ale festival (and all other events that take place at Northcroft Park).

I object to this application and support the festival continuing to maintain a licence.

In my 4 years as a local resident, I have never been disturbed by the festival or its attendees. I live directly adjacent to the alleyway from Russell Road to Craven Road, so I am usually aware of increased footfall due to local events taking place. Notwithstanding that, the festival has not, in my experience, caused a disturbance, or encouraged criminal behaviour. The noise levels are perfectly acceptable, and no louder than any of the other fairs, exercise classes or events that take place there.

The festival takes place once a year, is a fun, family friendly affair and should be permitted to continue.

Please let me know if you require any further details.

Thanks

Catherine Mulvany

From: Robert Mulvany
Sent: 22 October 2021 11:24
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear Sirs

I understand that there has been an application to have the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival removed on the grounds that the noise levels constitute a public nuisance and that it encourages criminal behaviour and disorder.

I live in Craven Road near to the site and have done for almost five years. I have also lived in or around Newbury for much of the last twenty years. I currently live within audible distance of the ale festival and all other events that take place at Northcroft Park.

I object to this application and support the festival continuing to maintain a licence.

In my five years as a local resident, I have never been disturbed by the festival or its attendees. I have also never witnessed any aspect of the event which I would consider constitutes a public nuisance or encourages criminal or disorder in my time as a local resident.

I live next to the alleyway between Russell Road and Craven Road which provides a route to and from Northcroft Park for a large part of Newbury so I am usually aware of increased footfall due to local events taking place. Notwithstanding that, the festival has not in my experience, caused a disturbance, or encouraged criminal behaviour. The noise levels are perfectly acceptable, and no louder than any of the other events (fairs, exercise classes etc) that currently take place in the park.

The festival takes place once a year and provides many positive benefits to the community and should be permitted to continue.

Please let me know if you require any further details.

Thanks

Rob Mulvany

From: Philip, Katie and Ella

Sent: 19 October 2021 10:49

To: Licensing

Subject: Object - Newbury Real Ale Festival Survey Community consultation

I wish to object to the grounds of the review being sought for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

The event does not constitute a public noise nuisance in the few hours it is open. Leave it be - if you want to do something about noise then tell the Racecourse to turn down its sound system.

Regards

Katie Munn

From: verity murrricane

Sent: 16 October 2021 12:54 PM

To: Licensing

Subject: Fwd: Application to remove the licence from the real ale festival

Subject: Application to remove the licence from the real ale festival

I am writing to express my support for the festival keeping its licence. I live locally, the level of noise and disruption is within perfectly reasonable levels, and it brings people pleasure. Plus, I work in a town centre food shop, and I can state that it brings us additional business, really beneficial in current conditions.

Reject this application to remove the licence, keep the festival alive

Regards Verity Murrricane

From: Alistair Nicholls
Sent: 14 October 2021 10:07
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Newbury Real Ale Festival

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am a local resident and have also volunteered at the Newbury Ale festival since the beginning and have seen it grow and improve each year since inception.

Many people give their time for free including many youngsters who are volunteering for the first time and learning the joy that comes with contributing to the community.

The event itself is very popular with no trouble and excellent security. The music ends at a sociable hour and Northcroft is cleaned and cleared within a day.

The festival has raised a huge amount of money for charity and has also helped the hockey club to increase its membership including a very large youth section.

The community and town of Newbury is greatly enhanced by the Real Ale festival and I hope it continues for a long time to come.

Kind regards
Alistair Nicholls

From: Joanna Nightingale
Sent: 22 October 2021 18:22
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN - Newbury Real Ale Festival License

To whom it may concern

I am really sad to hear that there was an objection to the Newbury Real Ale Festival and that somebody is hoping to remove their licence.

I have been going to the festival for many years with family, friends and often their kids. We always have such a lovely time and really enjoy attending a local event where we can catch up with so many people while also supporting local (often small) businesses. It is nice to see the buzz that it brings to the town centre when we go for dinner in Newbury after too.

I've never seen any trouble and it has such a wonderful positive vibe about it. Not only that, but it is run very professionally by volunteers to raise money for charity and bring the wider community together. So much so, that it has grown to be an annual event for our diaries, which we would miss if it were to stop.

I'm unsure for the specific reason(s) behind the complaint about the event. However it is only once a year, it finishes by 10pm, it feels perfectly safe, it's well run, and everything is tidied up the following morning. So I just don't see why or how the event can be seen as a problem. It's hardly a public nuisance and I am most certain that the positives outweigh the negatives.

Anyway, I totally disagree with the move to take away the license and think it would be such a loss to the community if the event were to be stopped. Especially if it were because of complaints from a tiny minority. If anything, there need to be more events like this.

I hope you consider my view.

Kind regards.

Joanna Nightingale

From: marionnuku

Sent: 19 October 2021 16:58

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

This has been a very popular local community event for our family since my children were very small and we attended it with several other families with similar aged children, right up til now when they are old enough to enjoy it with their own friends. It brings about such a wonderful community feeling, which supports a number of smaller breweries from both near & far, as well as providing a fantastic festival feel with live music.

Please do not revoke the license, it would be a huge loss to Newbury.

- Marion Nuku

From: Kat O'Brien
Sent: 22 October 2021 12:44
To: Licensing
Subject: URGENT 21/00812/LQN

Good Afternoon,

I would like to express my objection to the terms in the subject reference number 21/00812/LQN. The Newbury Ale Festival is an event which occurs over one day, once a year at Northcroft. There is a clean up team. There is security. The event is contained.

There has been a local fayre which comes to town for decades. This event occurs over three days, leaving behind a mess to the grounds, as well as the obvious antisocial behaviour, which does include illegal drinking.

With this in mind, local residents have accepted the aftermath of the fayre for decades, so why turn on this event? Let's touch on some of the concerns mentioned; The solution to people urinating in their garden is not to cancel the event, but to report it to the police. Whilst it is illegal to publicly urinate, it is not the responsibility of the event organisers. If you disagree, then every pub in town should also close by that logic.

The solution to members of the public using foul language is not to cancel the event, but to take themselves away for the day and or evening. If this cannot be done, then they could consider many more alternatives that don't involve the event being cancelled. Most people swear. It's not a crime.

Children attending the event, again, if they are concerned for the safety of a child, they should be reporting this to the police. We all have a duty of care for each other at the end of the day and most people will intervene if something bad is happening where a child is involved.

Events like these are what keeps local business' going, and creates a sense of community spirit. The intentions are good behind the event in jeopardy. Could you imagine the aftermath local residents would endure from Reading Festival..? Unfortunately, you cannot and will not ever please everyone. Some people just need to be brought back down to reality and look at the bigger picture. If all this person has to worry about is his kids hearing people swear and randoms doing a wee in his garden one day a year, then his problems are not even on a scale comparable with most of the residents in Newbury and the battles they face on a daily basis. Perspective please.

