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Road closure update: Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival

Following discussions between Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, First South Yorkshire and organisers of the Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival, the temporary roadworks currently being undertaken on Sheffield Road between the Ickles Roundabout and Bessemer Roundabout will be suspended between 7-9th March.

This means that visitors planning to attend the Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival will be able to access Magna via road from both Rotherham and Sheffield throughout the duration of the event.

The X1 and X10 bus service will operate along Sheffield Road, enabling visitors travelling to and from the festival to alight at the pedestrian entrance to Magna, accessible via Sheffield Road.

The last X1 bus service from Magna will depart at 23:25, arriving at Rotherham Interchange at approximately 23:25, before continuing its route to Maltby.

For visitors travelling to Sheffield, the final service from Magna will leave Templeborough via Sheffield Road at 0:12am arriving in Sheffield City Centre at 0:41am.

Tickets for the Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival can be purchased in advance via the festival website: <https://www.magnabeerfestival.uk/> or from selected pubs – see website for details.

The Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festivals opening times are 6:00pm – 11:00pm Thursday 7th and Friday 8th and between 12:00pm – 11:00pm on Saturday 9th March.

For visitors planning to attend the festival via car, taxi, or minibus, Magna can be accessed via its usual routes. Free parking is available at Magna during the event, and drivers can receive free non-alcoholic drinks from the festival bars throughout the duration of event.

Steve Burns, organiser, Rotherham Real Ale & Music Festival said:

“We’re expecting to welcome thousands of beer lovers from across the region, to our three day event, and we’ve been working closely with Rotherham Council and First South Yorkshire over the past few weeks to ensure that everyone visiting the festival can do so safely and with minimal disruption to their journeys.

I’d like thank both Rotherham Council and First South Yorkshire for listening to our concerns, and also for helping us to achieve a practical solution, ensuring that visitors can access one of the largest events which takes place in the borough with minimal disruption.

The agreement we have reached will mean that Sheffield Road will remain open during the evenings our festival will be open to the public. There have been a number of rumours circulating online that access to the festival will be limited, I want to refute these by going on record and say that both the roads will remain open around Magna, and that the venue will be accessible via public transport.

I hope the steps they have undertaken will help to encourage visitors to come along and enjoy this year’s Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival.”

Spokesperson for First Bus in South Yorkshire said, “We have bus services running to the event over the three days, giving people the opportunity to leave their car at home and sample a tippie or two whilst enjoying the entertainment. A link to the X1 and X10 timetables can be found here - [Timetables | First Bus](#) , we hope the weather holds out everyone has a great time”.

Rotherham Council’s Leader Cllr Chris Read said: “We are delighted that the Council is able to support this year’s event, as well as making it easier for people to get to the venue by car, foot or bike (sensibly of course!) We’re even more delighted that this year’s festival will have a film theme to celebrate the return of cinema in Rotherham for the first time in more than 30 years as we look forward to the opening of our new Forge Island in the Summer.”

Three-day event will provide beer and music lovers with the chance to sample over 150 beers, ciders, wines and gins. The entertainment line-up will see Yorkshire's largest open mic event take place on Thursday evening, whilst visitors will also get the chance to enjoy live music performances throughout the three day event, as well as experiencing a live cinema experience.

Tickets for the Rotherham Real Ale and Music Festival are priced £12 and can be purchased in advance from selected pubs and also via the festival website: <https://www.magnabeerfestival.uk>