

Leeds Festival 2013 : Multi- Agency Debrief

West Yorkshire Police

169 crimes were recorded for the festival this year (**160 in 2012**).

Reported Incidents

The recorded incidents we have can be broken down as follows:

- 2 x arsons which relate to incidents in various camping areas
- 12 x assaults (non-sexual) in various locations throughout the site none of which are of a serious nature
- 4 x possession of controlled drug offences at various locations throughout the site
- 7 x possession with intent to supply & supply of controlled drug offences at various locations throughout the site
- 3 x drunk & disorderly offences, various locations throughout the site
- 4 x damage or interference with motor vehicles, various car parks
- 1 x handling stolen goods, no location recorded
- 1 x TWOC Red Parking
- 1 x driving whilst over the prescribed limit
- 1 x possession of offensive weapon, no location recorded
- 2 x public orders offences both of a minor nature unknown camping area
- 3 x sexual offences
- 10 x thefts from motor vehicles at various locations (5 in Red car park)
- 83 x various theft offences throughout the site
- 35 x thefts from person in various locations (17 in the main arena)

Arrests

Throughout the event there have been 30 arrests (**32 in 2012**) some of which were for multiple offences which can be broken down as follows:

- 10 x drugs related arrests
- 8 x arrests for assault offences
- 1 x handling Stolen Goods
- 1 x sexual offence
- 4 x theft offences
- 1 x driving whilst over prescribed limit
- 2 x public order offences
- 1 x possession of a bladed article
- 2 x breach of the peace

Of the 30 that were arrested 16 of the suspects have had a positive disposable (Charge or Caution),7 are still currently on police bail pending further enquiries (mostly awaiting forensic results) and 7 released with no further police action.

The drug surrender bins placed at the entrances to the site worked well with an estimated £32,000 (festival value) surrendered. It was recommended that passive drugs dogs be looked at for future events to increase the amounts surrendered.

Incident of note

The only major incident of note relating to the police operation within the festival site was the death of an adult male in his late teens who had been brought to medical having collapsed in the main area. The gentleman in question had been found as the arena cleared after the final band finished and despite the efforts of the medical team he sadly died. The death is not being treated as suspicious but as with all unexpected deaths a file is being prepared for H M Coroner.

Environmental Protection

It was a busy year for the noise team and although all the monitoring was within the licensed limits, 30 noise complaints were received, **(38 in 2012)** the majority of these were pre 23:00hrs.

Complaints by Area

Scholes & Barwick	15
Boston Spa	1
Thorner	5
Bardsey	1
Wetherby	5
Whinmoor & Stanks	3
Bramham	2
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In spite of its re location the 'Relentless' stage did cause some issues and a more suitable location may be required for 2014. It was considered that the campsite DJ's were in some cases playing over the noise from Relentless and the relocation or reduction of these sites should be considered for next year.

There were some issues of inaudibility after 23:00hrs but any issues raised were promptly and effectively dealt with.

Environmental Health & Safety

No major issues this year, though awaiting report from Mobile Structures regarding the failure in the silent arena tent due to the heavy downpour which resulted in 10 RIDDOR reports **(0 in 2012)**. Water safety throughout the event was well managed this year but the large amounts of mud did cause some issues at the water points.

During egress it was noted that the re designed site layout created two routes to the arena exit of which one route was favoured over the other. Recommended that for future events the site is designed to make a more even split.

A complaint received after the festival in respect of overcrowding in the radio one tent during a performance has been investigated and H& S and the WYF&R Service were satisfied with the structure and exit widths. A meeting between the complainants and the Festival Organisers is to take place.

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

No issues with Midland Fire the on-site fire service.

Midland Fire attended 5 incidents (**3 in 2012**) on site.

WYFS assisted Midland Fire with a car fire in the car park on the Saturday evening in supplying extra water. It was noted that when crews were coming onto site there was good direction from security and stewards to ensure a quick response.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service

No comments received from the service.

Medical figures reported by the on-site medical team - 1948 reported cases (**1699 in 2012**). These included:

23 transported to hospital (**9 in 2012**) consisting of 5 burns, 1 dislocated shoulder, 1 chest pains, 2 fittings, 2 fractures, 1 childbirth, 1 gynaecological, 4 diabetic, 1 deep cut, 1 miscarriage, 1 allergic reaction, 1 prescription overdose and 1 death.

Emergency Planning

No issues noted

Trading Standards

2013 was the quietest year so far in regards to unofficial trading and touts, there were no seizures or fixed penalty notices issued during the MARV operation. There was low level monitoring of social network sites and this did not show that touts had moved onto the internet. The whole operation was deemed a success.

Entertainment Licensing

It was noted that some bars were serving individuals that appeared to be intoxicated and it was recommended that regular briefings were undertaken with bar staff throughout the event. Comments and complaints received in respect of the mud and the impact it had on the surrounding area and the City Centre, resulted in a meeting between the Chair of the Licensing Committee, Local Ward Members, Agencies and Mr. Benn in September to discuss the issues and to look at improvements to the Event Management Plan for future events .

The licensing authority received three complaints following the event:

- 1) A complaint from a parent concerning safety in the campsites, suggesting that there was inadequate lighting within the campsites and that the tents should be individually numbered to help people locate their tents. The opinions of the relevant agencies was that the lighting level was adequate but it was suggested that more prominent landmarks and lettered sections of the campsites would help people relocate their tents.
- 2) A complaint from a parent concerning reported overcrowding and safety concerns within one of the marquees (as reported above). H&S and the WYFRS confirm that they were satisfied with the structure and the festival organiser is to meet with the parties concerned to discuss further.

- 3) A complaint from a resident of the A64 who reports of issues with traffic queuing past their property and use of their garden. The festival organiser is liaising direct with the complainant.

Finally a matter concerning traffic congestion at the York Road and the Wattle Syke roundabout on the Monday during departure of the festival traffic was raised by a Local Ward Councillor via the licensing team. These issues arose due to the road conditions and will be addressed in the traffic management plan for 2014.