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# NEWSLETTER

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## Security - Henley Street Bollards Update

The National Threat Level assessment has been reduced to Severe and Operation Temperer has been deactivated (see below). However, our partner agencies are planning on the bollards on Henley Street to remaining raised for the remainder of this week which will mean that Henley Street businesses will need to operate as they have done over the Bank Holiday period.

This will allow for a longer period to assess any issues that may arise and will allow for further consideration of the longer term approach. We understand that this will be reviewed early next week (week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June).

## Warwickshire Police response to Operation Temperer and the reduction in UK Threat Level - update



Assistant Chief Constable for Warwickshire Police, Martin Evans, has thanked the Warwickshire community for their support over the last week as policing in the county returns to 'business as usual'.

Speaking on Tuesday (30 May) he said: "In what has been a harrowing week for so many our thoughts have strongly remained with those that lost their lives and were injured in Monday's cowardly attack at the Manchester Arena.

"In the face of such an atrocity it has been heart-warming to see communities across the entire country come together in support of each other. We have been overwhelmed by the positive response our officers received from the people of Warwickshire as we increased our patrols for public reassurance in the last week.

"We have had numerous occasions where people have gone out of their way to say thank you to our officers for their commitment and dedication to keeping our communities safe.

"It has been great seeing so many people out enjoying the bank holiday weekend and the many events that have taken place and, from the feedback we have received, we are pleased that our policing plan has helped them feel confident and safe to do this.

"With the reduction in UK threat level and the deactivation of Operation Temperer we have now returned to 'business as usual'. However, we will not be complacent and we continue to work to do everything within our power to keep you safe.

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## Street Pastors

One of Stratford's Street Pastors, Ann, has been helping in Manchester in the aftermath of **last week's attack**. Ann, is trained as a Response Pastor which means that if there is an emergency, such as the terrorist attack in Manchester, they will go and be with those who are grieving and traumatized by what happened there.



Here is what Ann had to say about her experience...

"I was one of a team of 12 Response Pastors working mainly in St Ann's square where people queued all day to lay flowers, balloons and write chalk messages on the pavement. The atmosphere was eerily quiet and you could feel the grief and emotion. There were lots of people who had travelled from all over the country as they felt a need to be there. We worked alongside other organisations such as Red Cross Volunteers, Billy Graham Chaplains and Victim Support.

The most emotional time was when one of the victim's family came through escorted by police to let off balloons. There was an amazing response from the people in Manchester and a strong sense of community came through. **It was a real privilege to be there just to listen to people."**

Find out more about Stratford's Street Pastors here [www.streetpastors.org/locations/stratford-upon-avon](http://www.streetpastors.org/locations/stratford-upon-avon). They do great work to support late night visitors to the town, on mainly Friday and Saturday nights.

## Road closures

Bridgefoot and Tiddington Road will be subject to overnight road closures for several nights later this month.

A Temporary Traffic Order is in place closing Tiddington Road from June 12th to 15th and Bridgefoot on June 16th.

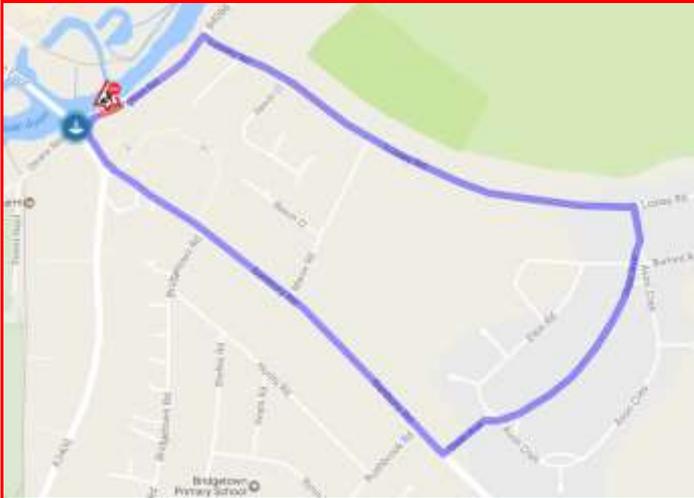
The closures, expected to take place overnight between 7pm and 6am, are needed for **'environmental works', with ground investigation works taking place to look at** what utilities are in place where, as well as other elements including soil conditions.

While the roads will be closed to vehicles, pedestrian access will be maintained, as will access to frontages where possible. The work is being carried out by Wilkinson Environmental.