Newbury Ale Festival is one of the best events the town offers. If you revoke the license, you will be shooting yourselves in the foot.

Kind regards, Kat

From: Cristina Azevedo
Sent: 20 October 2021 18:39
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly object the application regarding Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I live in Bewicks Reach so I am a neighbour of the festival.

I have only been once 5 years ago. At the time I was pregnant and took my 5 year old daughter with me and we had great fun because it is a lovely family festival.

Since then I have been missing only because I didn't want to take the baby/toddler.

At this point you know I have a young family and I have never had problems with noise or criminal behaviour.

The festival organization always shuts on time, so it never goes out of hours.

From all the events that run at Northcroft / Goldwell Park, this one might be the best and it is just for one day.

The best thing about Northcroft Park is how multitasking the park is because it provides different events to all throughout all year, so it is a central place in Newbury that brings everyone together for entertainment.

If the complaint wins, what happens next? Will you forbid Michaelmas fun fair, the bouncy castles event, any sports event?

I live near the person that made the complaint and in my opinion, first he is wrong, second if he wins he will just try to end with all the other events. He is the reason why the word obnoxious exists!

Many thanks and take care
Cristina Oliveira

From: Jennie Owen
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:25 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear Sirs

I am writing in support of the Real Ale festival, very much against the objection lodged.

The Real Ale festival is organised by the Hockey Club, run largely by volunteers and members of the local community, and attended by local families. It raises funds for the sports clubs and other local charities. In addition to this it show cases and brings income to regional artisan beer and cider makers.

The organising group have an exemplary clear up process following the event. So much so that this year the cricket pitch was playable at 11 am the morning following the festival.

It is unfortunate that people feel the need to object to such a well run enjoyable event which takes place on only one afternoon a year. Events such as this which bring the community together in such a positive way for good local outcomes are to be supported.

I would like my comments to be viewed in the light of the objections to the licence.

Jennifer Owen

From: Paul Owen
Sent: 17 October 2021 8:19 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival Ref 21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir or Madam,

NEWBURY REAL ALE FESTIVAL YOUR REF 21/00812/LQN

We write in support of the Newbury Real Ale Festival and the fantastic work they do to support our charity and others with much needed donations that allows us to continue to deliver and develop our programme to local people. Sport in Mind is a Mental Health Charity that delivers physical activity sessions to those who have experienced mental health difficulties. These activities range from gardening, we have an allotment in Newbury, to our organised weekly sporting sessions. The Real Ale Festival have supported us on several occasions and this year I had the particular pleasure to attend the festival myself.

I had before this year never been to a Beer Festival and I didn't know what to expect, the Newbury Real Ale Festival is a wonderful event, a family day where people come together meet their friends, enjoy a drink and listen together to some great music. Over the years as a former Chief Executive Officer of a National Governing Body of Sport I have attended and been responsible for the organization of many events and I have if anything become critical of the way events are organised. I can honestly say that what I saw at the Newbury Real Ale Festival was an event that was organised to the highest standard. Those I saw attending were happy and enjoying the day I saw no evidence of any misbehavior, drunkenness or rowdiness and all of the children I saw were all under the supervision of their parents or guardians, happy and enjoying the day.

Sport in Mind have not only benefited through the fund raising but are proud to be associated with such a wonderful event.

Kind regards

Paul Owen OBE



From: D J Owen
Sent: 19 October 2021 11:47
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

I understand an application has been made to have the licence removed from the Real Ale festival. I heartily object to this application, the festival is a much appreciated and enjoyed event by people of all ages from all the social stratum.

It's a short event that brings people into the town and in the scheme of things causes little disruption.

I object to the application.

Sincerely yours

David Owen.

From: Richard Owen
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:06 PM
To: Licensing <
Subject: Real Ale festival Northcroft

Dear Sir

I write in support of the Real Ale festival being able to continue. I live in Russell Road and have never been affected by the noise. I have not observed an increase in criminal behaviour due to the Real ale festival. A lot of people enjoy this event, it supports charities, the organisers give good notice of the event and ensure it is cleared up afterwards.

This unlike the bouncy castles, and fairs that last in some cases weeks with the same noise levels.

Therefore I urge you to allow the Real Ale festival to continue. I have not heard of any complaint of this event.

Kind Regards
Richard Owen

From: Ruth Paley
Sent: 15 October 2021 9:54 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real ale festival licence

I am emailing my support of the real ale festival keeping its licence.

I live in Rockingham Road and do not find the event a disturbance or creating any anti social behaviour. It helps local business that are suffering at the moment, not only by people spending money at the event, but local shops and cafes have more trade from people visiting the town before, during and after the event.

We need events like this to keep the town vibrant.
The noise doesn't go on too late so is not an issue.

Thanks
Ruth

From: Nick Palmer
Sent: 19 October 2021 20:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival support

Further to your consultation regarding the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I have been a supporter of the festival since it's inception and I am extremely surprised that there have been any objections from anyone who had ever attended the event.

It is a great example of volunteers coming together to organise a community event which has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charity.

The event has grown because of this community spirit and this year was impeccably organised with additional COVID measures to ensure the safety of everyone who attended or volunteered.

As with any large gathering there will be a small minority who misbehave, but I would be surprised if the instances of 'criminal behaviour' cited in the consultation were any higher than on any other Saturday when the pubs empty out. Or indeed at any meeting at Newbury Racecourse and I don't believe anyone is proposing to close the pubs or stop horse racing.

As to excessive noise, inevitably events such as these will be noisy - people are having fun and listening to live music. In that respect it's no different to the regular Party In The Paddock.

Regarding 'harm to children', we have brought children along to the Festival for years and there has never been any issues. Children will hear bad language in any adult orientated setting. Ever been to a football match? The festival does not encourage people to bring children, neither does it exclude them. It is the responsibility of attending parents to supervise them - just as it would be if they take the children for a pub meal (where they may also see excessive alcohol consumption). The argument about disturbing younger children sleep means that you have to ban almost any evening gatherings in built up areas so strikes me as spurious.

The vast majority of people attending the festival are there to have a good time, are respectful of both residents and other attendees. It would be a crying shame that the event is cancelled after many years of success, raising huge amounts for charity and giving Newbury an event to be rightly proud of.

Best regards

Nick Palmer

From: Matthew Passey
Sent: 22 October 2021 14:38
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Hello,

This is regarding the complaint made against Newbury Real Ale festival.

I have attended the event almost every year since I turned 18! (minus the pandemic cancellation, every year for 8 years running)

I have attended on occasion with children and indeed dogs (when permitted).

This is the best event Newbury has to offer! My family have never experienced any issues inside or outside the festival. The staff are fantastic, the site is well maintained, the music and available drinks speak for themselves in terms of brilliance.

