Travel Information for Bee and Pollination Festival on Saturday September 2nd

Please take a moment to read through all the information on this page which has been compiled with detailed input from the traffic management plan in place for the Downs Concert which is also taking place on this date. Please do not be deterred from attending on Saturday – we want you to come and have an enjoyable day with us.

How to find us

By public transport

The following bus services will be running as normal:

- **Bus from Bristol City Centre:** take bus Number 4 to Stoke Bishop, alight at the top of Stoke Hill
- **Bus from railway station (Temple Meads)** take bus Number 2, alight at White Tree Roundabout and walk along Saville Road to top of Stoke Hill.

Proceed down Stoke Hill and take first right into Stoke Park Road. The Botanic Garden entrance is 200 metres on the right hand side.

By bicycle

There are cycle racks in several locations at the Garden where you can secure your bicycle.

By car

Because of the anticipated high volume of traffic in the Downs area associated with the Downs Concert we recommend that you do not use SatNav but rely on the information below in planning your journey.

From the M5 (North/South): recommended route

Exit at Junction 18 and take the Portway (A4) towards Bristol turning left at the traffic lights into Sylvan Way (A4162). At next traffic lights turn right into Shirehampton Road (B4054) and continue for 2.8 miles passing Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre on your left and prepare to turn right at the mini roundabout. Continue for a further 0.4 miles down Druid Hill and then up Stoke Hill, turning left into Stoke Park Road where our manned checkpoint will direct you to reserved parking.

From the M5 Junction 17 (Cribbs Causeway): subject to delays Follow the A4018 towards the City Centre/Zoo until you reach the Downs. At the White Tree Roundabout) take the last exit in the direction of Shirehampton ((B4054). Proceed a short way down Parry's Lane then take first left into Saville Road. Proceed to the junction with Stoke Hill and turn right. Stoke Park Road is the first turning on the right off Stoke Hill.

From city centre:

Plan to avoid Whiteladies Road and Blackboy Hill where a number of diversions will be in place and in addition there will be no car access along Stoke Road (near Water Tower) and Ladies Mile throughout the day.

Parking

A number of checkpoints will be in place from 9.00am to ensure residents and visitors to Sneyd Park/Stoke Bishop will not be adversely affected by concert fans seeking to park (inevitable even though there are special Park & Ride buses from Avonmouth and Long Ashton). The Botanic Garden will also be protected by this and so you may be asked to give your reason for travelling into this area. Stewards from the Botanic Garden will be present at some of these checkpoints and also be on hand to guide you to reserved car parking in Stoke Park Road and a number of University car parks. If these are full we have an overflow car park in reserve. Blue-badge holders will have exclusive use of the Garden's walled garden car park as usual at events. Please note that there will be restrictions to the parking spaces in Saville Road for the day to assist traffic flow.

So the message is Follow the Buzz...

DO come along on Super Saturday

Business as usual

Bee there or be square.