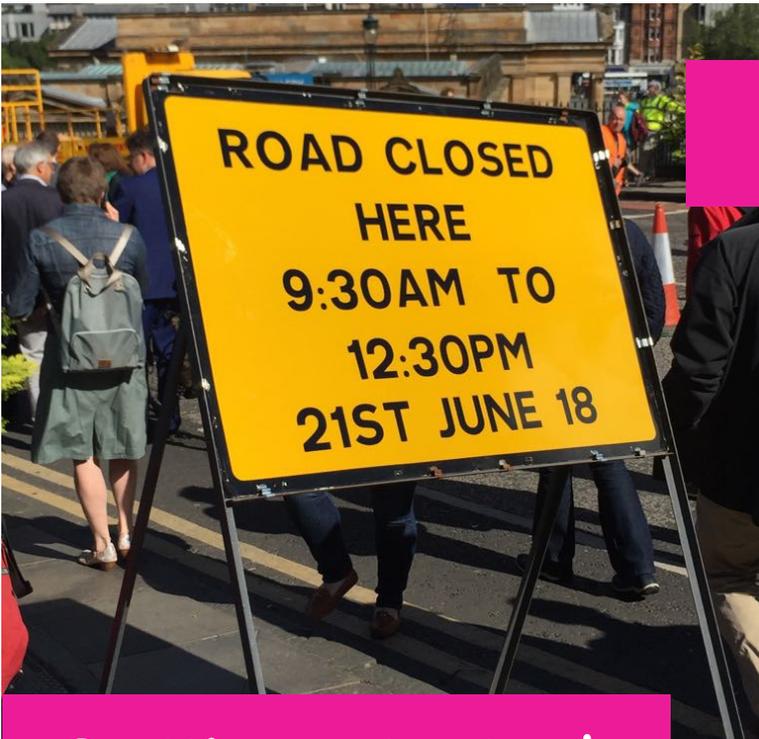


How to: plan a street party



Having a street party is a great way to celebrate Clean Air Day. It can bring the local community together and reduce air pollution. Did you know, during the London Marathon, air pollution monitors measured an 89% drop in pollution levels compared to other Sundays?

Having a street party is easier than you might think. You could do it on your street on Clean Air Day or the weekend before, or work with your local school to trial a school street closure on Clean Air Day.



Getting started

Top tips



- It's best to get planning early, some councils require as much as 6 weeks' notice.
- Get your local school involved and shut the road outside the school gates to encourage families to walk, scoot or cycle to school.
- Some local councils will lend you signs and cones to close the road, or you can hire signs.
- You'll need to make sure emergency services can still get down the street.
- Visit www.streetparty.org.uk/residents/ for more guidance.

- 1 Think about which road you would like to close.
- 2 Chat about your idea with neighbours you know.
- 3 You'll need to get permission from your local council to close a road for a street party. Find out everything your council needs to know by entering your street postcode here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-hold-street-party>.
- 4 Hold a neighbourhood meeting and invite your neighbours in writing. Let residents know why you want to hold a street party and how they can get involved. Use our template letter to get you started.

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We held a Mad Hatter's tea party! We closed off part of the road and had a bouncy castle, bikes, scooters and various stalls.



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Planning

- 5 Involve as many people as possible and share the jobs e.g. organising the street closure, bunting/decorations, food and drink, music, activities, setting-up and clearing up afterwards.
- 6 Think about what you want to do at your street party, for example:
 - Use the Clean Air Day leaflets and posters for an information stall
 - Hold scooter races
 - Arrange games to play
 - Have a bring a dish food table
- 7 Use our publicity tips to promote your event to local residents and invite local councillors and media along for the day.
- 8 Post reminders for the street party through people's doors and ask people to move their cars on the day.

On the day

- 9 Have fun and enjoy breathing cleaner air! Share photos from your event using #CleanAirDay and tag @cleanairdayuk
- 10 Share information about air pollution and top tips for people to reduce air pollution and protect their health.

After the day



Let us know how it went. Fill in the Clean Air Day event feedback form with a short description of what you did, how many people came along and any photos you have taken.



Street parties are easy



You need permission from the council to close the road, but don't require a music licence at a street party unless amplified music is one of the main purposes of the event



For most street parties the council application process is straightforward, not lots of complicated forms



You don't have to pay to close the road. Some councils even have small grants available to cover street party costs such as food and activities.



There is no requirement from central government to have public liability insurance



One-off events aren't considered food business so there are no forms to fill in or food licences needed

School streets

- A school street is when road around the school are closed at school drop off and pick up times
- Don't want to close the road all day? Look at [Friends of the Earth's guide](#) to find out how to organise a school street



To get involved in Clean Air Day and learn more about how air pollution could be affecting you and your family's health, visit cleanairday.org.uk or search #CleanAirDay.