This year I managed to convince my elderly parents to tag along. They don't get out much nowadays and my Mother does not consume alcohol. However, they BOTH attended from the moment the gates opened until the end (even though they didn't know much about Reef!..)

The cleanup post festival is tremendous, not to mention the generous donations NRAF make to charity!!

This event puts Newbury on the map - I recommend it to all my colleagues/friends/family outside of Newbury, who also regularly attend!

Please do not cancel this event.

Kind regards

Matthew Passey
Lifetime West Berkshire resident

From: Ruth Pennington
Sent: 18 October 2021 12:10
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

PBA have been a sponsor and attendee of the event since it began and to our knowledge there has never been any issue of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event.

We support the event as we consider it to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities.

As a local company we would not be lending our ongoing support to the event if we had concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity

Regards

Ruth

Ruth Pennington FCCA
PBA Accountants and Business Advisers Ltd

From: Julie Evans
Sent: 18 October 2021 23:50
To: Licensing
Subject: reference 21/00812/LQN

Dear WBDC,

I would like it noted that I live on Russell Rd, Newbury and I Object to the application reference above. I would like to see the Newbury Beer Festival continue on the grounds that it supports our local community and economy and raises thousands of pounds for charity. I have never witnessed any antisocial behaviour or felt noise was an issue in all the years it has been running.

Yours sincerely
Julie Pearson

From: Janice Perry
Sent: 19 October 2021 12:34
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Good Morning,

Please do not revoke the licence to the Newbury Real Ale Festival. The event is very much needed in this town, **this sort of event is 1 day a year, and thats it!** This is needed for people to come together and watch live music, have a dance and a drink and enjoy themselves. In the 3 years that I have been going to the event I have never witnessed any trouble/criminal behaviour/excessive swearing/upset children!

In the aftermath of lockdown and peoples mental health, this is a perfect chance for people to go out and enjoy themselves once more! Please do not take that away!

Thank you

Janice Perry
Newbury Resident

From: Maria Phillips
Sent: 18 October 2021 22:40
To: Licensing
Subject: Real ale festival

Please keep this license. It doesn't finish late and is good for the town.

From: Lee Pociecha
Sent: 16 October 2021 2:31 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury real ale festival

To whom it may concern,

I understand that an objection has been made about the Newbury Real Ale festival under reference 21/00812/LQN.

I wanted to send this short email as I have been a volunteer at this event since it first started 18 years ago and even though I now live away from the area, I always make time to attend and to help out at the event. It has grown over the years and it is now apparent that the residents of the town really do love the event as I get many compliments about how well its run and that they will be back the following year.

It's a real family event that parents bring their children down as it's an extremely safe environment and in all of the years I've been working at the event, I've not seen any issues with any anti-social behaviour. In fact it's always the opposite in that everybody are enjoying themselves, having a great time and all in great spirits. All of this whilst raising huge sums of money for local charities. I know that the event is extremely well run and every effort is made to ensure this is a safe environment with little to no impact on the grounds or to local residents

I will continue to fully support this fantastic event for the town and I hope and trust so will the council.

Kind regards

Lee

From: Tim Polack

Sent: 19 October 2021 13:16

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury ale festival: support for licence to be retained

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing regarding the application for Newbury Real Ale Festival to have its premises licence removed. I am against this proposal and believe the Festival should retain its licence.

The Festival is a fixture on the Newbury community calendar. It is a key social event for the community, and attracts families and children (at least during the day). It also raises significant funds for local charities. It is a chance for many people across Newbury to come together.

It does create noise as any event of its type would, but it is one day/evening a year and the noise is not excessive for the type of event. I have attended every year since 2013 and I have witnessed no criminal behaviour.

If events of this type were to lose their licence and not go ahead, then the Newbury community would be worse off as a result. It would also seem difficult to justify the racecourse having loud outdoor concerts, if the Ale Festival were to lose its licence because of noise.

Kind regards

Tim Polack

From: Mick Reay
Sent: 15 October 2021 10:25 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Hi.

I thoroughly object to any attempt to ban the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

This is a superb event, which hopefully provides much needed help for the brewing and pub trade.

It is one of the highlights of the year for Newbury and the surrounding area.

I live within a 30 second walk of the cricket pitch and have never experienced any problems either with noise, crime or anti-social behaviour.

Mick Reay.

From: thomas rivers
Sent: 19 October 2021 20:23
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Dear Licensing,

Ref- Newbury Real Ale Festival held on Sat 11th Sept 2021.

We attended the event at Northcroft Park and the event is definitely one of the highlights of our year. We have been going since the first one and have seen it grow and become a really awesome event. We enjoy the family atmosphere and are always impressed with the organisation. It has become a tradition within our household and it brings so many positives to Newbury. We hope to continue to go each and every year.

We have young children and would be happy to take them to future events, we see lots of families there enjoying it with their children.

I fully support the event which is now well established of the things to do in Newbury.

Best Wishes,

Thomas and Amy Rivers

From: James Ross
Sent: 13 October 2021 12:58
To: Licensing
Subject: License review Ref 21/00812/LQN

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Newbury Real Ale Festival, the licence for which I understand is under review. I am both a local resident and a member of staff at Newbury College.

I have been an attendee and volunteer at the event since it began and on no occasion in all those years have I seen or been made aware of any incidents pertaining to criminal behaviour or disorder. As a volunteer I have to, upon arrival, sign to confirm that I have read the instructions issued by the licensee which includes that anyone appearing to have drunk in excess should not be served and should be asked to leave by one of the organising team or the security staff. To my knowledge this has never had to be done.

In my professional role I am aware of the particular safeguarding issues facing our local communities and of the dangers that children and young people can face. I have never had any concerns about the children attending the Newbury Real Ale Festival. This is because, amongst other things:

1. They are always accompanied by a parent or carer
2. The behaviour of all attendees of the festival is commensurate with an event to which children attend
3. The language used by those at the event and those performing is not explicit or inappropriate

In 2021 my teenage daughter also volunteered at the event and was stationed on the front entrance with a number of other volunteers, including members of the junior section of the Hockey Club and their parents. The children were all well supervised, were not left alone at any point and I had no concerns about their safety.

As a teacher, a parent and a local resident I would not support the event if I had concerns about children's safety or if I saw or heard evidence of criminal behaviour.

The Newbury Real Ale Festival is a triumph and a massive success story for the local and wider community. It embodies the very best ideal in which Newbury stands for. Thanks to the tireless work of the volunteers, it has managed to responsibly raise thousands of pounds for charities and bring together many people. Due to the

organisation of the event it emphasises the appreciation of locally sourced breweries, food and musical talent.

