

# Event planning for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day

To commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) day – marking the end of the war in Europe and World War II on 8 May 1945, there will be celebrations and events held around the UK on Thursday 8 May 2025, as well as community events.

## Holding an event to commemorate VE Day

Find information and key dates below to help get you started.

### Planning a street party to celebrate the event

You'll need to apply to Leicestershire County Council to close your street/road to traffic by emailing [eventsnetworkmanagement@leics.gov.uk](mailto:eventsnetworkmanagement@leics.gov.uk) and we will send you an **application form** to complete.

All fees associated with the legal application have been waived for the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the application time reduced to 6 weeks.

#### Please note:

- The fee waiver is for **VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary only** and does not apply to other events.
- If you wish to apply for a road closure or any other restrictions, the last date to submit the form is **Friday 21 March 2025**. Applications after this date may not be fulfilled.

Given the occasion and following government guidance we will not be asking for the usual required documentation for a road closure such as an in-depth risk assessment, however consideration still needs to be given to ensure the **safety** of all attendees and an enjoyable event. Within the registration form you will find some other information for you to consider.

See: [Your guide to organising a street party \(GOV.UK\)](#) for further advice on road closures for street parties.

The information you supply to us about your event will be shared with the emergency services so they can put their own plans and resources in place. Please give your application form in suitable time, it is better to provide draft plans than nothing at all. It is essential that the emergency services are kept well informed of the events, and we would rather know something is happening well in advance than finding out the day before.

### Signs and cones

Leicestershire County Council Highways is offering the loan of signs and cones, should you need these please complete **Section 5** of the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary application pack that is sent to you.

Please be aware signs and cones must be collected from and returned to the LCC Mountsorrel Highways Depot. Appropriate arrangements will need to be made for collection. The deadline for your cones and signs applications is **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**, after this date we cannot guarantee availability.

**Please note:** the fees for the loan of signs will be waived for all VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, but **equipment must be returned, or it will be invoiced for.**

If you would like to organise an event on council land or a greenspace or to find out about licensable activities such as selling food and drink or having music on a stage please see [Licensable activities](#) where you will find details for each borough or districts page.