

A: Sept/Oct Survey FINAL results

Extract FESTIVAL COMMENTS

All the following comments were included within survey responses received

Prevention of public nuisance:

Timing of large scale events on the green. Far too many of them and they need to be spaced out.

Lack of coordination with highways and neighbouring authorities.

The noise from Lytham Festival music is loud

We shouldn't have to be worried about coming home from work and not being able to actually get to our house

With regard to the festival, it has grown far too big for such a small town and now Live Nation have taken over it will only get worse. Apart from the food and drink outlets in town I fail to see what other benefits the town gets from this. People say it puts Lytham on the map, well its not a map I think we should be on.

The festival is now an unpleasant event for us living quite near. The noise, the parking, it's far too big for a residential area to accommodate. It goes on too long and there has been absolutely no consultation and virtually no consideration for normal people trying to continue their usual routines who live a couple of streets away as we do.

Traffic during the festival is appalling.

Shorter Festival. No parking on green for any event- park and ride. Never fully recovers despite reseed. Uneven ground/ bare patches worse each year. Ground cannot fully recover before following year. Parts are out of action for long periods. Where does the money from parking etc go? Residents don't seem to benefit. Side roads (eg WCliffe, ECliffe, Freckleton St) need resident parking only. Festival signage encourages parking there

The Festival has grown too big and I'm not sure that the benefits are worth it for the town.

Park & ride for large events.

Keeping green open as much as possible.

Lytham Festival only benefits a few who own businesses in the hospitality sector. Retailers such as Tesco and Sainsbury's may also benefit but on the whole I think they are a huge inconvenience to the many while only benefiting the few.

Lytham Festival is a good business but we live in Queen Street in the heart of the town, having to suffer all the traffic & noise of the festival

Residents in Queen Street suffer disruption caused during Lytham festival due to heavy traffic being diverted down Queen Street.

The festival is welcome but has outgrown Lytham. Perhaps another venue could be found.

Lytham Festival has gone from a local music event to a money making machine with no consideration for the impact it has on locals. Noise, traffic & parking is a nightmare.

Main concern is Green being blocked off way in advance, impacting on Lytham Club Day & then for some time after. Car parks on Green

Attendees with vehicles at the festival (less disabled vehicles) should have to park in official designated out of town park and ride car parks on payment of a reasonable charge.

festival is set up a week before and a week after. Meaning when I'm walking my dog I don't have the same freedom as I usually do. People also are parking on our street as we live near the Green. People living along the Green get free tickets however for people living very close we still have to deal with the constant noise the entire day they are practising. From my house you can't seem to escape them practising during the day which is extremely disturbing but we get no benefits

Fylde Council pay lip service to the concerns raised by Lytham residents about commercial activity in the Town, principally Lytham Festival et al, and events within Lytham Hall. Commercial profit appears to take precedence, concerns over nuisance and inconvenience ignored, with the sop that the commercial organisers making a charitable payment is adequate recompense. The residents, who pay handsomely in Council Tax, need to reclaim control

You didn't ask about traffic at the Festival, in particular the huge disruption to bus routes and times, caused us a lot of distress over the years.

Lytham festival is FAR too big for the available infrastructure of the town. Personally I hate it, it feels like an invasion and the fact that residents not only have to put up with the thousands of people we can't even access the path along the green! I STRONGLY feel that the festival needs to move away from the green to an obliging field.

Lytham is sadly deteriorating rapidly every year. The Lytham Festival is totally out of control and the people are only interest in making money. It needs to an area out of the town.

I think Lytham Festival would be better served if hosted in a rural location closer to motorway avoiding congestion in the town, parking issues and anti social behaviour.

I would like to see the Lytham Festival shut down. It is put on now purely for the profit of a tiny minority.

Biggest issues are the current size & length of the festival, late night licensing & the bars spreading onto the pavement around the square blocking access.

I feel FBC do not consult very well with residents. They ride rough shod over residents concerns especially with regard to the festival! I'm especially concerned about the amount of parking on the Green for events! It is damaged in various places. No provision given to residential parking in Town especially when events being held.

I think there's too many events on the green, we should limit the events and make sure they are spread out. I don't agree with Lytham Festival being in term time, it should be in the school holidays as there's far too much disruption.

Parking restrictions needed on Mythop Road and The Glades especially during the Festival and YMCA competitions.

Lytham festival. Too many nights. Last night of proms too many people parking in inappropriate places. Noone policing the parking. That also applies to the festival. Only the bars and restaurants seem to benefit from the events. I don't see any benefits for the residents of Lytham or Ansdell.

Lytham Festival needs park and ride.

