

Busking and Street Entertainment in Weston-super-Mare

Introduction

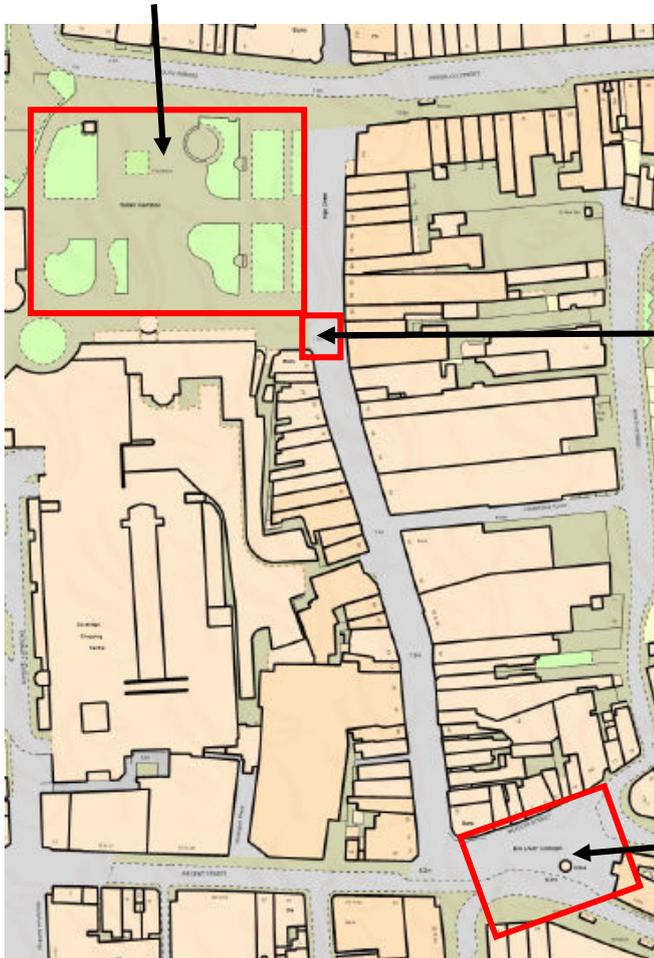
Busking is welcome in Weston-super-Mare. It adds vibrancy, colour and culture to public spaces and provides entertainment for residents, visitors and businesses.

Here is our simple charter of busking and street entertainment:

- Thriving and vibrant – we want our streets and open spaces to be high quality, welcoming places for everyone and we encourage talent and a richness of culture.
- Respect others – our streets and spaces accommodate many thousands of businesses, local people and visitors; anyone using our spaces should take all reasonable steps to minimise any negative effects of their activity and respect the needs of others.
- Safe and Lawful – anyone wishing to use our spaces must do so in a way that is safe and within the law. You must comply with any permits and licences where required.
- Fair – we foster a culture of community in our streets and spaces. We will empower everyone to share our public space and resolve disputes quickly and informally wherever possible.

Please see the sites below where busking is encouraged:

Italian Gardens



High
Street

Big Lamp
Corner

Princess Royal Square



Voluntary Code of Conduct

1. There is a 2-hour maximum time limit. Following which, you should swap to an alternative pitch.
2. Performers should be mindful of where they set up. They should not set up in front of doorways, fire exits and public highways and avoid obscuring views of shop window displays. If you are unsure, please ask the business or building owners permission first.
3. Be mindful of the volume you are playing at and the context you are playing in. Your volume must be just above ambient street noise without being intrusive. Performance times in Weston-super-Mare are strictly between 10:00 and 22:00. Please note, we do not allow amplified music after 20:00.
4. We encourage you to take breaks at regular intervals and to take care to vary material on one pitch. You must also leave the pitch clean and tidy.
5. We do not allow any selling of CD's or products on our busking pitches. You can display CDs for people to take but it must be emphasised that any donations received for CDs is made on a voluntary basis. For example, in some circumstances a member of the public may request a CD without making a donation. This should be made clear with an appropriate sign. Suggested wording could be: 'In order to comply with street trading legislation these CDs are not being offered for sale, any contribution you make is voluntary and at your discretion. Suggested contribution £x'
6. If you are busking for a charity, you will require a street collection licence, which is free of charge and takes 7 days to process. If you would like to apply for a charity collection licence, please contact our licensing team:
licensing@n-somerset.gov.uk
01934 426800
7. Busking close to a cashpoint is prohibited as this is likely to cause a nuisance.
8. The minimum age for busking in Weston-super-Mare is 14. Any child between the ages of 14 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult.