

Traffic Management Plan

Event: Plant Hunters' Fair

Date and time: Wednesday, April 17 2024, 10am – 4pm

Venue: Walled Garden, Bramhall Park

Outline of Event: Outdoor plant fair: specialist commercial growers will be selling plants direct to the public.

Managing Visitor Numbers:

This is an established event in Bramhall Park that prior to the pandemic had been run successfully for some eight years by Bramhall Hall staff. This will be the first time the event has been run directly by the Friends Group. However a number of the organisers are well-versed with overseeing large events including the annual Bramhall Park Duck Race.

This is a walk-in event and attracts a significant proportion of local people. They are likely to either arrive on foot or be dropped off. Similar events have been staged previously in the same area. These were well-managed and no issues arose or concerns raised with regard to parking.

We will encourage visitors not to bring their cars. We will also communicate information about walking routes and public transport options via the Council's website. Both of the on-site car parks will be used. Capacity for the top car park and lower car park is 56 plus 5 accessible bays. The designated coach bays will not be in use and will provide 12 additional spaces. Parking capacity therefore totals some 68 spaces (plus 5 accessible bays).

Use of the Archery Lawn:

We have requested the use of the Archery Lawn for the parking of cars for stallholders. This will enable stall holders to access the Walled Garden via the side gates thus reducing congestion from vehicles accessing through the main entrance. Traders with heavy equipment may be allowed direct vehicular access to the Walled Garden but will be required to unload and then park in designated parking areas. Reverse arrangements will be in place for the loading of stock and equipment once the event has finished at 16:00. The side gates to the Walled Garden will be opened at 7:00 but will be closed once stall holders have set up, and will remain closed throughout the duration.

If there is pressure on the designated car parks we have requested that the Archery Lawn may be used as an overspill with priority being given to Blue Badge holders. This contingency will be subject to a site inspection to assess if the ground conditions will allow.

Specific checkpoints have been identified which will be marshalled by members of the Friends. Members will be in high-vis jackets and will be in radio communication.

Traffic Management:

We shall follow the plan produced and operated successfully by the Hall staff who previously oversaw this event. To ensure access for emergency vehicles certain sections of the driveways will be coned, such as the junction of Bramhall Park Road and Hall Road and the drive between the main approach road to the car parks.