

STREET PERFORMERS IN WINCHESTER:

Good Practice Guide

Street performers, including buskers, contribute to the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere of Winchester's historic city centre. Their presence brings enjoyment to residents and visitors alike. However, it's important to ensure performers remain considerate to those living and working nearby. This guide outlines good practice to help performers maintain a positive experience for everyone.



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Good Practice Guidelines

Please follow these helpful tips when performing in Winchester:

- ✓ Keep your volume at a reasonable level to avoid disturbing others.
- ✓ Perform without amplification where possible.
- ✓ Stay aware of your surroundings and the impact on nearby businesses and homes.
- ✓ Change your location regularly to avoid prolonged disruption.
- ✓ Speak politely and respectfully if approached by a resident or business owner.
- ✓ Follow any guidance provided by Council Officers or BID Rangers.
- ✓ Don't block pavements or public walkways.
- ✓ Don't use street furniture such as lamp posts or public benches as part of your act.
- ✓ Don't ask directly for money from passers-by.
- ✓ It's not always easy to judge your own volume, so check in with nearby shopkeepers after a few songs.
- ✓ Be approachable and aim to create a friendly, shared atmosphere.
- ✓ Think of your music as enhancing the area, rather than competing with other noises.
- ✓ Enjoy the positive feedback, but remember those who can't easily move away.
- ✓ Keep paths clear and leave space for buggies and wheelchairs.

Reporting Concerns

If a street performance is causing a disturbance near your home or workplace, please contact Winchester City Council's Environmental Health team. You can call **01962 848 097** or email **eh@winchester.gov.uk**. When reporting, include a description of the performer, their name if known, and your location.

If issues persist, the Council may take formal action under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This process includes a verbal warning, followed by a written Community Protection Warning, and if necessary, a Community Protection Notice. Continued non-compliance may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice and a fine.