

Stadium News

Croke Park Community Newsletter

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ED SHEERAN

SATURDAY, 23 AND SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022

CONCERT INFORMATION

PROVISIONAL CONCERT DAY TIMINGS

Garda Cordon*	Midday
Full Road Closures*	2pm
Doors Open*	4pm
Support Acts from*	6pm
Main Act*	8.30pm
Concert finished by*	11pm

*All timings are still provisional at this time and still subject to change by promoter/An Garda Síochána.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY CONTACT DETAILS

Freephone 1800 303 593 is Croke Park's 24-hour community hotline for local residents. It can be used at any time during the stage build, both concert days and post-concert works to report any issue directly to the stadium.

You can also use it to request assistance from the community team on the day of the concert.

An email address is also available: community@crokepark.ie



The Croke Park Community team is made up entirely of local neighbours. They work during every event to help watch over our community area & provide assistance to other neighbours.

NEW RESIDENTS' VEHICLE PASS FOR 2022

The 2022 local residents pass for households inside the Garda cordon is available for collection from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station. We would ask all our neighbours inside the cordon to note that **the 2022 pass will be the only pass accepted at the garda cordon for the Ed Sheeran concerts. Garda passes from previous years will not be accepted.** Fitzgibbon Street station is open from 8am to 9pm daily.

To collect your passes, please bring the following with you:

- Proof of identification
- Proof of address (a recent utility bill)
- Old 2020/2021 Garda passes (if applicable)

The Gardaí have also let us know that there will be a limit of 3 passes per household, except in exceptional circumstances. Any household needing more than 3 passes should contact the garda special events team in Fitzgibbon Street station directly on 01 6668463. Local businesses requiring more than 3 passes are also asked to contact the Garda special events team.

WHICH GARDA CORDON SHOULD I USE WHEN DRIVING?

Gardaí have asked where possible, drivers enter the Garda cordon at the closest location to their residence on concert days. Drivers are also asked to, when possible use the cordon access points at Clonliffe Avenue and Fitzroy Avenue to gain access to their residence. Drivers are asked to avoid using Clonliffe Road/Drumcondra Road Lower, Clonliffe Road/Ballybough Road and Russell Street/NCR cordons when possible as delays or re-direction may be necessary due to crowd movement.

Please contact Croke Park in advance if you need further advice on vehicular access on concert days on **01 865 8607** or community@crokepark.ie

HOUSEHOLDS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Local households who need special assistance should contact the stadium in advance of the concerts. For example, households where family members may need to go to hospital during the concerts or households where family members have special needs or mobility challenges. These households are asked to please contact the community team in Croke Park in advance on 01 865 8607 or community@crokepark.ie

GARDA CORDON EXTENDED AFTER 10PM EACH CONCERT NIGHT

At the end of the concert, the Garda cordon will be extended to facilitate the safe exit of concert patrons. No vehicles will be permitted access through the Garda cordon during this exit period to ensure the safety of pedestrians & vehicles alike.

The Gardaí have advised that roads inside the garda cordon will be fully closed to vehicular traffic from approx. 10pm-midnight on Saturday, 23 and Sunday 24 April with local access on foot for residents during this time.

These road closures will be implemented for the shortest time necessary. As a guideline, this extended cordon will be in place for approximately one hour after each concert ends at 11pm. Barriers will also be erected at the following locations closing the following streets:

- Lower Drumcondra Road / Whitworth Road
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Richmond Road/ Botanic Avenue
- Ballybough Road / Luke Kelly Bridge
- Ballybough Road / North Strand Road
- Summerhill / North Circular Road

The above restrictions will result in the closure of Lower Drumcondra Road from Whitworth Road to Botanic Avenue & the closure of Ballybough Road from Fairview to Summerhill.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONLY TO JONES ROAD & RUSSELL STREET FROM 10PM

The Gardaí have also advised that Russell Street/ Jones Road will be fully closed to vehicular traffic from approx. 10pm on Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 April 2022. Pedestrian access for all residents living on Jones Road and Russell Street will be available.

CROKE PARK COMMUNITY TEAM ON DUTY

The Croke Park Community Team will be on duty on Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 April to assist their neighbours & help monitor event day activity in the Croke Park community area. Freephone 1800 303 593 to get help from or report an issue to the community team on the day of the concert. An email address is also available: community@crokepark.ie

LOCAL RESIDENT TICKET DRAW

The local resident ticket draws for 100 pairs of complimentary tickets for each Ed Sheeran concert is taking place on Friday, 8 April in Croke Park. Each ticket draw is independently observed on behalf of local residents by an external auditor from PwC.

