

Queen's Baton Relay Event, Worcester Friday 22 July, 5.30-7.15pm Information for Residents and Businesses

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay will travel through Worcester city centre on Friday 22 July from 5.30-7.15pm. This letter contains essential information about how the event could impact on your business or where you live.

The Queen's Baton is currently on an epic journey across the Commonwealth, visiting all 72 nations and territories. The Relay began on 7 October 2021, with Her Majesty The Queen placing a message to the Commonwealth into the Baton, and it will culminate at the Opening Ceremony for the Commonwealth Games on Thursday 28 July in Birmingham.

This collective journey will ignite hope, solidarity, and collaboration, as it connects communities, embraces unique cultures, and shares inspirational stories. It will provide the opportunity for communities to experience the excitement for Birmingham 2022, as the 11 days of showstopping sport nears ever closer.

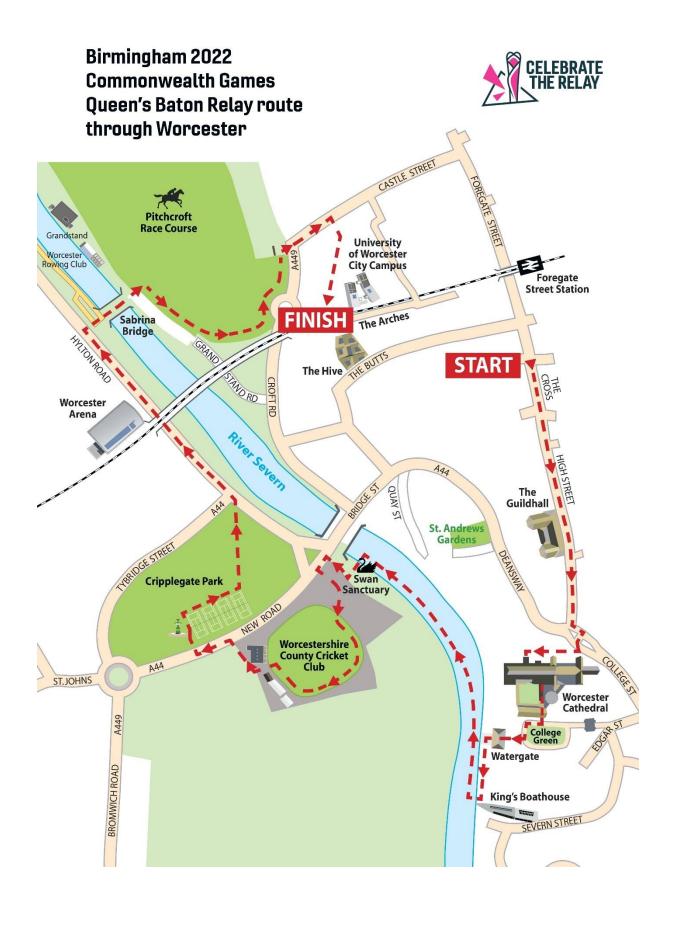
This newsletter is for residents and businesses to update you on plans for the event. Your needs are considered at every stage of the planning, but we understand there will necessarily be an impact on people because of the road closures and additional visitors to the city. The entire event team will work to keep any disruptions to a minimum and appreciate your support at this time.

We thank you for your patience and hope you will join us to celebrate this very exciting occasion for the city.

This letter contains information on:

- The route through Worcester
- Details of road closures
- Travel advice and parking
- Advice if you make or receive deliveries
- How to get involved

If you have any questions not covered in the letter, please email the team on citycentre@worcester.gov.uk



The Route

The Cross > High Street > Worcester Cathedral > Watergate > River Severn > New Road > Worcestershire County Cricket Club > Cripplegate Park > Tybridge Street > Hylton Road > Sabrina Bridge > Worcester Racecourse > Castle Street > City Campus > The Arches.

Road closures

Roads will be closed to all traffic including bicycles while the Queen's Baton Relay is in the immediate vicinity, but we will seek to minimise disruption as much as possible. Pedestrian access will be available throughout. It may be necessary to put in place additional closures or change these times on the day to ensure the safe running of the event.

Road Name (alphabetical order)	Anticipated maximum closure
Angel Place (Angel St to Broad St)	16:30 to 18:30
Bank Street	16:30 to 18:30
Broad Street	16:30 to 18:30
Castle Street	15 mins road closure between 18:30 and 19:00
Cherry Tree Walk	12:00 to 22:00
Church Street	16:30 to 18:30
College Green (partial closure)	16:30 to 18:30
College Precincts	16:30 to 19:00
College Street	15 mins road closure between 17:30 and 19:00
College Yard	16:30 to 18:30
Croft Road	15 mins road closure between 18:30 and 19:00
Deansway (between Fish Street and College Street)	15 mins road closure between 17:30 and 19:00
Grandstand Road (from Croft Road car park to Worcester Racecourse)	15 mins road closure between 18:30 and 19:00
High Street and Cathedral Square	16:30 to 18:30
Hylton Road (Retail Park to Henwick Road)	17:30 to 20:00
Infirmary Walk	12:00 to 22:00
Netherton Court	12:00 to 22:00
New Road	15 mins road closure between 18:00 and 19:00
Pump Street	16:30 to 18:30
Queen Street (Car Park access to The Trinity)	16:30 to 18:00
St Swithin's Street	16:30 to 18:00
The Cross	16:30 to 18:00
The Shambles	16:30 to 18:30
The Trinity	16:30 to 18:00
Trinity Street	16:30 to 18:00
Tybridge Street (between Retail Park and Hylton Road)	15 mins road closure between 18:00 and 19:00
Worcester Bridge (westbound direction only, including Bromwich Parade)	15 mins road closure between 18:00 and 19:00

Travel Advice

Large crowds are expected in the city so we would recommend you plan your journey accordingly, allowing plenty of time to reach your destination. The city centre will remain accessible to pedestrians during the closure, but vehicle access will be limited. Some bus journeys across parts of the city centre will be diverted or stop short of their destination.

City centre parking

If you have a private car park within the road closure and you need access to your vehicle between 5.30pm and 7.15pm, please contact the team on citycentre@worcester.gov.uk as soon as possible.

The following car parks will be closed, or partially closed, for the event: Cornmarket Car Park, Cattlemarket Car Park, Croft Road car park. All other car parks within the city will be open and accessible. For details of car parks, please visit www.worcester.gov.uk/parking/parking-sites

Planning deliveries

If you make or receive deliveries in the city centre, you may be affected by congestion and increased journey times because of the above road closures. If you are located within the road closure area, you should talk to your customers and suppliers in advance to consider if there are changes you can make to your deliveries. You may need to park your vehicle outside of the road closure area and walk to your destination.

How to get involved

Businesses are invited to celebrate this historic event by staying open later and joining the thousands of people expected in the streets. Stewards will be handing out flags and entertainers will be keeping the crowd occupied while they wait for the baton to pass through.

For more information about the event, visit www.birmingham2022.com/qbr and www.worcester.gov.uk/news. The team can be contacted on citycentre@worcester.gov.uk.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your patience, and we hope you will join us to celebrate this historic and important occasion for the city!

Best wishes,

The Tourism and Events Team Worcester City Council