

# FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **St George's Fayre cancelled for 2021**

March's hugely popular St George's Fayre has been cancelled for the second year running due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The annual event, organised by Fenland District Council and a committee of volunteers, would normally attract thousands of people to the town to enjoy a host of rides, live performances, stalls, and attractions.

This year's event was due to take place on Sunday, 25 April. But with COVID-19 restrictions likely to remain for some considerable time to come, the committee has decided to cancel the event due to organisational and safety concerns.

Cllr Peter Murphy, the Council's Cabinet member responsible for events, said: "It is with absolute deep regret and disappointment that we are having to cancel the Fayre for the second consecutive year. We know that residents and visitors will fully understand that this is unavoidable, especially during a national lockdown and with our NHS and other public services under significant pressure."

Cllr Jan French, Deputy Leader of Fenland District Council and Chairman of the St George's Fayre organising committee, added: "We realise that this will be a huge disappointment to those who usually visit the Fayre, and to our loyal stall holders, especially after such a difficult year. There are hopes that 2021 will get better and there is light at the end of the tunnel, but public safety is still the top priority and at present it is not even possible to contemplate organising such a large-scale event."

The Council will be contacting stallholders, caterers and entertainers that had booked for this year to offer the option of transferring their booking to next year's event, which will be on Sunday, 24 April 2022, or a full refund.

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