Local households must register with the stadium to be included in the stadium's ongoing ticket offers. To ensure your household is registered, update your details at crokepark.ie/communityregister.

NOISE CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE

To ensure concert noise emissions are kept within Dublin City Council (DCC) guidelines, the following measures are in place for the concert:

- Sound levels will be agreed with DCC's Environmental Health Officer
- The Production Manager & Sound Control Engineer for the concerts will be instructed to control sound emission levels to keep them within these agreed limits
- The testing of the concert sound systems & the artist's sound check will be agreed with DCC's Environmental Health Officer with due consideration for local residents
- In addition to the measures, sound levels will be checked during the event by sound meters & a suitably qualified noise consultant will be appointed to monitor noise levels & liaise between DCC & the Promoter.

OVERNIGHT QUEUEING/CAMPING

Overnight queuing or camping for this concert will not be tolerated. Stadium stewards will be on duty on streets close to the stadium from **7pm on 22 April** to deter overnight queuing/camping in the community area.

PYROTECHNICS/FIREWORKS CAN BE EXPECTED

The use of pyrotechnics/fireworks can be expected during both concert nights.

SOUND CHECK

Sound checks for the concert will be carried out between 20-22 April. The exact timing for the sound checks are still to be confirmed but they will take place between the hours of 10am-8pm and not exceed 3 hours in total.

PORTALOOS

There will be an increase by nearly 50% on the number of portaloos located in the local area around the stadium compared to the last concerts in 2019. There will also be stewards on duty at these sites as well as lighting and directional signage to guide concert patrons.

DCC will locate portaloos on streets in the immediate vicinity of the stadium including Clonliffe Road, the Davin Carpark, Fitzgibbon Street, the North Circular Road, Sackville Avenue, Mountjoy Square, St. Anne's Road and the Lower Drumcondra Road.

CONCERT CLEAN UP

Additional community litter pickers will be active during the concert & will work to remove concert litter from gardens within the Garda cordon. Their assistance can also be requested via the **community hotline 1800 303 593** or community@crokepark.ie.

DCC waste management teams will be on duty from Saturday – Monday to conduct a clean-up of the area after each concert. In the event of an incident of public urination on street, a special DCC wash cart can also be requested via the community hotline or community email.

USE OF GARDA HELICOPTER

The Garda Helicopter will be used on the evening of both 23 and 24 April. It will only be used as required by the Gardaí & with minimum time spent in operation.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/PARKING PLANS

A full public transport & car parking information campaign targeting patrons for the concert is ongoing. Special Dublin Bus, LUAS, Irish Rail & Bus Eireann public transport initiatives to & from the concert have been organised & exclusive offers from car parks nearest the stadium are also available to concert patrons.

Additional Gardaí & Dublin Street Park Services will be enforcing parking legislation throughout the community area during both concerts & illegal parking in the community area can be reported to the stadium via the community freephone or community email address.

There will also be a specific concert coach & bus parking area in operation in Whitehall.

FLOODLIGHTS

Floodlights will remain on following the concert until 1am on Saturday, 23 and until 1am on Sunday, 24 April.

PRE-CONCERT WORKS SCHEDULE

- Pre-concert works are scheduled between **11-23 April 2022**
- Pre-concert works are scheduled between **8am - 10pm* daily**
- Works scheduled between 8am-4pm* on **23 April** (concert day)

**Please note: all concert works timings are provisional and will be agreed by Dublin City Council. This works' schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.*

POST-CONCERT WORKS SCHEDULE

- After the concert on **24 April**, works will finish at **1am***
- Post-concert works are scheduled between **25-30 April 2022**
- Post-concert works are scheduled between **8am -10pm* daily**

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KEEP IN TOUCH

Please note, the information shared in this newsletter was correct as of going to print on 31 March 2022. The very latest concert information will be available on crokepark.ie/community. Community news, pre-concert & match day updates are also emailed to residents. Register with the stadium to receive these updates at crokepark.ie/communityregister

LOCAL COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Since September 2021, over twenty local residents put themselves forward to join the local community working group to work with the stadium & key partners to further improve solutions that lessen the impact of stadium events on the local community. The latest information on the group & how to get involved is available at crokepark.ie/workinggroup