Yours sincerely,

James Ross Bsc. Hons

From: sukey Russell-Hayward
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:39 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN The Real Ale Festival

To whom it may concern,

For me the Real Ale Festival is fabulous community event that caters for all ages and is highly considerate of the local community, in terms of the set-up, management, noise levels, cleanliness and keeping the community informed of the event and always apologising in advance for any inconvenience. This event has minimal impact and is loved by so many within our community. There is never, in my experience, any trouble before, during or after.

This event is organised locally for locals and raises a lot of money for local charities and support organisations, as well as providing a great venue for local bands and of course local breweries. To see this lose its license would in my eyes be a crying shame and the loss of a very special and highly enjoyable event for the whole family and many of our friends.

Living on Russell Road and with a garden that backs onto the canal we love not only to attend, but to listen to the music quietly from a distance and to see so many having a lovely time. This is in no way disturbing and in my knowledge none of my neighbours or the wider community have ever had anything but positive comments towards the festival. This is a very special event and one that we hope will continue to exist as part of our community calendar for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Sukey Russell-Hayward

From: Sarah Sandford
Sent: 18 October 2021 10:08
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale festival licence

I am writing to object to the removal of this licence. I live at Goldwell Drive. I have lived here for 15 years and never experienced any noise or criminal activity from this event.

Please let me know of the time and date of any hearing.

Sarah Sandford

From: Tim Sandford
Sent: 22 October 2021 16:57
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Beer Festival

As a resident in Goldwell Drive I would like to express my support for the Real Ale Festival.

It is a positive event, the noise is not an issue, it is good for the town and our community.

Tim Sandford
Trustee
Visually Impaired Sailing Association
[Visa-gb.org.uk](http://visa-gb.org.uk)

From: Steve Sessions
Sent: 14 October 2021 17:55
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real ale festival

I received a note through my door today asking for my support against approving a license for the event. I live in Crawford Place and I have no such objection, quite the opposite. I think it is a great event and i have never experienced any level of crime associated with the event.

I fully support the application.

From: Sophie Sessions
Sent: 19 October 2021 08:17
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Real Ale festival

Good afternoon

>

> I am writing to offer my support for the Real Ale Festival after receiving a note through the door. I live very close (Crawford Place) to the festival site and thoroughly enjoy it every year. I have no issue with noise or criminal behaviour. I also find the site very well and quickly cleared up after the festival.

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> I have no objection to the festival whatsoever.

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> Kind regards

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> Sophie

From: Tom Sherrin
Sent: 15 October 2021 12:56 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN Objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application to have the license for the Newbury Real Ale Festival removed.

This is a family event and the vast, vast majority of attendees are families and groups of mild mannered, law abiding citizens. It is a far cry from the hotbed of crime the applicant is making it out to be.

To provide context, I am autistic and have social anxiety. I avoid large gatherings, such as football matches, for fears of violence and the like. NRAF is the safest I have felt at any public event. Even safer than Bloodstock and Download.

The crime rests on gangs who travel to large gatherings to blend in (which happens drink or not) and people who can't handle their drink. This is why the event has security staff. And they do a very good job.

I hope mine and many other members of the community's views are considered in this decision.

Kind regards,

Tom Sherrin

From: caroline simm
Sent: 19 October 2021 21:07
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival 21/00812/LQN

My name is Caroline Simm and I am a local school teacher and also the welfare officer for Newbury and Thatcham Hockey Club.

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event, with particular reference to the licencing objective of protecting children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder.

As a teacher I am aware of the particular safeguarding issues facing our local communities and of the dangers that children can face. I have never had any concerns about the children attending the Newbury Real Ale Festival. This is because, amongst other things:

1. They are always accompanied by a parent or carer.
2. The behaviour of all attendees of the festival is commensurate with an event to which children attend.
3. The language used by those at the event and those performing is not explicit or inappropriate.
4. I have not seen, and am not aware, of any incidences of criminal behaviour or disorder carried out at the event or attributable to the event.

In 2021, I volunteered at the event and was stationed on the front entrance with a number of other volunteers, including members of the junior section of the Hockey Club and their parents. The children were all well supervised, were not left alone at any point and I had no concerns about their safety.

As a teacher and with the responsibility for the welfare of the Club's members I would not support the event if I had concerns about children's safety or if I saw or heard evidence of criminal behaviour.

Kind Regards
Caroline Simm

From: Alison Simpson
Sent: 18 October 2021 22:38
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Having enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere at this event on many occasions and having never witnessed any disruptive behaviour, I would like my objection to the license review noted.

It's a great community event which happens only once a year and supports many local businesses.

Kind regards,

Alison Simpson

From: Helen Spriggs
Sent: 15 October 2021 12:30 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN Newbury Real Ale Festival

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Dear Licensing Team

It has come to my attention that the above licence is being reviewed at a meeting in November following an application. As a local business owner and resident I would like to express my support for the event and licence renewal on a number of grounds:

1. As a resident in the West Fields area I can say that the event has never been disruptive to me.
2. I have attended the last two Real Ale Festivals in 2019 and 2021 and have found it to be a well organised event with consideration given to the surrounding community and local business community. For example local BID businesses were encouraged to attend a networking event on the Friday.
3. The event is not for profit and provides valuable funding for the charities it supports.
4. The event itself not only supports local business such as the suppliers to the site inc food vendors etc but also local hospitality businesses where attendees are highly likely to visit before or after the event, or local hotels where we had friends stay specifically due to this event as they travelled from out of area to attend.
5. As a business owner we have sponsored this event for two years and are already committed to next year, we selected this event specifically because of how well run it is, and the not for profit nature of it.
6. The clean up post event is incredibly efficient and diligent, in the last two years I have been to Northcroft Park the morning following the event and the fantastic volunteers and clean up crew are on their hands and knees ensuring the site is cleared up to the highest of standards.
7. This event brings a sense of community to Newbury and whilst the views of those impacted by noise i.e. those living closest to the park are of course valued, I believe the organisers do reach out to those living locally to have communications.

There are of course the minority who like to cause problems at any event, however in my opinion this single day/evening event does not cause a significant disturbance or issue to the local community. I would suggest that the visiting fair may cause more issues across a greater number of days than the Ale Festival. Similarly late night fireworks that are inevitably about to start and continue for the next few weeks are far more disruptive, sounds travel further and occur later at night than this well run event.

I understand this year there was an sound quality issue that resulted in a delay between the penultimate and final act which may have been disruptive to some neighbouring properties but I believe the music was still completed by the cut off time of 10pm, granted I had left by this point however I could not hear it from home and I live 0.4miles as the crow flies from the park. This year the site layout was different to 2019 and perhaps this is a consideration for future events however external factors such as wind direction inevitably can influence sound travel. Perhaps local residents most impacted can be invited to consult on the impacts the event has on them.

In conclusion, I hope that the committee reviews the wave of local support for this event and decides to renew the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival, recognising the benefits of this well run event to local footfall, the local economy and of course the charities.

