



## ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Advice for Buskers in Adur Town Centres

Adur has always been a popular place for busking and the council is happy to have buskers liven up the streets in the following areas:

East Street, Shoreham-by-Sea

South Street and North Road, Lancing

Southwick Square, Southwick

However, the council and the police do receive complaints usually from local businesses or residents regarding amplified music, drumming or obstructing the highway.

Anybody may ask a busker to stop if they are disturbed by loud, continued or repeated singing, and/or playing instruments or amplifiers.

Please note that possession of this flyer does not offer its holder permission to carry on an activity if requested to stop by a police officer or any other lawful authority.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, all buskers/performers are required to have in place a valid PRS/PPL licence which must be made available for inspection if required.

## The key points to remember are:

- Busking is not illegal but there are rules and conditions that you must observe, such as:
  - Under the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993, noise in the street from musical instruments may be a statutory nuisance and the local authority is able to take legal action to abate the nuisance and prohibit or restrict its recurrence. This may include the seizure of musical instruments and/or amplification equipment.
  - Additionally, there are byelaws that address the issue of busking and noise. The Police and the council will not normally instigate legal action where the code is observed. However breaches make an offender liable to prosecution.
  - Street Trading is not permitted when busking. There are strict regulations to only allow street trading in consent streets where a permit to trade has been issued. Therefore you are not allowed to sell any recordings of your music or other items whilst busking.
  - Play at a reasonable level. Control the volume so that it is audible only to passers-by in the immediate vicinity, not in adjacent shops or office premises. Entertainers must stop performing immediately when requested to do so by a police officer, council officer or a neighbouring shopkeeper or resident
  - Drumming is not welcome in Adur because it causes too many complaints
  - Mains, battery or generator-powered amplification is not permitted
  - Entertainers shall not obstruct the highway and are also responsible for ensuring that the highway is not obstructed by people gathering to listen or to watch the performance. (Highway includes any footpath, pavement or open pedestrian area or place)
  - Entertainers shall not make use of street furniture, such as public seats, lampposts and railings. No structures of any sort, including gazebos and tables, are allowed
  - Any event, including markets, being held will take precedence over general busking activities. Buskers should move location and not be within hearing distance of the event.
  - Pitches chosen shall satisfy the above criteria and must not be within 50 metres of another busker
  - Entertainment is restricted to a maximum of one hour in any one place and shall not be repeated in that place or within 50 metres of it within one hour
  - Entertainment is only permitted between the hours of 10:00hrs and 19:00hours
  - Busking must not be conducted by cash point machines or any similar area; No sign shall be displayed inviting payment. You are reminded that begging is a criminal offence
  - Entertainers shall not perform in a manner which is dangerous to themselves or to the public; nor shall they dress, act or say anything which is likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to a member of the public
  - Children under 14 are not allowed to busk, and under 16's must be supervised by an adult at all times