



By popular demand we are proud to announce the 5th Overton Sheepfair

This will take place in Winchester Street on Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th July between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

Why a Sheepfair in Overton?

Overton has held sheep fairs from medieval times right up to the early 20th century. We first revived the Overton Sheepfair in 2000, as our Millennium event. The village said they wanted more and so we have continued every 4 years with a different theme each time. And now we have another excuse to get together and enjoy ourselves at our own version of the former Sheepfair.

The theme this year is The Swinging Sixties. In 2013 we asked you what we should do for 2016 and this won the vote as the next theme. The changes from the austerity of much of the Fifties into the more affluent Sixties were substantial, as were the changes in the decade itself. Explore and enjoy with us why the decade earned itself the title 'The Swinging Sixties'.

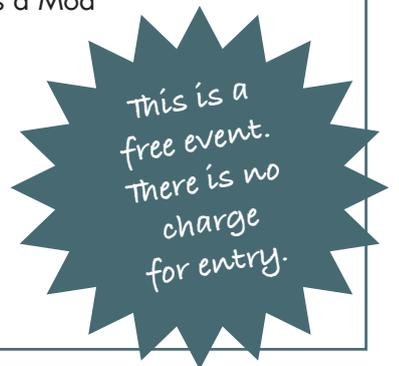
We hope you will enter into the spirit of this year's Sheepfair and dress up in a costume of the period.

Perhaps this will be as a fashion icon like Mary Quant, or as one of the Beatles, as a Mod or a Rocker or a Flower Power hippie. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

For a flavour of what was going on in the decade covered by the theme and for costume ideas see the Overton Sheepfair website at: www.overtonsheepfair.co.uk

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Thanks to the kind donations from De La Rue, Overton Parish Council, the support of our Souvenir Programme advertisers and stallholders, entry to the Sheepfair is free. There will be a collection during the procession on Saturday, proceeds from which will go to local causes.

There will be a Grand Prize Draw with prizes generously donated by Overton businesses.

Winchester Street and High Street shops will be open throughout the weekend but you may wish to do your shopping on Thursday or Friday.

There will be plenty of food and drink available from the wide choice of locations Overton traditionally has to offer, as well as additional options especially for the Sheepfair.

The Souvenir Programme with all the information about what's happening and where over the weekend will be available at £2.00 from mid June from Overton Gallery and, at weekends, from outside the Co-op. It will also be available throughout the Sheepfair weekend from the Sheepfair Committee information stall. See your discount vouchers from local businesses inside!

What's on where

Winchester Street

- Is closed to traffic in order to host a variety of stalls and food outlets
- At 4pm on Saturday the Sheepfair Parade will process from Sapley Lane down Winchester St, to end at Overton Recreation Centre

The Main Stage & Arena (In front of St Luke's Hall) and Community Stage (Community Centre)

- Musical and entertainment performances throughout the weekend

St Mary's Hall and Gardens

- Enjoy refreshments and a full music programme over the weekend in the garden at the rear of St Mary's Hall
- Saturday night from 7.30pm - come and sing along to your favourite 60's hits with Twisted Karaoke

St Luke's Hall and Gardens

- Exhibition - Display of Overton, Britain and the World in the Sixties
- Children's entertainment will be available for free, all weekend, from Premier Education

The Community Centre

- Exhibition - A display of photographs from Overton Photographic Club
- Portals Mill Paper-making display will be in the car park
- Whittles Fun Fair children's rides will also be in the car park
- Library - Saturday only. Extended opening hours 9.30am – 4.00pm, activities for children

Methodist Church

- Refreshments and souvenir tea towels on sale

The Red Lion

- Live music all weekend

The White Hart

- Live folk sessions

Overton Recreation Playing Fields

- Follow the Sheepfair Parade for a late afternoon's musical entertainment

Saturday 16th July Sheepfair Day 1

10.00am - The Sheepfair opens with the arrival of the Northington Farm sheep

11.00am - A Welcome to the fifth Overton Sheepfair by Lady Louisa Portal. The Community Stage

4.00pm - The Procession. Starting from Sapley Lane playing fields down Winchester Street, to finish at the Bridge Street Recreation Ground, courtesy of the Overton Recreation Centre

7.30pm - 7 Piece Funk and Soul band - Republic at The 'Stute *

Sunday 17th July Sheepfair Day 2

10.00am - Sheepfair opens

10.15am - Combined Churches' Service. Arena (In front of St Luke's Hall, Winchester Street)