Kind regards

Helen Spriggs
Director | Spriggs Chiropractic Ltd

From: David Stock
Sent: 22 October 2021 17:42
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

Dear Sirs/Madams.

I am writing in response to the disappointing petition to remove the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival. I understand how residents may feel about noise from a local event. However I believe there is little truth in some of the points made in the request to remove the licence. I attended this event this year with my adult daughter and we were there for the majority of the event. I saw no criminal activity, no disorder and no rowdy behaviour. Of course I cannot guarantee that there was absolutely perfect behaviour on every single individual's part. However it was a very good natured event. Even when there was a delay to the last band playing, the crowd was still happy and patient. There are much bigger and more intrusive events such as the Michaelmas Fair which is 4 nights where behaviour is much more rowdy. The Real Ale Festival is a great community event and is a positive addition to the local calendar. Please do not remove this licence as I believe it would be a detriment to the town and our community.

Yours faithfully

David Stock

From: Jack Stone
Sent: 14 October 2021 16:51
To: Licensing
Cc: Sean Richardson
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

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Hi,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

We as a firm (Gardner Leader) have been a sponsor and attendee of this event since it first began and have not been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event.

We consider the festival to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. Many of our employees attend the event both on the sponsor's day on Friday and throughout the Saturday and thoroughly enjoy it, it is very much a real community day out.

As a local company, and especially as a firm of solicitors, we would not be lending our ongoing support to the event if we had concerns about the safety of the event and the people whom attended. To the contrary the event has developed into a real asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity.

Please do contact me or my colleague Sean CC'd into this email if you have any questions.

Many Thanks,
Jack

Jack Stone
Marketing Executive



From: Vix Swann
Sent: 15 October 2021 11:02 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref 21/00812/LQN

Hi,

I would like this email to be used as support of the Ale Festival Newbury and an objection to the complaint.

It has been brought to my attention that a member of the public is concerned about the festival being a potentially harmful to children, potentially raises the risk of crime in the area and the sound pollution is also a major issue for them. I'd like to take this opportunity to put a supportive side across for the Ale Festival to continue.

First of all I'd like to address the potential harm that it may bring to children. As a parent of 2 children myself I see no obvious risk, all parents must be in charge of risk assessing for their own family and my two enjoyed themselves tremendously during this last Ale festival. If the complainer is thinking that the adults are drunk and raucous at the festival he/she is very much mistaken as has clearly never attended the ale festival. I appreciate that it's an alcohol festival but the organisers have planned it beautifully that it's easier to enjoy the drinks slowly than it is to get drunk, there is also a surrounding fence preventing passers by from entering, it feels very sealed and safe, my children feel safe and I feel safe too. I am struggling to understand the complainers motives and I can only assume they've naively pick that one to pull at the heart strings.

The potential rise in crime, I'm pretty sure that the Michaelmas Fayre brings in more footfall therefore more possibility of crime, it seems strange that they've picked this to complain about over the Fayre. The Ale festival is limited to the numbers able to attend, I have attended the Ale festival a few times and have never felt like i was going to be a victim of crime.

The sound pollution from the Ale Festival that occurs once a year is obviously a concern for complainer. It is once a year and what a wonderful way to introduce children to music in the safety of a small town festival. Live music and the arts should be cherished, the arts have had a terrible time during Covid. My children relished in the open air music this year, and what a thrill it was to support all the local bands that played, it is once a year and there is plenty of warning that he festival is happening. I lived in Rosemary Terrace until 2017 and as the crow flies is not too far away from the Ale festival venue and personally never had an issue with the once a year festivities.

I hope that the Ale Festival can continue in its current venue, it is lovely and central and a joy to attend and support.

Best wishes,

Victoria

From: Clare Swanson
Sent: 13 October 2021 12:26
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812 - Real Ale Festival

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Dear Sir/Madam

This email is regarding a complaint I have been made aware of regarding this event.

I have been to the real ale festival a number of times both with my children and without them. I have always found it to be fun and thoroughly family friendly. It's a great mini festival enjoyed by so many different people in our community, which brings our community together. I have also found it to be very professionally organised and I look forward to this as a family friendly event.

I think Newbury is a fantastic place to raise children - we moved here from London when ours were little and have loved all the fabulous community events that are put on. I think it would be a real shame to lose The Real Ale Festival from our town and would be a loss to our community.

Regards

Clare Swanson

From: Andy Taylor
Sent: 22 October 2021 13:52
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Dear Sir or Madam

Please keep the beer Festival it's a lovely social day out where whole family's can come together relax and enjoy live music and chill out. I have been for the last 2 or 3 year's and never seen any antisocial behavior. How many arrests have there been?

Please keep for future generations of Newbury's Public. They don't have much else to be proud of?

Andy Taylor

From: Ian Theodore
Sent: 12 October 2021 09:44
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

I have been a sponsor and attendee of the event for several years and have never seen or been aware of any acts of criminal behaviour or disorder at or within close proximity of the event.

We support the event as we consider it to be a great example of a not for profit event organised both for the local community and to raise vital funds for local charities. My family, along with my colleagues attend the event and all thoroughly enjoy it. None felt that our children were not safe at any point.

As an individual and a local company owner I would not be lending my ongoing support to the event if I have concerns about crime, disorder, nuisance or the protection of children from harm. To the contrary the event is an asset to Newbury and West Berkshire as a whole and should be supported at every opportunity

Regards,

Ian Theodore
Managing Director

From: Richard Thompson
Sent: 19 October 2021 10:46
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

I wish to object to the application to prevent the Real Ale festival being held.

Reasons for my objection:

1. The festival has raised significant sums for good causes in the community
2. The festival has been run for many years with little if any disturbance or disorderly behaviour.
3. There is good security in place with responsive action towards any unacceptable behaviour. During my past attendance I have not seen the police needing to attend which is remarkable given the attendance level compared with the population at large
4. The festival is an established community event bringing visitors to the town and benefitting the local economy
5. The organisers are drawn across the community and has established good sponsorship from established members of the community
6. I don't believe the Festival is any more disruptive than say the Saturday night town activities.
7. The venue is no closer to residential property than the racecourse. No one has suggested racing should stop!

R Thompson

From: James Thorogood
Sent: 12 October 2021 21:57
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

Dear West Berkshire Council,

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event, with particular reference to the licencing objective of protecting children from harm.

I have been an attendee of the festival for many years and this year even had a shift volunteering to help behind the bars. Upon arrival I was asked to sign and confirm that I had read the instructions issued by the licensee, including that I should not serve anyone who appeared to have already drunk too much. I take this responsibility seriously as a member of the bar staff.

