



Tractor Runs in Cambridgeshire - Guidance for organisers

There are an increasing number of tractor runs being organised on Cambridgeshire roads. These are generally charitable events, raising money for good causes.

Who to inform

Organisers of events that can potentially impact the highway network, therefore should always notify the appropriate authorities. These include but are not limited to The Traffic Authority, Police and District Council Safety Advisory Groups.

The Traffic Authority for Cambridgeshire is [Cambridgeshire County Council \(CCC\)](#). Please use the link and complete the online form to notify us of your event, or if you have any questions, please contact Highway.events@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Emergency services and the local district Council can be contacted through their local [Safety Advisory Group](#) (SAG) by emailing sag@scambs.gov.uk

The Route

All Traffic Authorities have a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to minimise disruption on the highway network. Tractor Runs do not usually require a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) however they can cause severe disruption to the Highway network. Therefore CCC highly recommended the following:

- No more than 25 vehicles within any group of vehicles. Organisers wishing to have greater numbers should stagger their departure times.
- Organisers consider running their event when traffic flows are minimal.
- The route is risk assessed by a competent individual.
- The route is planned to avoid the use of the priority road network including A class roads and busier B class roads.
- The route is planned not to conflict with other planned highway activity. Planned highways activity can be viewed at www.one.network/public
- Potential pull over areas are highlighted with the events management plan and route map.

Legislation and guidance

Tractor runs are not 'essential work', but a recreational choice. It is therefore important that the participants adhere to all relevant highway legislation and codes of practice, including but not limited to The Road Traffic Act, Highways Act 1980, The Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989 and the Highway Code.

- It is a legal requirement that all vehicles driving on the public highway must be road worthy. Vehicles must be road legal insured.
- All drivers of vehicles MUST have valid driving license.



- Events should have Public Liability Insurance of at least £5 million or more in place. Advise on insurance premium should be obtain from the events insurance company as larger premiums may be recommended.
- The Highway code should be adhered to at all times. Special attention should be given to

Rule 168

Being overtaken. If a driver is trying to overtake you, maintain a steady course and speed, slowing down if necessary to let the vehicle pass. Never obstruct drivers who wish to pass. Speeding up or driving unpredictably while someone is overtaking you is dangerous. Drop back to maintain a two-second gap if someone overtakes and pulls into the gap in front of you.

Rule 169

Do not hold up a long queue of traffic, especially if you are driving a large or slow-moving vehicle. Check your mirrors frequently, and if necessary, pull in where it is safe and let traffic pass

From <<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/using-the-road-159-to-203>>

Assemble and dispersal locations.

- The forming up of a collection of vehicles can pose a risk to other highway users therefore the assemble and dispersal location should take place off the public highways.
- Landowners' permission must be obtained.
- Assemble locations should have sufficient capacity to accommodate the expected number of event vehicles plus any expected crowd vehicles.
- Locations must consider the access arrangements for emergency service vehicles should they be required.
- The movement of vehicles at these locations should be considered within the events risk assessment. Where possible interaction between vehicles and pedestrians should be minimised.
- Responsible marshals in sufficient numbers should be appointed according to the risk assessment.

Decoration

- Event organisers should carefully consider the safety implication of decorating a vehicle. Items such as lights can cause confusion and distraction to highways users.

Street collectors licensing

- Advise on street collections license can be obtained from your local district council.

***Any event on a public highway or road involves risk and a full risk assessment should be carried out and safety measures implemented*.**

Advise on risk assessment can be found at –

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/index.htm>

and within the Purple Guide - <https://www.thepurpleguide.co.uk/index.php/the-purple-guides>