On 2 July 2012 the Olympic Torch Relay will travel through Market Harborough and Oadby to Abbey Park, Leicester. This exciting event gives local communities – residents, groups, schools and businesses - the opportunity to join in and celebrate the forthcoming London 2012 Games on what promises to be a truly memorable occasion!

This leaflet provides you with information about the route and how you may be affected as the Torchbearers and convoy pass through your community.

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What is the Olympic Torch Relay?

The UK’s Olympic Torch Relay will take 70 days - it started off at Land’s End on 19 May and will culminate at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July as part of the London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

The Torch will come within 10 miles of 95% of people in the UK, the Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey and will enable communities to show the best their area has to offer.

How can you get involved?

This exciting event provides us all with a unique opportunity to engage with the amazing procession as it travels through our local communities. Why not join us to cheer on the Torchbearers or provide your own entertainment to animate the route and showcase your local area to the rest of the UK and wider world!

On Monday 2 July the Olympic Flame will arrive at Abbey Park, Leicester at approximately 6.45pm for an evening of celebrations with live music and entertainment which starts at 4pm. The event is free but you need to register in advance and pick up a wristband from a number of distribution centres including Leicester Tourist Information Centre. For more details visit leicester.gov.uk/olympictorchevent. Park and Ride bus services will run to Abbey Park from Birstall on the night. You must have a wristband to be able to purchase a ticket on the bus.

How will you be affected by the Olympic Torch Relay?

Prior to the event
Please check if your house is on the route - see map inside with approximate times or visit london2012.com/olympictorchrelay to see a more detailed street level map.

About a fortnight before the event, road signs will be erected along the route with a rough indication of the arrival time of the convoy in your area.
**Rolling road closure**

On Monday 2 July, a rolling road closure (of the main route and all side road entrances) will begin about 10-15 minutes ahead of the Torch convoy. This is expected to last for around 30 minutes, until the convoy has passed.

When in Torchbearer mode, the convoy will travel at around 4mph and all entries onto the route (side roads, car parks, driveways) will be closed off to traffic until shortly after it has passed.

Traffic control arrangements have been designed to ensure that traffic flows return to normal as quickly as possible, but there will inevitably be some congestion as the convoy passes.

Police, traffic marshals and stewards will be positioned along the route to offer advice, help and directions.

On the day, all parking (including blue badge parking) will be restricted on the main route and in some side roads. Signs indicating where and when these restrictions are will be put up in advance, and cones put out on the day.

Civil enforcement officers will be operating along the route. Any vehicle parked on the route and considered to be a risk or hazard could be towed away.

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**How can you help the safe and uninterrupted passage of the convoy?**

**Residents are advised to**

  - Ensure all vehicles are removed from the route in advance of the convoy.
  - Remember that you will not be able to move your car off the drive for around half an hour while the convoy passes.
  - Avoid arranging any critical deliveries or appointments at this time.
Businesses, schools, places of worship etc are advised to
- Note the parking/loading restrictions along the route, making alternative arrangements for visitors and deliveries if needed, allowing for delays.
- Notify customers and staff in advance if possible.
- Consider the impact on any events which might be affected such as weddings or funerals, medical appointments, the school run etc.

Drivers are advised to
- Avoid travelling on the route itself, particularly the A6 from Oadby to Leicester. Instead consider making short journeys on foot or using off-road cycle routes. Vehicles travelling along the same route will have limited opportunities to pass the convoy.
- Use alternative routes (signed diversions are not planned because of the nature of the rolling closure) and allow for expected delay.

Public transport users are advised to
- Expect delays to buses/taxis that use roads on or near to the route.
- Note that the route passes close to several railway stations including Leicester train station.
- Allow extra time to catch your bus, train or taxi.

Your help and co-operation is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the smooth running of the Torch Relay.

For further information about the Torch Relay, local services, or for help understanding this leaflet in other languages/large print, contact:

Leicestershire County Council - 0116 305 0001
Visit: www.leics.gov.uk/olympictorchrelay @LeicsCountyHall

Leicester City Council - 0116 252 7000
Visit: www.leicester.gov.uk/olympictorch @Leicester_News

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BBC Radio Leicester (104.9FM) and Rutland Radio (107.2FM and 97.4FM)

For further information about other Olympic events in Leicestershire, Visit www.inspireleics.org.uk
Olympic Torch Relay

Day 45 - Monday 2 July 2012, Market Harborough - Oadby - Leicester

This map provides an overview of the route that the Torch Relay will take on Monday 2 July – day 45 of the Relay. For street level maps of the route that the Torch convoy will take please visit www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay. Please note that road signs will also be erected along the route about a fortnight before the Torch Relay with an approximate indication of the arrival time of the convoy in your area.

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