

**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ABINGDON MICHAELMAS FAIR)
(SPECIAL EVENT) ORDER 2024**

WHEREAS the Oxfordshire County Council ('the Council') is satisfied that traffic in certain roads should be temporarily prohibited or restricted whilst the Abingdon Michaelmas Fair is in progress on the highway. The Council is satisfied that it is appropriate for the event to take place on public roads.

NOW THEREFORE the Council in exercise of its powers under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers hereby make the following Order:

1. In this Order the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Pedal cycle" means a bicycle or tricycle which is not a motor vehicle.

"Maximum Gross Weight" means:

- (a) in the case of a Motor Vehicle not drawing a Trailer or in the case of a Trailer, its Maximum Laden Weight;
- (b) in the case of an articulated vehicle, its Maximum Laden Weight (if it has one) and otherwise the aggregate Maximum Laden Weight of all the individual vehicles forming part of that articulated vehicle; and
- (c) in the case of a Motor Vehicle (other than an articulated vehicle) drawing one or more Trailers, the aggregate Maximum Laden Weight of the Motor Vehicle and the Trailer or Trailers drawn by it.

Note 'articulated vehicle' means a vehicle with a Trailer so attached to it as to be partially superimposed upon it.

"Maximum Laden Weight" means in relation to a vehicle (including a vehicle which is a trailer).

- (a) in the case of a vehicle as respects which a gross weight not to be exceeded in Great Britain is specified in construction and use requirements (as defined by Section 41(8) of the Road Traffic Act 1988) the weight so specified;
- (b) in the case of a vehicle as respects which no such weight is so specified, the weight which the vehicle is designed or adapted not to exceed when in normal use and travelling on a road laden.

"road" includes part of a road.

"public service vehicle" shall have the meaning assigned in Section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1987.

"bus(es)" means

- (i) motor vehicles constructed or adapted to carry more than eight passengers (exclusive of the driver); and
- (ii) local buses not so constructed or adapted.

"local bus" means a public service vehicle used for the provision of a local service (as defined in Section 2 of the Transport Act 1985) not being an excursion or tour.

"the Event" means the Abingdon Michaelmas Fair from the 6 – 9th October 2024.

“the Sections of Road(s)” means those roads or lengths of road specified separately in the Schedules to this order.

- 2 Save as provided by Article 3 of this order, no person shall, when and where appropriate signage is in place, other than with the permission of or under the direction of a Police Constable in uniform or the Council, cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in any of the Sections of Road specified in Schedule 1 to this order, and where applicable at the times stated.
- 3 Nothing in Article 2 of this order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in any of the Sections of Road if the vehicle is:
 - (i) being used for police, fire or ambulance services,
 - (ii) a marked Royal Mail vehicle using Ock Street,
 - (iii) involved in the setting up, operation or dismantling of the Event
 - (iv) requiring access to property only accessible via the closed road(s).
- 4 Save as provided by Article 5 of this order, no person shall, when and where appropriate signage is in place, other than with the permission of or under the direction of a Police Constable in uniform or the Council, cause or permit any vehicle to wait in any of the Sections of Road specified in Schedule 2 to this order for the Event.
- 5 Nothing in Article 4 of this order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait in the specified Sections of Road if the vehicle is being used:
 - (i) for police, fire or ambulance services
 - (ii) to set down or pick up passengers
 - (iii) to allow a vehicle to be loaded or unloaded at premises in or adjacent to a Section of Road.
 - (iv) in the setting up, operation or dismantling of the Event
- 6 Save as provided in Articles 7 & 8 of this order no person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in the Sections of Road specified in column 1 of Schedule 3 to this order, other than in the direction specified opposite thereto in column 2.
- 7 Nothing in Article 6 of this order shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in the Sections of Road, other than in the direction specified if the vehicle is being used for police, fire or ambulance services in an emergency.
- 8 Nothing in Article 6 of this order shall render it unlawful for a person to ride a Pedal Cycle across St Helens Wharf Bridge.
- 9 Save as provided by Article 10 of this Order, no person shall cause or permit a vehicle having a Maximum Gross Weight in excess of 7.5 tonnes to proceed into Abingdon town from any of the points specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.
10. Nothing in Article 9 of this order shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit such a vehicle to proceed into Abingdon from any of the points specified, if the vehicle is being used for:
 - (i) police, fire or ambulance services
 - (ii) setting up or clearing the event
11. The prohibitions imposed by Articles 2, 4, 6 and 9, shall apply in relation to any part of the Sections of Road to such extent and at such times as there are in place traffic signs (within the meaning of section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) indicating that such prohibition is in operation at that part.

13. The Oxfordshire County Council (St Helens Wharf Bridge, Abingdon) (One-Way Traffic) Order 1979 is temporarily suspended in accordance with Article 6 above so as to provide an alternative route for traffic to south Abingdon.
14. The relevant part of the Oxfordshire County Council (Abingdon Town Centre) (Prohibition of Right Turns) Order 2006 is suspended to temporarily suspend the `No Right Turn` from Stratton Way into Bath Street.
15. The County Council is satisfied that it is appropriate for the events to take place on public roads, and this order may be cited as the Oxfordshire County Council (Abingdon Michaelmas Fair) (Special Event) Order 2024 and shall come into force from 6 October 2024.

GIVEN UNDER the Common Seal of Oxfordshire County Council
this thirtieth day of September 2024.

SCHEDULE 1

Prohibition of Vehicles

<i>Sections of Road:</i>	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
Market Place, Carriageway along the north side of County Hall	its junction with Stert Street	its junction with High Street
High Street and The Square	its junction with Market Place	its junction with Ock Street
Ock Street	its junction with The Square	its junction with Drayton Road and Spring Road 1200 to 2400hrs daily (except Royal Mail vehicles). Access permitted between 24:00hrs and 12:00hrs.
Stratton Way	its junction with Ock Street	its junction with Bath Street 12:00 to 2400hrs daily. Access permitted Between 24:00hrs and 12:00 hrs.
West St.Helen Street	its junction with High Street	its junction with Lombard Street.

SCHEDULE 2

Prohibition of Waiting

Bostock Road both sides	from its junction with Conduit Road	to its junction with Victoria Road
Edward Street north side	from its junction with Victoria Road	to its junction with Spring Road
Victoria Road west side	from a point 40 metres north of its junction with Ock Street	to its junction with Exbourne Road
Spring Road west side	from its junction with A415 Marcham Road	to its junction with Faringdon Road.

SCHEDULE 3

One Way Traffic

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Length of Road:	Permitted Direction:
Lombard Street	West to East
St Helens Wharf Bridge	East to West

SCHEDULE 4

Vehicles over 7.5t Weight Prohibition upon entering Abingdon from the following points:

(i) A415 Abingdon Bridge
(ii) Southwards at the Oxford Road roundabout
(iii) Southwards at the Wootton Road roundabout
(iv) Westwards along Radley Road from its roundabout junction with Audlett Drive.

**THE COMMON SEAL of THE
OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
was affixed in the presence of:

Solicitor / Designated Officer.