Whilst I attended alone this year I would have no hesitation in taking along my family (including my 3 young children all of whom are under 6). I feel that it is a great community event, with great live music supporting local bands, delicious food and of course a great selection of drinks. At no point would I have had any additional worries about their safety over and above the general worries as a parent, which are the same as going to the supermarket.

I hope the event can continue and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,
James Thorogood

From: Richard Titchener
Sent: 16 October 2021 12:32 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Beer festival

I've just recently received a flyer through my letter box about removing the licence for the real ale festival, i live within 50 mtrs (approx) of Northcroft and the noise this year was a bit louder than previous years, but never bothered me, after all, it's only once a year and for charity, the stage usually faces west, this year it faced east, I can only assume that's because of the current demolition of the cricket pavilion, which is cordoned off, I don't support the application for the licence to be removed..

Regards, Richard S Titchener.

From: Geoff Tompkins
Sent: 14 October 2021 8:10 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Newbury Real Ale Festival Licensing Review (21/00812/LQN)

Dear Licensing Committee

Re: Newbury Real Ale Festival Licensing Review (21/00812/LQN)

I understand there is presently a consultation underway reviewing the continuation of licensing for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I would like to express **my support for the festival** and was immensely surprised to learn of a complaint regarding noise and criminality.

Whilst being a resident of Russell Road for many years, and living directly adjacent to one of the main thoroughfares to and from the festival, I can honestly say that I barely hear the music and am not aware of any criminal activity - ever.

The organisers go to considerable lengths to inform residents of the event weeks beforehand, provide contact details for anyone who has a concern during the event and don't overrun.

I am not a 'regular' at the festival, but I would be sorry to see it ended as I believe it to be a great family friendly event which raises significant funds for local charities.

Considering this event only occurs one day of the year, its impact is insignificant compared to other events at Northcroft Park such as the fair which runs for a week, or indeed compared to the occasional summer house party that can go on till the early hours!!

I am sure the committee will take a balanced and professional view of this matter.

Regards

Geoff Tompkins

From: Chris Tompkins
Sent: 18 October 2021 22:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury beer festival

I've been going on and off for a few years, it's a great event. Would absolutely hate to see it cancelled. So many towns have festivals its a lovely friendly one, I've never seen any trouble and it gives local bands an opportunity to play infront of a good crowd.

Mr C Tompkins

From: Alexandra Tully
Sent: 15 October 2021 9:03 AM
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

Hi,

I wanted to submit my feedback to support the continuation of the Newbury Real Ale festival.

As a former West Fields resident (and still not far away!) I think that the festival is an absolute highlight of the year. It is well run, and supports local food companies and breweries. It also runs for just one day of the year and finished at 10pm.

I went this year and I thought that there was really friendly family atmosphere; there were plenty of beer festival volunteer staff/security. It felt much safer than walking around at the fair.... I have been absolutely mortified by the drunks around the lock and language that my children have been exposed to walking through the town centre at times so unless the complainant has a suggestion for how to curb that as well I can't see that cancelling the beer festival will help at all.

I very much hope that you consider the huge benefits that the festival brings to the town and how considerately and carefully it is managed in making your decision.

Alex Tully

From: stuart
Sent: 14 October 2021 08:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival - 21/00812/LQN

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

Good morning,

Provide SESS have been involved with the Newbury Real Ale Festival for the past 10 years, as the security, safety and stewarding provider. We are proud to be associated with the event which, is a great asset to the local community. We understand that an application for a review of the premises licence has been submitted and are writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

During the past 10 years we have not, on any occasion, been aware of any criminal or anti-social behaviour on site or in the immediate environs and have not dealt with any matters of disorder. We have only ever had to involve the police on 1 occasion when an attendee was bitten by a dog. It should be noted that this was when the site was not fully fenced and secured. Since the site has been secured with fencing we have not had to involve any other authorities (such as the police). We can confirm that there were no instances that require our team to intervene or take action during the 2021 event.

The organisers are clear with our team that any individual deemed to have drunk too much alcohol will be asked to leave the event, but have only had to act upon this on 2 or 3 occasions and did not have to at all in 2021. Where this has taken place it has been done in a friendly manner and has never resulted in the individual being asked to leave being abusive or causing any problems. Far from encouraging crime behaviour and disorder, our experience is that the organisers (and licence holder) takes all possible steps to ensure that the event offers a safe and enjoyable environment for all. This includes employing our team who are professionally qualified to handle safety and security matters and are the actions of a responsible licence holder.

The provision of live music on site adds to the overall event and has never been of a level to warrant concern for the health and safety of our staff on site or to render radio communication between our personnel problematic. The end time of 10pm is not unreasonable or anti-social and is earlier than many of the events we are involved in throughout the country, including Newbury Racecourse where residents live in as close, if not closer, proximity.

With regards to the protection of children from harm, this matter is taken very seriously by the organisers and our team. This includes the requirement for any minors entering the event to be accompanied by a responsible adult (i.e. parent) and specific protocols

for dealing with any instances of a child becoming separated from their parents, which has been derived from best practice guidance on safeguarding. At no point have we ever had concerns about the safety of any children on site.

As a reputable company specialising in security and safety of events, we would not continue to be a part of the Newbury Real Ale Festival if we had concerns about it failing to meet the licensing objectives.

We do not feel that the licence review is warranted and would request that the event be allowed to continue in its current form.

Kind regards

Stuart Turnbull
Managing Director
Provide SESS Ltd.

From: Ranko Vrcelj
Sent: 19 October 2021 14:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have been informed, via an anonymous posting through my letter box that there is an objection to the future licensing of the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I am writing to you to support the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

The objector is concerned about noise levels, that they think that the noise levels constitute a public nuisance and that it encourages criminal behaviour.

Of course this is nonsense. As a very nearby resident (Russell Road), the noise levels are not excessive, in particular given that it is for one day only and that the music (whether it is to one's taste or not) finishes at a suitable time.

As to encouraging criminal behaviour, as no specifics are cited, none can be queried.

Yes, whenever large numbers meet, there is the possibility of criminal behaviour. However, there is more than a certain irony in that the objector posted the note at the same time that the Michaelmas Fair was occurring, which also has loud music into the evening (for 4 days) and brings large crowds in (which may encourage criminal behaviour). Or for that matter, open air music concerts at the Newbury racecourse, which can be easily heard from Russell Road and I assume the large numbers of attendees there also could encourage criminal behaviour. As far as I am aware, the objector does not object to these two sets of events. Nor to the events organised in Newbury town centre by the Corn Exchange, loud (certainly can be heard from Russell Road) and gathers large crowds (which will encourage criminal behaviour).

To me, this appears to be a rather unpleasant and small minded attempt to shut down an event that occurs for one day a year, which clearly the objector does not like.