We now have to take our holiday during Lytham festival. This can't be right when outsiders are making so much money. We find the festival is very unpleasant and Lytham residents aren't benefitting.

I've lived here my entire life and would like to feel my voice is heard. The festival and parking is a nightmare for my whole street and the Council couldn't care less.

Lytham festival- we should have permit parking enforced and then provide shuttles in and out for visitors

I feel as a resident of Lytham who has lived here for over 25 years, that the Lytham festival has grown to big, its on to many day, with too many people attending and does not bring that much money to local business, the parking is a very big issue to local people, also it is very unsightly and takes over the green.

Lytham Festival causes problems for residents in terms of the parking and noise pollution. Residents are not consulted.

The Festival has become too big. It destroys amenity for many. It is not possible for everyone to simply "go away" for the duration of the festival to escape the disruption. The level of attendance is inappropriate for the town and a major disruption to well being, especially for children and older people

My main concern is the Festival. It is too big and lasts too long for its town centre site. Time to find an out of town site.

During the festival I mostly stay home but parking does appear to be a problem and using the green is not ideal for residents who enjoy access to the promenade.

A petition set up for Mythop Road no support which is a rat run Festival: Residents should not be restricted in using the green and the beach area, public transport and residents parking should not be affected

Prevention of crime and disorder:

Lytham festival to be situated in a more accessible place away from residential area.

Residents parking on Warton street

We also need residents' car parking passes for the Festival.

The name and size of the so called festival attracts visitors who want to participate in excessive use of alcohol and drugs. The disruption to residents is unacceptable. When the festival was at Lytham hall it felt more relaxed and more appropriate for a small town with limited parking and visitors accommodation.

Parking on pavements illegally. Parking in front of houses across drives etc. More control of speeding. The town is not big enough for Festival.

Promoting public safety:

Pedestrianisation of clifton street at weekends especially on summer and during festival.

make the festival accessible only on foot for a mile radius as at various venues around the country.

My main concern is the organisers of Lytham Festival trying to increase the numbers , Lytham does not have the infrastructure to cope with an extra 10,000 people , this is not for the benefit of

Lytham people only for their bank accounts. As I live on Warton Street , the parking is not great at the best of times . With the proposed increase it would be a nightmare , it's ludicrous and unsafe .

I don't know how an ambulance or more worryingly a fire engine would have accessed properties on our street, it was horrendous. I would suggest a park and ride system being set up for the festival. The traffic wardens only around during the day lots of cars without resident pass parking in the evening.

Parking for Festival becoming a huge issue! parking along Mythop was unsafe and would be nightmare for Ambulances or emergency services! No regard for locals - I don't mind festival but it's way too big for public space now!!!!

Noise from businesses is becoming a problem as is the encroachment onto pavements, which is forcing people to walk in the road. I don't want to harm struggling cafes but it has reached a ridiculous - and dangerous - level. We seem to have lost control of the town (i.e. Festival, policing, litter).

Be realistic the business climate is still fragile however Lytham looks like it is bucking the trend when compared to close neighbours e.g. St Anne's or Poulton. I agree the organisers should have better controlled of the crowds when they leave the festival but don't bite your nose off to spite your face - Lytham is vibrant because of the many good people it attracts it is a small group that affects the majority don't spoil a good vibe please

Mythop Road parking has huge issues especially during the festival. 2022 festival caused huge issues with traffic flow & was dangerous. Much the same for 2023

I live on Warton St I was very worried about the traffic jams on our street during the festival buses and large wagons at a standstill

Better park and ride facilities for the festival

I do not have any issue with the festival and would support an increase in numbers if there is improvement in parking arrangements and WiFi.

Protection of children from harm:

Lytham Festival is a huge asset to our lovely town. I don't own a business but I'm sure it brings in lots of revenue for our businesses and it's worth the week of upheaval. However, the numbers were too high this year. From an attendance point of view it felt unsafe. I took my older (both

over 10) children and they were terrified due to the crowds and the pushing. It wasn't a nice atmosphere on the George Ezra night. The space just isn't big enough for the extra numbers.

Mobile reception fails during the festival. When it failed to cope this year the electronic ticket system (ticket on mobile) did not work probably resulting in safeguarding measures for under 18's failing

General (NOT LICENSING CONSIDERATIONS)

I would not wish the festival numbers to increase beyond the 20K

The Festival should not clash with Club Day.

Lytham is a wonderful place to live. It is very attractive to visitors even without the festival. Transparency needed about decisions concerning the festival!

More care for the green, very uneven damaged by Festival & other events

Keep Lytham festival to 19999 !!!

Use of Lytham hospital car park during the festival would be an advantage and may help with the residents parking issue.

