



Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival 2025

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 July

January 2025

To: **Commercial (non-food) Stall Applicants**

Thank you for your interest in running a stall at the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival.

How to apply for a pitch

If you are a new commercial stall applying for the first time to attend the Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival, you will need to complete an online application form

<https://forms.office.com/e/0tsEf6wC2r>

And also send to southwest@tuc.org.uk

- Photos of your stall
- Total Size of Pitch, including frontage size required (footprint must include supporting vehicles/camping area)
- Detailed information about your merchandise including any ethical standards (if fair trade/ ethically sourced goods, are you a real living wage employer, etc).

If you have attended before, please complete the application form as above.

In addition, all applications must submit the following information to southwest@tuc.org.uk

- General Risk Assessment (including weather risks such as high winds, heavy rain)
- Fire Risk Assessment
- Public Liability Insurance
- Employers Liability Insurance
- Confirmation of Fire extinguisher (and type) (See below)
- Detailed Temporary structure(s) information (see below)
- Contact details for your point of contact throughout the weekend

Closing date for all applications is 31 March 2025.

Pitch Fee Costs and Payment

The stall fee for this year will be: **£350**

This includes:

- Pitch fee
- Two entrance wristbands (worth £61 each) and
- One vehicle pass (worth £15) which will entitle you to park one vehicle throughout the weekend for free.
- 1 x Campervan/tent pass (to be positioned directly behind your stall)

Only once you have received a confirmation email from us that you have been successful, will you be asked to make payment. In this email, you will find instructions detailing how to pay for your stall fee including the deadline for payment, as well as how to add and pay for additional tickets and passes (e.g. extra tent/campervan pass, and any additional entrance wristbands and parking passes you may need for staff helping you across the weekend).

Cancellations for your pitch must be made no later than **end of May 2025** where you will receive a full refund, minus an **administration fee of £25.00**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Storage/Electricity/Equipment

We cannot provide electricity or secure storage so you must be responsible for all your equipment/stock during the weekend. We do, however have security on site over the festival weekend from 11 pm on the Thursday evening until 9am Monday morning.

Generators are not allowed. If you need lighting or electricity, then you must use your own travel /portable battery.

You must also have a relevant, up-to-date fire extinguisher at your stall and be confident in using it.

Temporary structures

If you are bringing a temporary structure on site (whether this is a tent, gazebo, marquee, or other similar item), you must tell us about this in your application for a stall space.

You must tell us detailed information including:

- Size of your temporary structure
- Wind loading speed (this is usually available in the instruction manual, or if relevant, from your supplier or contractor)

- How you will secure this to the ground (and who will do this). Please note our crew are very busy and often unable to help put up stalls
- Point of contact for your organisation during the weekend

We will carry out checks throughout the festival period to ensure that temporary structures appear safe and well-anchored. We also reserve the right to ask you to remove this structure if you have failed to gain our permission or we deem it unsafe.

Neither the TUC nor Festival organisers will be liable for any damage incurred or injury caused should your temporary structure collapse, is poorly erected and/or maintained. We reserve the right to ask you to move, alter or, where absolutely necessary, take down your temporary structure. We will do all we can to make sure you, your staff and festival guests are kept safe.

This applies during the duration of the festival as well as the set-up and de-rig periods.

In the past our crew have helped organisations erect their tents; where possible, this may still occur but it is important that you and/or your organisation are fully prepared to erect your structure without our help. It is therefore important that the individual(s) responsible for putting up and taking down your temporary structures know what they are doing. Any support given by festival crew will not deem the festival or its organisers liable for any damage or harm that may occur in whatever eventuality.

Greening our Festival

We continue to make considerable efforts to improve the festival's sustainability and ethical drive. All stall holders and organisations play a key part in getting us there.

Around the site you will find recycling bins; please use them and deposit relevant items in the correct bins.

Food and drinks stall are not allowed to sell plastic bottles of drink and instead are encouraged to seek alternatives. The Workers Beer Company run a bar across the site and operate a reusable cup scheme. We are determined to reduce plastic waste at the festival and would urge all stall-holders to consider the nature of any packaging materials too and avoid bringing plastic single-use memorabilia, merchandise and giveaways.

All stalls are asked to be mindful of literature. We will not accept stalls including materials that are designed to cause offense, are racist or anti-Semitic. This also includes gender-specific goods such as 'toys for boys and toys for girls'. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Cash and Card Facilities

Over the past few years cash has become less popular and a vast majority of people are now paying by card. We ask that our traders have the facility to take card payment. Wifi is not provided by the organisers so you will need to come prepared.

If you have any questions or queries about your application, or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of our team on tolpuddle@tuc.org.uk or 0117 947 0521

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ines Lage', written in a cursive style.

Ines Lage

Regional Secretary and Tolpuddle Festival Organiser

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