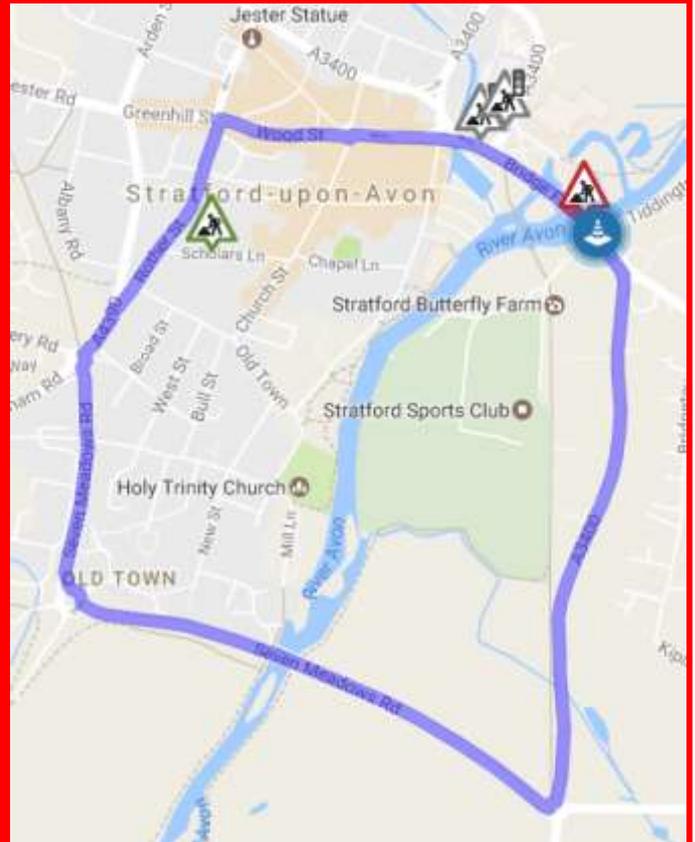
Visit <http://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/news/town-council-news/road-closure-notice---bridgefoot---tiddington-road> for the full road closure notice and diversion routes.



# Diversion Routes



The diversion route for [Tiddington Road](#).



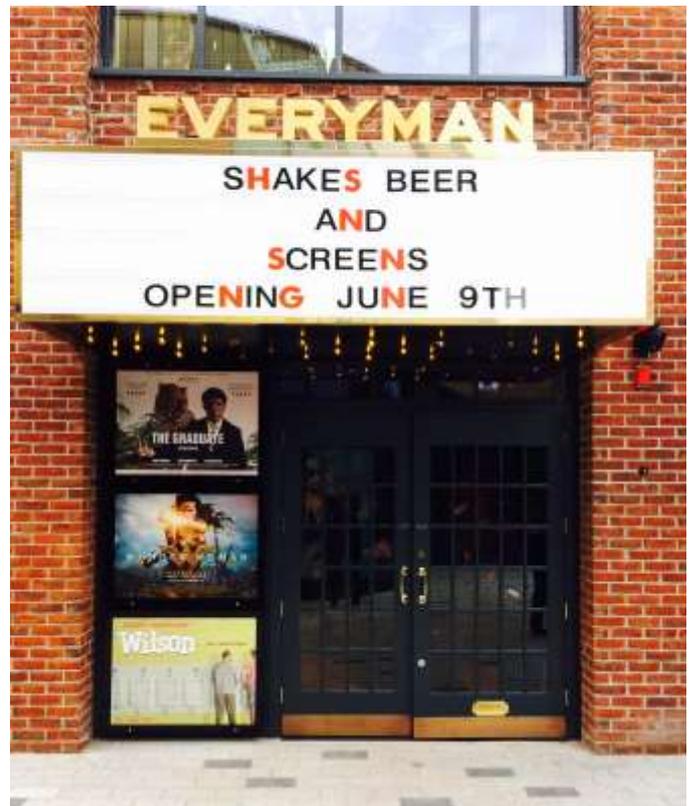
The diversion route for [Bridgefoot](#).

## Bell Court

Bell Court's Everyman cinema is set to open next Friday (June 9th), marking the latest milestone in the development.

The four-screen cinema - the first Everyman cinema in Warwickshire - opens to the public, bringing a mixture of new releases with a curated film schedule, as well as live events.

The opening comes just weeks after the official unveiling of a bronze Shakespeare-themed statue at the £30million redevelopment, which will also bring Byron, Miller and Carter and All Bar One as part of what is hoped to be an added feather in Stratford's cap when it comes to the town's retail and leisure offering.



## Folk Festival

Stratford ArtsHouse is hosting the first ever Stratford Folk Festival this weekend, bringing leading international, national and local musicians together.

The three-day festival starts with a Ceilidh on Friday night ahead of the main programme on Saturday and Sunday that will include headline acts Show of Hands and Irish folk singer Cara Dillon, as well as BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winners Sam Kelly and Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman.

As well as nearly 20 bands it will include music and craft workshops, storytellers and various craft stalls together with gourmet food and real ale.

The ArtsHouse is running a special offer for BID members, inviting **you to the Ceilidh and up to four complimentary daytime tickets to the festival. If you're interested, contact [producer@stratfordartshouse.co.uk](mailto:producer@stratfordartshouse.co.uk) to arrange yours.**



Cara Dillon



## Picturehouse Pop-Up Screenings

**Stratford Picturehouse's Pop-Up** screenings are back this weekend, giving visitors the chance to take in some film favourites by the banks of the Avon.