4.30pm - Prize Giving and the Closing Ceremony The Main Stage

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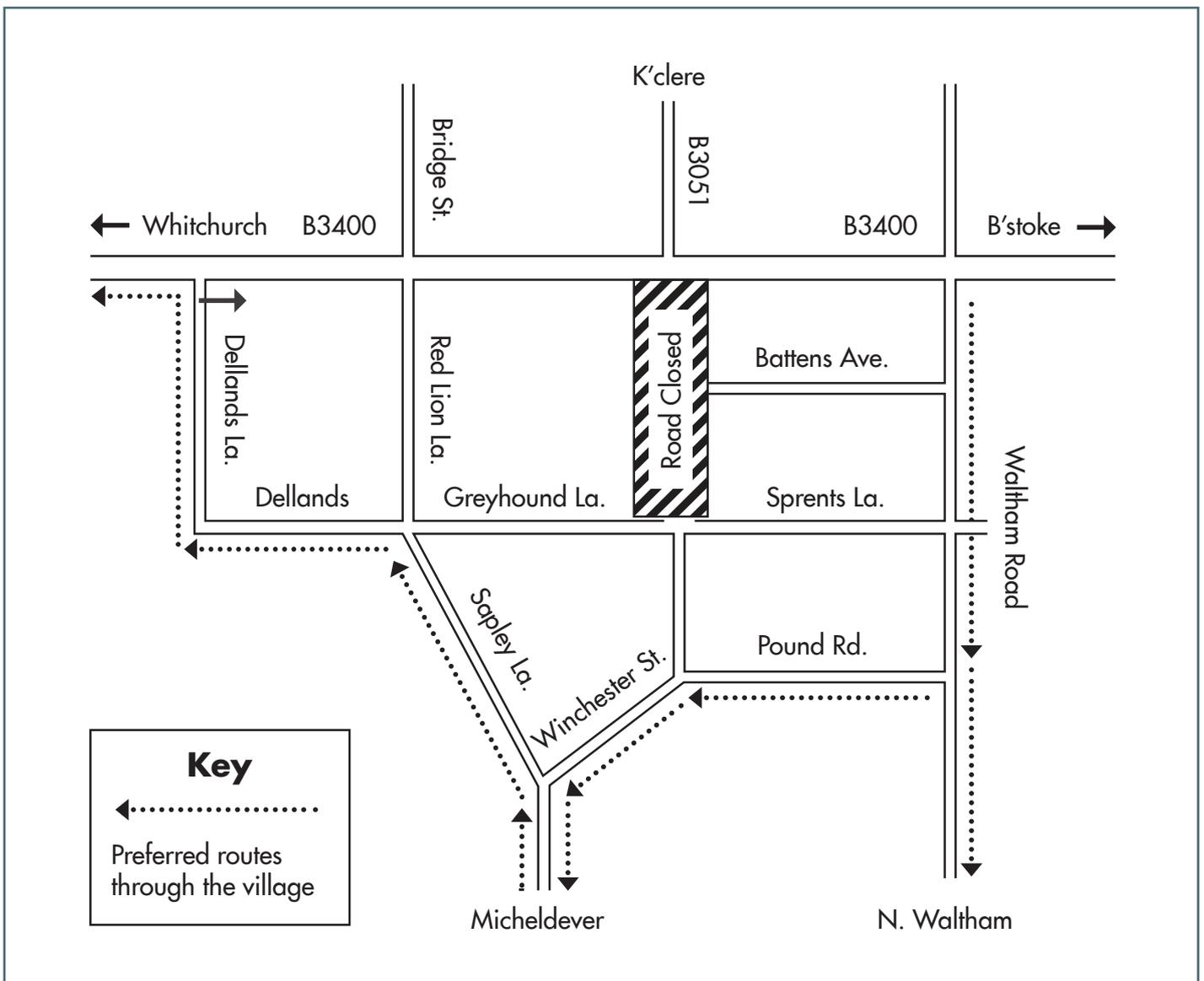
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July 2016 - Road Closures

This year's Overton Sheepfair will again take place in Winchester Street, between the junction with the High Street and Greyhound Lane. A major factor in the success of the previous four events was that Winchester Street was closed and cleared of cars. For the 2016 Sheepfair, the street will again be closed and cleared.

We are very aware of the need to make the Sheepfair and the whole of Overton as safe as possible and we have liaised closely with the police. They have agreed that parking be restricted in some additional roads for pedestrian safety and to ensure smooth traffic flows, including that of the number 74 Shuttle Bus. Consequently, they will be putting out cones prohibiting parking.

