



Hadleigh Town Council

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BUSKING POLICY

Overview

The Hadleigh Town Council Busking Policy sets out Hadleigh Town Council's approach to Busking. Buskers/performers do not require a licence to perform, we require that they adhere to the rules outlined.

Amount

Only 4 Buskers are permitted in the town at any one time and should be in separate locations unless performing together. Exceptions to this may be permitted by prior arrangement with the Town Council.

Timings

- Busking is only permitted between 8am – 8pm Monday – Saturday and 10am – 8pm on Sundays.
- Buskers must set-up and pack-up within this time allocation

Sound

An amplified voice/music should not be so loud that it causes nuisance to those nearby. If asked to reduce your volume, please be considerate and do so as far as possible, by reducing amplification or playing quieter tunes.

Equipment

- Street furniture (e.g., public seats, lamp posts, railings etc) cannot be used as props for a performance
- Ensure that your equipment does not obstruct; the flow of pedestrians, trading stalls, fire exits, cashpoints or doorways.
- Do not leave equipment unattended as it may pose a risk to pedestrians. If unattended items are deemed suspicious/dangerous they may be removed.
- Once your performance is complete be sure to remove all equipment and waste produced by yourself or attracted crowds.

Money

- Buskers are permitted to receive voluntary contributions from the public.
- The public should never feel coerced into giving buskers money.
- Busking cannot include sampling, selling or giving away food or drink

Safety

- It is a legal requirement that Buskers must be aged 14 or above.
- Do not perform in a way that could pose a threat or danger to yourself or members of the public.
- Buskers/performers should assess the risk of their performances and consider whether it would be suitable to acquire public liability insurance (PLI) cover.
- Do not cordon off part of the pavement (e.g. with rope) to create a performance area. An additional crowd is likely to cause an obstruction and increase the likelihood of someone getting injured.
- Buskers/performers must not perform with animals.
- Blades and/or fire cannot be used in a performance.
- Do not block pavements in such a way that pedestrian access is restricted.



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Behaviour Code

- Be polite to members of the public & other users of the surrounding space.
- Buskers must not be drinking any alcohol or have any alcohol on display when busking. This includes when setting up, performing and packing down.
- If your behaviour is deemed unreasonable and you are having a persistent detrimental effect on the quality of life of people in the area, action may be taken against you.

Hadleigh Town Council does not accept any responsibility or liability for allowing you to busk in Hadleigh, and you do so entirely at your own risk and own costs should any legal claim arise from you, your performance or equipment.

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