The Pop-Up Screenings, organised in partnership with San Miguel, take place under a pop-up marquee on the Riverside Lawn at Avon Boating on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The **line-up of this year's films are Back to the Future on Friday, Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge on Saturday, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show** starring Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon on Sunday.

The gates open at 7pm, with the screening starting around 9.30pm or as soon as it gets dark. Film fans can bring a picnic but no alcohol as there will be a bar selling beer, wine, soft drinks **and snacks throughout the evening. Don't forget to take blankets and cushions and warm clothing** in case the evening is chilly.

Ticketholders can also enjoy a free boat hire from Avon Boating on the day of the film. Tickets can only be booked in advance via the Picturehouse Blog at [picturehouseblog.co.uk/2017/05/05/the-san-miguel-picturehouse-pop-up-sets-sail-for-avon-boating-stratford-upon-avon](http://picturehouseblog.co.uk/2017/05/05/the-san-miguel-picturehouse-pop-up-sets-sail-for-avon-boating-stratford-upon-avon) or in person on the day.

For more information contact Picturehouse general manager Laura Brookes on [laura.b@picturehouses.co.uk](mailto:laura.b@picturehouses.co.uk), marketing manager Laura Vincent on [laura.v@picturehouses.co.uk](mailto:laura.v@picturehouses.co.uk) or call the Picturehouse on 01789 415214.

The Picturehouse also stated "We have a lease to operate the cinema until 2020. We will explore any and all options before that lease expires."

## SBT Exhibition

A new exhibition has opened at Shakespeare's Birthplace, showcasing Shakespeare's influence in South Asia.

The exhibition, Shakespeare in South Asia, opened on May 26th and is set to run until September 8th.

Working with students from Birmingham City University's School of English, the exhibition takes visitors on a visual tour of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, giving a snapshot of each country's relationship with Shakespeare.

Elizabeth Dollimore, Informal Learning and Programmes Manager at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, said, "We are delighted to be producing this exhibition as part of our programme showcasing our theme of Crossing Borders.

"Shakespeare's works have a long and complex relationship with South Asia, a relationship which has sometimes been tested by the colonial context but which has been the root of extraordinary artistic and intellectual energy. The exhibition will explore Shakespeare as the international figure who crossed borders and explored issues that are relevant even today."

In celebration of South Asian music, the Trust has commissioned seven new musical compositions inspired by Shakespeare to complement the exhibition. Other highlights of the Crossing Borders programme, set to take place through the summer, include: a screening of 'Rahm' - a Sufi adaptation of Shakespeare's Measure for Measure; live traditional Indian dancing; a Bhangra Dance workshop and a creation installation of The Tempest - South Asian-style.

For dates, locations and more information visit [www.shakespeare.org.uk](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk)



## Trish McDonald - RIP

The Stratforward team were saddened to hear that Trish McDonald, the manager of Stratford's Cancer Research shop had passed away. She was a long standing supporter of BID initiatives and was always keen to participate in the town centre fashion shows and raise awareness and funds for her shop. Her sense of humour and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

## Want to be involved in the River Festival?

Following the successful treasure hunt at the Festival of Motoring, Dave Matthews from Creaky Cauldron is organising another over the weekend of the River Festival 1st & 2nd July.

If you are interested in participating please contact Event Manager Ruth on [ruth@stratforward.co.uk](mailto:ruth@stratforward.co.uk) or call our office 01789 299011



## Dates for your diary!

If you have an event you would like us to list here please email Sandi - sandi@stratforward.co.uk

### June

2nd to 4th	Stratford Folk Festival - BID Card Discount available!
2nd to 4th	Pop-up Cinema @ Riverside Lawn
3rd	Champions League Final
8th	General Election
9th, 10th & 20th	Stratford Races
11th	Live Comedy at the Fourteas - <b>Sadly cancelled</b> :(
12th - 16th	Tiddington Road & Bridgefoot Road closures
17th	Stratford Boat Club Regatta
18th	<b>Father's Day</b>
18th to 25th	Poetry Festival
23rd - 2nd Sept	Titus Andronicus opens @ The RSC Theatre
24th	Midsummers Day

### July

1st & 2nd	River Festival
3rd to 16th	Wimbledon
4th, 16th & 23rd	Stratford Races
7th to 9th	British Grand Prix @ Silverstone
9th	Stratford Boat Club Fun Regatta
20th	Showcase Stratford @ The Artshouse
21st to 4th Sept	<a href="#">Warwickshire school summer holidays</a>
23rd	Stratford Lions Club Raft Race
26th to 4th Sept	Birmingham school summer holidays

### August

3rd & 24th	Stratford Races
10th to 13th	Bulldog Bash (TBC)



1st & 2nd July 2017  
[www.stratfordriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.stratfordriverfestival.co.uk)



23rd to 24th September 2017  
[www.stratfordtowncentrefoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtowncentrefoodfestival.co.uk)



6th & 7th May 2018  
[www.stratfordfestivalofmotoring.co.uk](http://www.stratfordfestivalofmotoring.co.uk)

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