

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 at 12:39 PM
From: "Robin Legg" [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Pageant Gardens Liquor Licence

Dear [REDACTED],

I've spoken to Cllr Jon Andrews and to Steve Shield the Town Clerk. I'm told that there aren't any plans to use the Pageant Gardens any more extensively for musical or other entertainments than in past years or for it to become a regular venue for the sale of alcohol. Up until now each event has been regulated by a temporary events notice. This includes events like the Platinum Jubilee, the Pack Monday Fair weekend, performances by the Town Band and the monthly Sunday Market. Rather than make a separate application for each one it was felt to be easier if the Garden was simply licensed which means that the police, the fire brigade and the licensing authority will have a greater scrutiny of the terms on which a licence is granted. The most obvious event where there will be music this year will be for the Coronation.

Unfortunately, I suspect some of the complaints you have over drink and music in the Garden late at night are not ones permitted by the Council. The Gardens should be locked at night but those who are determined to gain access do so and with little police presence in the town late in the evening I'm not optimistic that much can be done about it. I do know that the police are planning to fix one or two temporary CCTV cameras on lamp posts overlooking the Garden to monitor antisocial behaviour after an assault occurred there.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Legg