



Application for a Busking Permit in Newbury Town Centre

I wish to apply for a busking permit. I have personally completed the application below and have been honest in giving this information. I have read and understood the conditions regulating Busking on Page 3/4 of this document.

Title: (please Circle) Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other (please specify)
First Name:				
Surname:				
Date of Birth:		Age:		
Home Address:				
Town:				
Country:				
Postcode:				
Home telephone number:				
Mobile telephone number				
Email address:				
Website:				

Performance Details

Name of Act:
State the number of entertainers and describe the type of performance:
Will amplification equipment be used: (please circle) Yes No
Are you registered to perform elsewhere ? Please state which Authority:
How many hours on average per day ?
Are you a member of the Musicians Union ? please circle Yes No

Note:* If applying on behalf of a group this is to be completed by the person nominated to be the permit holder.

Convictions:

Are there any unspent convictions or pending prosecutions recorded against the applicant?

Yes No

If yes, please give details on next page

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BROADWAY HOUSE
4-8 The Broadway
Newbury
RG14 1BA
T: 01635 760505
E: info@newburybid.com



Date of Conviction (or next hearing)	Offence	Sentence (if applicable)

Declaration

I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to comply at all times with the Code of Practice below regarding Busking in Newbury Town Centre. I understand that I must stop immediately if requested to do so by Newbury BID, the Police, or the Council Enforcement Officer.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

What happens now?

Your application will be assessed by Newbury BID and your Busking Permit will be processed within 14 days of receipt of your application. If you have not received your permit within this time please call 01635 760505 or email info@newburybid.com.

Have you attached all the requested documents?

Two passport-sized photos

A copy of passport, driving licence or birth certificate.



Code of Practice

1. Street Buskers and Street Entertainers, once a permit has been granted:

1.1 May only perform within the designated areas, and must remain there for the total performance time. This time slot must be booked in advance via the BID office at info@newburybid.com or call 01635 760505. Failure to comply may result in a member of the BID team politely asking the busker to leave.

- Northbrook Street
- Wharf Street
- Bartholomew St. North
- Market Place (not on Charter Market days: Thursdays & Saturdays)

1.2 A Busking Permit must be displayed when performing. A Busking Permit will be granted for a one month trial period initially. If all parties are satisfied with the performances the permit will be extended.

1.3 The entertainment must not obstruct the highway (any footpath, pavement or open pedestrian area). The BID office will politely ask for any obstruction to be removed. If cooperation is not sought, the Police will be asked to move on persons obstructing the highway, even if a permit is held.

1.4 Buskers may be asked to audition in order to obtain a permit to busk in Newbury. Newbury BID reserves the right to re-audition if complaints are received.

1.5 Must not be found under the influence of either drugs or alcohol. If you are found guilty of performing under the influence of either of these, you will not be permitted to continue and will have your license cancelled.

1.6 The appearance and quality of an act should demonstrate a positive intention to entertain passers-by, not to solicit money through sympathy. The entertainment provided shall not contain any racist, sexist, lewd indecent or offensive material.

1.7 Buskers should not use animals within their performance.

1.8 Buskers should not perform by a cash point or any other similar area.

1.9 Buskers must not repeat their repertoire within a two hour period.

2. Noise and Amplification

2.1 Amplifiers are permitted only within the designated areas, but buskers must control the volume so that their busking is not intrusive or a nuisance to nearby premises (as prescribed in the Environment Protection Act 1990). Noise should not be so loud that it can plainly be heard at a distance of 50 meters.



2.2 The volume should be kept at a level which will not disturb people working in shops and offices and local residents.

2.3 Any request by a Police Officer, Newbury BID or Officer of West Berkshire Council to reduce the level of amplification must be complied with. Failure to comply will result in the Busking Permit being revoked immediately.

3. Withdrawal of Licence

3.1 Newbury BID reserves the right to withdraw a busker or entertainers permit should this code of practice be violated.

3.2 No trading can take place without a Street Trading License (via West Berkshire Council). Should this be violated the permit may be withdrawn.

4. Street Collection

4.1 Buskers and street entertainers, and their money collection containers, must not cause obstruction to passers-by.

4.2 Buskers should not display any signs inviting payment.

4.3 You must not, under any circumstances make representations that money you collect will go to charitable or other purposes. Only authorised street collecting permits allow for such collections to take place.

5 Insurance

5.1 Please provide details of Equity or Musician's Union membership cover. If you have Public Liability Insurance please provide a copy of the certificate.

Granting Your Permit

If you are making a postal application please supply two recent passport size colour photographs of yourself.

Note – if the application is made by 2 or more persons comprising a group, only the photo of a 'nominated' group member is required.

Data Protection

The information you provide will be used to book and secure our facilities and may be disclosed to debt collection agencies or West Berkshire Council's Legal Department, for the purpose of pursuing unpaid debts.

We may also use any information to comply with any other enforcement agency requests, such as other government agencies (e.g. Benefit Agencies or Trading Standards Departments), Police Authorities, Customs and Excise and Immigration Services.

Our privacy policy can be viewed here: <http://www.visitnewbury.org.uk/governance.html>