Older residents of Lytham need to understand that there are younger generations, Lytham should be a town inclusive for all and not just for older generations. Personally, I don't particularly enjoy the war weekend or classic cars days but having these events in conjunction with Lytham festival ensures there is a variety of things for all age groups across summer in Lytham.

Residents discounted tickets when festival is on (like they do at Glastonbury).

No visible benefits from the Festival going to Lytham.

Lytham Festival is fantastic for the area and I would support capacity increasing to 25,000. The artists that come to Lytham put the town on the map. Looking forward to 2024

People may be more in favour of the festival if it was reigned in and was more appropriate for the site. Cuffe and Taylor have already decided that it is taking place in 2024; they seem to have more say than the residents.

Please can Lytham festival be looked at and relocated

Fylde Council only seem interested in playing politics and put self interests over the wider interests of their constituents. Case in point, payment received from organisers of Lytham Festival.

Lytham is a fantastic place to live, and is massively improved by great large events on our doorstep- 1940s w/E, festival etc...

I am overall very happy with the atmosphere, growth and lifestyle in Lytham. It is exiting to see new developments come along and events such as the Festival develop into key social occasions. Lytham is a safe and welcoming place for young and older people alike to enjoy this beautiful town and its offerings.

Wouldn't like to see the festival numbers increase.

The council needs to charge significantly more for the festival to be held here. Potential ticket sales are circa £1,500,000 per day. The town should benefit from this more than it does.

Reduce the number of days the Lytham Festival lasts

In the short term: council tax relief as compensation for inconvenience to residents of e.g. the Festival (tax Cuffe & Taylor and Airbnbs for shortfall); move all visitor parking for events out of town, to a farmer's field?(not on the green), protect residents'/locals' parking / give us free parking in FBC car parks; introduce more residents permit parking generally.

Cut back on "Lytham "Festival" and move it off the green.

Let Airbnb and the company that profits from the festival subsidise our council tax. Stop parking on the green. Move the festival to Lytham Hall, with shuttles provided by the organisers.

Heritage needs a voice. I helped Fylde to establish the local list. I helped to ensure that Lytham Institute became a charitable trust. Fylde is currently sole trustee; its approach has put our Institute building at risk. The vacant space is ideal for Lytham council meetings and for community purposes. Lytham Green is protected by covenants. JT Clifton's gift to LSA Council was conditional. The festival's occupation breaches the covenants - the public cannot access their Green and promenade.

The festival is great for Lytham and should be supported, with park and ride introduced.

I believe the festival should be moved off the green. It's unsightly and stops anyone wanting to walk along the promenade

Fylde Council are too close to the organisers of the Festival. The council are not transparent in their dealings with them. Minutes of meetings regarding this event should be available to the public. The full council and public should be involved in the organisation of the festival. Everything regarding this festival seems to be a done deal, with mere lip service to consultation. The Chief Executive should not be tweeting messages in support of the Festival and licensed premises.

Clash of dates Festival v Club Day and boarding off the procession route

I live on East Beach and the festival causes me no problem at all.

If Lytham music festival is under question from local residents then you have to address the many other festivals that take place through the summer too as these also have the same effect on local residents.

I feel that for the amount of time the festival disrupts the town the advantages to business outweigh the negatives.

It seems most strange that Lytham should be the sole district in FYLDE without a local focus. As a local resident I was not made aware of any previous consultation exercise on a Town Council or of any major changes to the Festival arrangements

The Festival capacity should be capped at 20,000

Nowhere for teenagers to go. Can we have a community centre ideally at Parkview as its brilliant location. Cuff and Taylor would pay for it from ticket sales to the festival. £2 per ticket gets you £200,000

The issues with the Festival can be overcome by working together not driving a Right Wing Tory Warton Street wedge through the town. Lifeboat access can be resolved easily - just work together

Parking during the Lytham festival needs to be reviewed.

Would be very interesting to see who is getting all the money and why they are allowed to take over the green for such a significant period of time, before and after the festival.

Where does all the money go?

The Festival should be out of town, it is far too close to residents. It has grown too large!

The amount fbc receives for the festival is completely inadequate

LYTHAM festival. A park and ride system needs to be put in place asap.

Don't let festival impact on our Club Day

Lytham festival is amazing and draws many visitors both during and after the event. parking on the green, it almost £25. Pure greed, and this causes a knock on to people who live here who therefore then complain.

Take the festival to AFC. The stadium is not used much in the summer

councillors agreeing the festival licenses are not councillors that are voted by the residents of Lytham. we must have a say as to who issues the licenses and informed about what money there is from the festival and where it is spent, including parking on the green.

FBC and LCC regarding parking on pavements during festival other functions and football competitions I have suggested park and ride and the multi-story car park