We are advised that ignoring a police 'no waiting' cone, or blocking dropped kerbs for wheelchair users may result in a fine for obstruction, so we sincerely hope that you will make every effort to comply with these temporary restrictions which will be enforced only between the hours of 8.00am and 7.00pm on the two days of the Sheepfair.

The changes to traffic patterns agreed with the police are detailed below and on the next page.



The Sheepfair Organisers wish to thank those organisations and members of the public who have made car parking space available. Please park considerately and use these facilities carefully.

If you would like clarification on any point, please contact: for transport, Brian Langer 770848, for road closures, Derrick Green 770633.

Streets affected by traffic and parking restrictions 16th - 17th July

WINCHESTER STREET BETWEEN GREYHOUND LANE & THE B3400 TRAFFIC LIGHTS, AND THE ORCHARD will be closed to traffic both days from 8.00am to 7.00pm. Residents who do not need their cars during these hours may leave them in the Overton Hill car park, the Doctor's Surgery car park or the Station car park. There will also be spaces at Overton Primary School car park. Please park thoughtfully to enable maximum utilisation.

WALTHAM ROAD The police will place 'no waiting' cones on both sides of the road from London Road to Pound Road, due to the need to ensure unimpeded traffic flows. Please use Overton Hill car park.

SAPLEY LANE, DELLANDS & DELLANDS LANE will be coned one side only, but Sapley Lane will be coned on both sides from Pond Close to the junction with Winchester St and from Charledown Road to the junction with Dellands.

WINCHESTER STREET SOUTH OF GREYHOUND LANE/SPRENTS LANE JUNCTION will be coned on one side only. It will be part of the procession route on Saturday afternoon. We request that cars be removed beforehand.

SPRENTS LANE Increased traffic is expected. A short period of congestion may occur when the fairground equipment is loaded and unloaded. Please keep the lay-by clear for residents and Beech Tree Care Home visitors.

BATTENS AVENUE Closed other than to residents (access via Waltham Road end only).

B3400 will be open to traffic as normal. There will be some disruption to traffic on Saturday when the sheep are driven through at 10.00am and when the parade passes at approximately 4.00 - 5.00 pm. The police will be present.

CHARLEDOWN RD, POULTONS CLOSE, POND CLOSE, WOODLANDS, LION CLOSE, GREYHOUND LANE and south end of RED LION LANE will be on the No 74 Shuttle Bus route. Please park considerately. Cones will be placed at corners on both sides of this section of Red Lion Lane and Greyhound Lane.

CHURCH ROAD & COURT DROVE will be coned on both sides from Kingsclere Rd to the Bridge Street junction.

General Information

CONTACT NUMBERS To assist the emergency services, we request the owners of all cars parked on public roads in Overton during the Sheepfair weekend to leave a contact number clearly displayed on the vehicle dashboard.

CAR PARKING SITES include Overton Hill car park, the Station car park and Sapley Lane Playing Field (which will be locked overnight from 9.00pm until 7.30am).

DISABLED BLUE BADGE HOLDERS may use spaces on Winchester Street close to the traffic lights within the closed section. The marshals or police will permit entry and direct to the designated parking slots.

SHUTTLE BUS BTC service 74 will operate on Saturday only from 9.37am until late afternoon, with a lunch break from 1.37pm to 2.07pm. The route is amended from normal as Kercher's Field and Mede Close are omitted. Concessionary passes are accepted. Only two children's buggies are permitted. The timetable will be displayed. The route will commence at the High Street bus stop next to the Library and proceed to Woodlands, Lion Close, Red Lion Lane, Sapley Lane, Charledown Road, Poultons Close, Pond Close, down Winchester Street and into Greyhound Lane, down Red Lion Lane into Lion Close and Woodlands, then returning to the High Street bus stop at St Mary's Hall, then it will proceed to Kingsclere Road, Hilltop Road and go down Station Approach and Station Road to return via London Road to the High Street bus stop.

BUS ROUTES 76 & 86 Route 76 will run to normal schedules. Route 86 will not turn into the southern half of the village, but turn around in the northern half so that it will call at the St Mary's Hall bus stop and then pick up passengers from Winchester and Whichchurch at the High Street lay-by bus stop.

DIVERSIONS FOR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES The AA will place advance warning signs on the B3051 Kingsclere Road and the C29 near to the A303 and near Southley Farm informing HGV drivers to divert via Basingstoke or Whichchurch during the Sheepfair weekend.