Have I attended the Newbury Real Ale Festival? No. Do I like the music? Possibly, but I cannot say for certain. But I am certain that a one-day event such as this in general brings together like minded people to enjoy themselves. It seems that this is actually what the objection is about. The objector does not like the event, thus attempting to spoil other people's enjoyment of a perfectly reasonable event, run in a perfectly reasonable manner.

The objection should be dismissed.

Kind Regards
Ranko Vrcelj

From: Ruth Waddington
Sent: 14 October 2021 8:38 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please could I just say that in the matter of the above that I fully support the Real Ale Festival in its current location.

I live In Gloucester Road and at no time have I found it to ever cause any problems for me or my local community. I am concerned that someone has been door to door leafleting in support of the objection encouraging people to complain. Meanwhile the vast majority it would appear to have no issue with it. Otherwise you would have previously been aware of a large number of complaints?

Compared to the lovely Michaelmas Fair, in my opinion, it is far less disruptive or noisy and I am very happy to have both events available to the community. After all we do not live in a gated retirement village do we?

I do hope that, after consideration, this objection will be rejected so that I can continue to support it.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Waddington

From: Mrs P K Webster
Sent: 20 October 2021 10:51
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref: 21/00812/LQN Newbury Real Ale Festival

With reference to the application to revoke the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival, I have attached my letter objecting to this application and in support of the festival.

The text of the letter is as follows:

I am concerned that there appears to have been a request to revoke the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival since it has been running for a number of years with support from many local residents, and has raised a lot of money for various charities.

I wish to register my objection to this request.

It may be that the applicant is not aware that most people who attend the festival do so to support the charities, sample some specialist beers, and listen to the music, and not for the purposes of heavy drinking.

The festival has always been well organised and I am particularly puzzled by the reasons given as "prevention of harm to children, prevention of crime and public nuisance to the community".

This is generally treated as a family fun day out, and children are there with their parents, who are responsible for deciding whether or not to take them and how to care for them.

As regards "prevention of crime", since I am not aware of any reports of crime ever having been associated with the Newbury Beer Festival, I am somewhat at a loss to understand what 'crime' would be prevented.

The disruption and public nuisance resulting from this festival consists of one day of very loud music, which most of us tolerate in good humour since it is for a charitable cause.

This disruption and public nuisance is considerably less than that caused by the fair, a purely commercial event, where we are subject to equally loud music for four days, plus the added danger and inconvenience of heavy fairground traffic arriving and departing via West Street during the setup and take-down period.

Regards,
Pamela K. Webster

From: Maddy Weeks

Sent: 20 October 2021 15:35

To: Licensing

Subject: Objection to application to have premises license remove from Real Ale Festival

Dear Sirs

I have been made aware that an application has been made to have the premises licence removed from the Real Ale Festival on the grounds that the noise levels constitutes a public nuisance.

As a resident in the local area, I can confirm there was no nuisance caused from the festival.

I was very pleased the festival went ahead in 2021 following on from the pandemic and strongly believe these events are of a strong importance to the local community. Having been in lockdown for such a long period of time being able to attend an event like this brings a real sense of community, is invaluable to people's mental health and no doubt is essential to the economy after a difficult period.

I do sincerely hope this application is rejected.

Kind regards
Madeleine Weeks

From: Elizabeth Weller
Sent: 19 October 2021 12:06
To: Licensing
Subject: 21/00812/LQN

I am writing in **support** of maintaining the licence for the Newbury Real Ale Festival.

I attended the event and I live within earshot, so I am confident that the Real Ale Festival was not in breach of its licence considering the Best Practicable Means (BPM) applied in accordance with its licence terms.

If the complainant was so confident of their nuisance case, they was at liberty to apply to a magistrate under S.82 of the EPA 1990 but of course he did not because such action would have failed the test of nuisance under S.79 of the Act, particularly in the absence of support by WBC.

The Newbury Real Ale Festival is a very well-run event by Newbury Hockey Club for the benefit of youth sport. Players and parents work tirelessly for the benefit of their members and the town as a whole working late into the night to clear up after the revellers have left. The multitude of local small brewers showcased at the event must have suffered enormously during COVID lockdown and would therefore have been given a welcome financial boost. I was personally very proud to see that we can boast so many talented local brewers.

Ongoing efforts by the Chamber of Commerce to host events such as live music, DJs and street food markets has added to the existing twice weekly and monthly markets to improve the attractiveness of Newbury Town Centre.

WBC continues to successfully host regular fun fairs in Victoria Park and Northcroft/Goldwell parks.

Consultation on a masterplan for Newbury Town Centre by WBC and HemingwayDesign/GL Hearn is likely to recommend additional provision of outdoor space for the enjoyment of arts and entertainment events.

New construction of apartments at the Station, Racecourse, Boundary Road and in future at the Kennet Centre combined with conversion of office space most notably on Strawberry Hill, West Street and London Road and completion of sheltered/retirement housing on Bartholomew Street / Oddfellows Road represents a 'recolonisation' of Newbury Town Centre by residents that will improve its vitality.

It is therefore entirely reasonable for anyone living within a vibrant community to expect a certain amount of community noise. Only a complete fool would contemplate town centre living if, through his fragile mental state, feels hyper-sensitised to community noise.

For the above reasons, it is vitally important that WBC officers maintain a very firm line between the infantile and selfish protestations of a tiny minority whilst enforcing genuine concerns of anti-social behaviour and statutory nuisance.

Whilst the example events I have provided are clearly audible throughout the town centre, audibility does not represent a nuisance. WBC cannot and should not attempt to appease every petty whinger that complains about a raised voice or a dog's bark.

Lord Denning, who was a very learned judge, had occasion to consider the meaning of the term of reasonableness. He famously took the view that it meant the perspective of a hypothetical man on the top deck of the Clapham omnibus. Effectively, he suggested that the meaning depended on what a reasonable person would consider in all the circumstances involved. This concept of reasonableness can also therefore be viewed as the overwhelming majority of public opinion.

That president serves as a guide to enforcement officers when making judgements on what Newbury Townsfolk would view as reasonable (considering all of the circumstances involved). I urge officers to clearly define where, in the opinion of WBC (on behalf of all residents) that line should be drawn, the Best Practicable Means by which it is maintained, and to uphold it not just for the Real Ale Festival but also for the benefit of all current and future residents of this diverse and vibrant town.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Weller

From: Clifford Wellham
Sent: 17 October 2021 2:22 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing the Real Ale Festival

Dear Sirs,

Both my wife and I would like to vigorously object to license being removed from The Real Ale Festival. Although we live in Northcroft Lane we have not been active supporters of this event as we are not fond of warm beer and loud music. However, the event has not caused us any inconvenience, criminal damage or noise discomfort. We are great believers in tolerating events that clearly give other people pleasure. And this is a once a year event and the complainants should be prepared to accept an occasional disturbance without reaching for the cancel button.

