



## His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation – FAQs

The Coronation for His Majesty King Charles III is due to take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 and will see people from across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth come together to celebrate.

The three days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of celebration for the King's Coronation.

The Coronation programme will commence with a procession and service at Westminster Abbey on 6 May, the 'Coronation Big Lunch' on 7 May (with a concert taking place in Windsor Castle in the evening) followed by 'The Big Help Out' Community Activity on the Bank Holiday, Monday 8 May.

### Street Parties

Organising a street party to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation between 6-8 May 2023 is simple and easy to do.

The number one tip for holding a party is to plan early, speak to your neighbours and share jobs out amongst residents.

- Chat about your idea with neighbours you know and see if this is something they would like to do.
- Organise a street party committee. You can do this simply over a messaging application like WhatsApp.
- Think about when to hold your party. The King's Coronation takes place on a three-day Bank Holiday.
- Make sure your committee hold a wider set of meetings and invite everyone in your street in writing to contribute or take part.
- Ideally hold some of your meetings in the street, weather and road safety permitting.

If everyone is happy to progress, your next steps will look like this:

- If your street party is going to take place on your street, you will need to apply for a free road closure from St Helens Borough Council using the [road closure application form](#).
- Plan activities for all ages and tastes
- Ensure you have enough food, games, chairs, tables etc to accommodate everyone.
- Music is great! But make sure it's not too loud and is to suit everyone's taste.
- Consult [www.streetparty.org.uk](http://www.streetparty.org.uk) and [www.edenprojectcommunities.com](http://www.edenprojectcommunities.com) for more tips, downloadable assets and much more.
- Visit <https://coronation.gov.uk/> for activities, recipes, playlists and more.



Street party organisers are asked to ensure they start planning early and ensure your application for a free road closure is submitted to St Helens Borough Council as early as possible. Deadline for Road Closure Applications, Friday 24 March.

## Guide to planning a street party

Here are some things to consider before deciding on hosting a street party.

- Street parties are enjoyable community events held in residential streets and are considered to be open solely to residents and surrounding neighbours.
- They allow for communities to unite to celebrate a national or regional occasion.
- Often this involves opening up front gardens, laying out chairs and tables and sourcing food and drink.
- These parties can be held on a quiet residential road, in an apartment block or in a nearby local green space.
- All parties are self-organised by residents or a chosen 'neighbourhood committee'

## How do I apply?

Street party organisers are asked to complete a [Road Closure request form](#), to be submitted before Friday 24 March 2023. It is free to apply for a road closure for the King's Coronation weekend.

Our Highways Team need time to ensure all road closure notices and provisions are in place to allow for a safe and enjoyable event for all guests, while maintaining and facilitating access for emergency services at all times.

## Will I need insurance?

Ordinarily, simple street parties do not require insurance. However, each application is assessed independently and on its own merits. Should St Helens Borough Council feel it necessary that you may need to take out temporary insurance owing to the nature of your event, we will advise you of this.

## Do we need a licence to sell alcohol?

Yes, if you are planning on the sale of alcohol you will need to apply for a Temporary Events Notice (TEN). [Standard TEN and late TEN - St Helens Borough Council](#)

## I don't want to close the road, but still want to host a party

While traditionally street parties normally involve a road closure, this doesn't have to be the case and some communities may want to host 'street meets' instead.

Street meets are informal smaller scale street parties that take place on a driveway, parking area, front garden or end of a cul-de-sac. Provided it is on private land and you have full landowner permission, you can pick a spot in the street to have a get-together.



We would ask in all instances the pavement and footpaths are kept clear to allow access for other pedestrians, including those with disability or people with prams to ensure they do not face any difficulties.

## **I don't live in a road that can hold a party so would like to use a park**

We understand that some of our residents may struggle to hold a party in their street so may find it easier to use one of our parks to bring all their community together. If this is something you want to do, please complete an Application to hold an Event on Council Land Form [Apply to hold an event - St Helens Borough Council](#) and submit to our Events Team in the first instance [events@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:events@sthelens.gov.uk) detailing the park you wish to use.

## **Is there any funding available to help organise a street party?**

The National Lottery's Awards For All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity. [The National Lottery Community Fund: National Lottery Awards for All England - Funding for All](#)

Activities should aim to bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities. Applications may be looked at favourably if they include King's Coronation activities. If you are looking to have a road closure in place, you could build the cost of the closure into any application.

Charities, community or not-for-profit groups, parish councils, health bodies or schools are eligible to apply.

You do not need to be a registered charity to apply, however you must have a bank account that requires at least two signatures on cheques or withdrawals.

There is no deadline for applications however, these would need submitting as soon as possible to ensure they are assessed prior to The King's Coronation Weekend.

## **How to have a greener street party**

Recycle all glass, cans, plastic bottles and paper and put them out for collection on your next recycling day.

Think about buying locally and using Fairtrade products.

