

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Busker / Entertainment / Performance Code of Practice – Thursday Market

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The Busker / Entertainment / Performance Code of Practice is intended to set out a standard which, if followed, should enable busking to continue and thrive whilst protecting businesses and residents from excessive noise or prolonged exposure to repeat performances.

Please note, it is at the Market Officer's discretion to decide where the most appropriate pitch is for the entertainment to be delivered with the least amount of disruption to members of the public, traders and local businesses.

The Market Officers / Responsible Person's (Clerk/Deputy Clerk) reserve the right to ask performers to move on or disband any performance(s) that cause unreasonable disruption to the flow/operation of the market and/or do not meet the conditions of the Busker's Code of Practice. Respect for all other street users, including but not limited to market traders, other buskers, nearby residents, and visitors to Street is paramount.

- Musical and/or vocal performances should not be amplified to a level, or be so loud, that either can be heard beyond a 30-meter radius.
- Buskers / Entertainers / Performers will not perform for more than one hour at a time but can move to another pitch at least 50 metres away, with the agreement of the Market Officers, should they wish to continue performing.
- Buskers / Entertainers / Performers shall not set up a pitch within 50 metres of another busker.
- Busking / Entertainers / Performers in Street should not start before 9 am and should finish by 3 pm.
- Buskers / Entertainers / Performers should not obstruct the highway, block walkways, fire exits or impede traffic, either whilst performing or through people gathering to listen or to watch the performance. It is vital that mobility equipment including, scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs etc can pass freely.

Note: The highway includes any pedestrianised areas.

- Buskers / Entertainers / Performers should not use street furniture such as benches, telephone boxes, post boxes, cycle stands as part of the act, and should avoid sites close to fire exits, cash points or doorways/access.
- Buskers / Entertainers / Performers are responsible for arranging their own public liability insurance.



- Anyone selling merchandise e.g. CDs, posters etc. must have the appropriate licence. Please see Somerset Council's website for guidance on street trading.
- Contributions must not be solicited from passers-by as this would be regarded as begging.
- Those applying to perform should complete Street Parish Council's Busking & Entertainment Form and provide all requested documentation in support of their act. This will be subject to the scrutiny of the Market Officers / Responsible Persons (Clerk/Deputy Clerk) and members of Street Parish Council where required.
- Busking / Entertaining / Performing outside of a place of worship when there is a solemn service or event in progress is discouraged.

If the above guidelines are not followed and busking becomes a problem to residents, traders, local businesses, and visitors to Street - Street Parish Council reserves the right to remove permissions to perform.