

Organising a community event or street party can be easier than you think. These are some of the common myths surrounding the staging of such events.

1. Myth: I cannot serve tea and coffee in the vicinity of children without a food safety certificate. **Fact:** You are not banned from sensibly serving hot drinks around children.

2. Myth: I need a special certificate to sell homemade cakes at school fetes. **Fact:** You do not need a certificate to sell homemade cakes.

3. Myth: I have to pay for local road closures. **Fact:** You can ask your local authority to justify any charge and often there is no charge.

4. Myth: I need public liability insurance for running events. **Fact:** You are not required by law and signing a disclaimer can be adequate.

5. Myth: I need a licence to run a bingo or a race night. **Fact:** You do not need this as long as your event is for 'good causes'.

6. Myth: I need a licence for live music. **Fact:** You do not generally need a licence for most local events which include music between 8am and 11pm.

7. Myth: If there is alcohol at my event I need a special licence. **Fact:** You don't need a licence unless alcohol is being sold.

The Government have produced this interactive guide with step by step tips and advice to help organisers arrange a successful event:

[The "Can Do" guide to running community events](#)

[Streets Alive](#) also contains lots of useful hints.

There is a simple to use application form on our Download page

Remember:

- if you need to organise a road closure, this is a County Council service, and we have included a link through to the appropriate webpage on their site where you will find all the information you need. This link can be found under the Websites tab above.
- to check with us if you need a [temporary events licence](#) and/or an [alcohol licence](#) for the day. We have included links through to all related pages below under **"Related Pages"**

If you have any questions about licences or anything else related to holding street parties (except for road closures) please feel free to contact the Licensing Team on 01529 414155 or e-mail us: licensingteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk , we will be happy to help.

For questions about road closures please contact Lincolnshire County Council on (01522) 782070.