

8 August 2022

The Caribbean Carnival of Manchester

Dear local resident,

On Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August the annual Caribbean Carnival will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Alexandra Park. This is a huge milestone for the diverse communities of Manchester, and an incredible cultural milestone for both the local community and Manchester as a whole. Not only does Carnival boost the local economy it reflects very positively on Moss Side, its close-knit community, and the surrounding areas.

This letter is to make you aware of the agreed activities taking place, timings, routes/licensed events at which we are expecting loud music, and traffic disruption:

Details of this year's Carnival are as follows:

- Venue: Alexandra Park
Saturday 13 August, 12 noon – 8pm
Sunday 14 August, 12 noon – 8pm
- **J'Ouvert Parade** - Saturday 13 August, 7am – 9am - expect loud music
- **Carnival Parade** - Saturday 13 August, 12 noon – 2.30pm – expect loud music and some disruption to traffic

Both Parade routes will travel along main roads in the area and residents along the routes will receive a leaflet with more information the week before carnival.

We understand the impact the carnival's events programme has on those who live in the area surrounding Alexandra Park and are working together with partners to minimise disruption, whilst facilitating this important occasion.

General Points

The Caribbean Carnival is a brilliant celebration of the diversity of Manchester and Manchester's Afro-Caribbean community, and we want everyone to enjoy it safely. We do, however, recognise that in previous years, some activities have taken place in surrounding streets, both during and after the carnival, that have caused disruption and distress to some residents. Manchester City Council officers, elected members, GMP, and local housing providers are working together to try to minimise disruption.

Selling alcohol, food, etc on the streets

We would like to remind residents that selling of alcohol, food and other goods on the street is not permitted without the necessary licences or permissions being in place. Council Officers supported by Greater Manchester Police will be checking this and people selling goods without the necessary permissions may have action taken against them.

Unauthorised Street Parties

Previously, a number of unlicensed events have coincided with the carnival, for example street parties. As these events are not part of the official celebrations we cannot guarantee the safety of those attending. That's why we are asking you, and the rest of the local community, to **only attend licensed events**. It is important that we remind you that it is illegal for anyone to hold unlicensed events selling alcohol, food or other items. Those engaging in illegal activities should expect to be challenged by representatives of the partnership and action taken. Instead, please enjoy the many authorised events taking place over the weekend in the park.

Although most people do not engage in anti social or criminal behaviour unfortunately this has happened in the past, during unauthorised events, and a partnership response will be in place to help minimise the disruption these parties can cause. Where possible, appropriate action will take place if offences are committed.

Noise complaints

As we have said, loud music is expected at the licensed events. The Council and its partners take noise complaints seriously and will attempt to respond to reports received. However, where there is a high volume of complaints we may not be able to respond immediately but will follow up on all calls received as soon as we can. Noise complaints relating to unlicensed events will be appropriately progressed by Manchester City Council's Contact Centre (phone number below). Housing providers will contact tenants separately and directly to provide their contact details

During carnival weekend you can contact:

MCC Contact Centre – 0161 234 5004

Greater Manchester Police – gmp.police.uk or 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.

Mosscares St Vincent's Housing – 0161 226 4211

One Manchester Housing - 03303551000

The contact details for key departments are above and any complaints will be directed to relevant departments and agencies over carnival weekend.

The Council, GMP and our partners hope that residents have a enjoyable carnival weekend and the event is a community celebration for everyone.

Thanks

Manchester City Council, GMP and partners