Yours truly
Clifford & Carol Wellham

From: Vicky Wells
Sent: 19 October 2021 20:37
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale Festival

We are really disappointed you have been asked to rescind the licence for the real ale festival, we attend every year with our children and have done since they were young. They are now 14 and 17 it would be a real shame to lose this

We all really enjoy it and have never had any problems everyone gets on and has a great afternoon

Please reconsider

Regards

Vicki

From: Janet Wheeler
Sent: 16 October 2021 12:12 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Ale license

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

It has been drawn to my attention that someone has applied to have the license for the Real Ale Festival, removed.

I live in Northcroft Lane and do not feel it is necessary to remove this license as this is the first time I have heard extra loud music.

Just ask them to turn the stage around to face away from town and keep the volume down a bit after 6pm.

After all, its all for charity, once a year.

From: Clayton White
Sent: 13 October 2021 13:00
To: Licensing
Subject: License Review NRAF REF: 21/00812/LQN

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

Dear WBC,

My name is Clayton White and until February 2019 I was the Managing Director of Provide SESS Ltd. During my time at Provide I oversaw the security, safety and stewarding of the Newbury Real Ale Festival. It is a great event, which has grown over time, but which has stayed loyal to its roots as a community event raising money for local charities. Since stepping down as MD I have continued to provide consultancy advice on safety and security to the organiser team.

I understand that an application for a review of the premises licence has been submitted and am writing to make a formal representation in support of the event.

Throughout my time leading the Provide team I am not aware of any criminal or anti-social behaviour at the event or anything occurring off site but specifically and directly attributed to it.

The organisers have always been clear that they will operate a zero tolerance policy and that anyone who has drunk too much will be asked to leave. I only had to act upon this twice in my time overseeing the event and it was done in a cordial manner between the individuals and my team. Far from encouraging crime behaviour and disorder, our experience is that the organisers (and licence holder) take all possible steps to ensure that the event offers a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

With regards to the protection of children from harm, this matter is taken very seriously by the organisers and was always paramount in my briefing of the security team. I worked with the organising team to agree protocols for dealing with children entering the site with parents (including the use of wristbands for adults to provide contact details) and for any instances of a child becoming separated from their parents. At no point did I ever have concerns about the safety of any children on site.

As the MD of a company whose reputation was built on events such as these I would not have continued to be involved if I had concerns about the adequacy of the licensee to meet the licensing objectives and I certainly would not have continued to provide consultancy services to the organisers.

I do not feel that the licence review is warranted and would request that the event be allowed to continue in its current form.

Kind regards

Clayton White

From: Loretta Whitehead []
Sent: 20 October 2021 15:59
To: Licensing
Subject: Real Beer Festival

Hi

I am very much IN FAVOUR of the Real Beer Festival in Newbury TO CONTIINUE TO TAKE PLACE it is good for the community and is only 1 weekend in the year. The music is all finished by 10.00pm.

I have never seen any problems of fighting or disorder in all the years I have attended, not only is this a way to bring the community and families together, but is valuable for mental health.

Regards

Loretta Whitehead

From: anne wilkinson

Sent: 18 October 2021 23:00

To: Licensing

Subject: Objection to application to review Beer festival license

I wish to object to the application to review the license for the festival. The festival is for a single day. I live in Craven Road close to the festival and do not consider it harmful in anyway. It is a great event which adds to and enhances the lives of people in Newbury. It is a social public enhancement and not a public nuisance. A degree of proportionality is require to balance the positives from the event and the fact it occurs on a single day once a year against the very limited disbenefits as with any large public evnt which people enjoy participating in. Any large social event will cause some people to moan but without such events (sports, theatre, music etc) then life would be very boring . You can't make an omelette without cracking a few eggs. Life is for living not moaning!

Anne Wilkinson

From: Magdalen
Sent: 14 October 2021 9:02 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: reference 21/00812/LQN

Hello,

I am a resident of West Fields, having moved here in 2009. I have two children aged 11 and 14. I write to you about the wonderful Real Ale Festival.

I am personally teetotal, but despite this I am deeply saddened that someone is trying to get this license revoked.

The Festival is clearly a source of joy to many. I have never in all my years living here seen any evidence that it's a nuisance, or source of harm to children.

It may not be an event I wish to attend, but I pledge my whole hearted support to the festival. We are fortunate to have it. Community spirit is critically important: as recent months have shown. Such events build this feeling of community, and togetherness.

So I write in support of the Real Ale Festival and its organizers.

All my best wishes,
Magdalen
Mrs M R Wind-Mozley

From: Red Yates

Sent: 16 October 2021 2:59 PM

To: Licensing

Subject: Newbury Real Ale Festival REF 21/00812/LQN

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

Dear all,

I would like to register my support for the Newbury Real Ale Festival. As a local I have never been negatively impacted by the festival, but appreciate the cultural enrichment it gives our area, along with its support for local musicians and an industry that has been sorely hit by Covid 19.

I would strongly object to a well loved local tradition losing its licence.

Kind regards,

Red Yates

From: Yellow Bird
Sent: 04 October 2021 9:31 PM
To: Licensing
Subject: <v9_SmartSaved/> 21/00812/LQN

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21/00812/LQN

Dear Sir/Madam.

I face painted at the Newbury Real Ale Festival 2021, I was there from the start until the finish, I was delighted to see so many lovely families at the event, it reminded me of when I was a child and my parents would take me to events such as Fun in the Park or to a festival like Glastonbury.

All of the children were so well behaved and seemed to be having a great time! The parents were all responsible and at no point did I see any children in distress or not being looked after by their adults. As a facepainter and a parent myself, I take safeguarding very seriously.

Although there was alcohol being consumed on site at no point did I see anyone acting inappropriately, there was a large presence of security staff ensuring that everyone at the festival was safe... I had full view of the pitch and did not see any bad behaviour at all. How wonderful it is to have a family friendly event after such an awful 18 months.

It is so lovely to have a local event for people to attend at an affordable price. Without having to take them to Butlin's or a weekend festival that costs a small fortune.

There was a real community spirit which is what we all need after lockdown was lifted.

If this event were to be stopped it would be shame as this is such a well organised event. The music finished at a very reasonable time, well before the pubs close. I witnessed people leaving in a respectable manner, maybe a little wobbly but no different to leaving a pub or a restaurant on a Saturday night.

As a lone woman running a stall in a tent, at no point did I feel vulnerable or at risk.

Kind regards

Corinna.
Yellow Bird Face Painting.

From: K. William Young
Sent: 18 October 2021 13:12
To: Licensing
Subject: NRAF

Hello

I live on Northcroft Lane and I fully support the Newbury Real Ale Festival! The noise is no worse than any other fair, and it's a great day out in support of the hockey club. I don't understand who might be objecting to it but they need to get a life. Can you tell me on whose behalf the application was made?

Thanks

Will