



BLUEDOT FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Dear Resident,

As the festival is approaching we would like to provide you with our latest information and some updates on our plans during the event. Bluedot festival will be taking place for the third year at Jodrell Bank. Bluedot is a festival of discovery which will include elements of science, music and arts spread throughout the Observatory. As an addition for this year, Bluedot will be hosting 'The Blue Planet in concert with The Halle Orchestra' on the Thursday prior to the festival taking place over the weekend.

EVENT DATES:

Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd July 2018

OPENING / ENTERTAINMENT FINISHING TIMES:

THURSDAY 12:00 – 00:00 FRIDAY 09:00 – 02:00 SATURDAY 09:00 – 02:00 SUNDAY 09:00 – 01:00

LOCATION:

JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY, BOMISH LANE

RESIDENT HOTLINE NUMBER

07497 376 220

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The traffic management plan is very similar to last year and we will be implementing a 'temporary road closure' again. The road closure worked extremely well and helped alleviate traffic congestion on the roads surrounding Jodrell Bank. Traffic congestion is particularly disruptive to local residents and business. Please note that the 'temporary road closure' is a deterrent to through traffic where unnecessary vehicles are added to the local road network. This closure does not apply to local residents, businesses, visitors or Bluedot customers.

Hopefully this year the weather will not cause the poor ground conditions that led to difficulties getting cars on to the Jodrell Bank site in 2016. Although, in an effort this year to mitigate congestion, permission has been sought by the Local Authority to temporarily close the A535, should there be prolonged queues as a result of Bluedot Festival. The plan is to close the road in one direction to vehicles and send all Jodrell Bank traffic around surrounding main roads to enter from the opposite direction. For example, should there be a large volume of traffic travelling westbound through Holmes Chapel, causing queueing on the A535, the road in that direction will be closed to Bluedot traffic, the signage will be changed to send it north on the A50, right on to Seven Sister Lane then South on the A537, to bring the traffic in Eastbound to Jodrell Bank. This can also be done in the reverse. This will buy time to clear the queue and stop more traffic adding to the congestion.

Additionally, there will be signs advising of possible queues, and expected delays in advance and throughout the festival. This is an attempt to minimise through traffic during the event.

The road closure will not be manned and therefore cars will not be stopped. The way the road closure will be implemented is not intended to disrupt local day to day activity. At all times, local residents, businesses and visitors will be permitted through road closures and allowed to continue with their daily routine. Please note that the road closure will be implemented as required and will not be in position on a permanent basis.

NOISE MANAGEMENT

A noise management plan has been written by an independent noise consultant and approved by the Environmental Health department for Cheshire East Council. During the event the noise consultant will be monitoring noise levels both within the site and at designated positions off site. The sound systems will be adjusted accordingly to control these levels. The festival will be operating the set levels within the licence that we must adhere to. Please note there will not be any fireworks.

Should you have any concerns with sound levels over the weekend we ask you to call our onsite phone line and give your details so the consultants can visit your property to monitor levels. The resident's hotline number is detailed at the end of this letter and available 24 hours a day during the festival operating hours. All noise complaints will be shared with Environmental Health. We are conscious to cause minimal disturbance to local residents so if you feel you are being inconvenienced by any noise coming from the festival, please do get in touch.

RESIDENTS TICKETS

Local residents are able to purchase tickets at a 30% discounted price. (maximum 4 tickets per household) - These are available to purchase from Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre Shop. Areas which qualify for the resident's ticket scheme are:

• Goostrey • Lower Withington • Chelford • Blackden

All residents wishing to buy tickets should take along proof of home address and a form of ID at the point of purchase.

BLUEDOT & THE COMMUNITY

As with all of our events, we like to get involved in the local community and support charities and organisations where we can. This year we have chosen to support four charities; Lower Withington chosen Local Charity, Goostrey chosen Local Charity, Attitude is Everything, Practical Action.

GETTING INVOLVED

Do you know anyone locally that would be interested in volunteering at the festival? We would love for them to get involved! In exchange for just a few hours of their time they will receive a wristband to the event and plenty of free time to enjoy all that the festival has to offer as well as the chance to take home memories for life and meet lots of likeminded people.

Applications to volunteer can be submitted at:

https://www.discoverthebluedot.com/news_article/join-our-team-and-volunteer-at-bluedot

GET IN TOUCH

During the festival the dedicated resident's hotline will be operational 24 hours a day beginning 8am on Thursday 19th July. Please get in touch if you have any questions, queries or issues. The number is **07497 376 220**.

We are very keen to ensure that we are a good neighbour for the brief period we are in residence at Jodrell Bank. We genuinely welcome feedback in order to improve the way we deliver future events.

Should you wish to get in touch at any point please email:

charlotte@groundcontroluk.com

Many Thanks,

The Bluedot Team