

Conditions of a Road Closure

The applicant shall be responsible for compliance with the following requirements of Mole Valley District Council:

- Each road to be closed shall be clearly defined by means of a “Road Closed” sign as described below supported by means of a trestle or suitable half barrier in the carriageway.
- Each sign shall read “ROAD CLOSED” in capitals 6” in height, white letters on a red background. For closures of less than one day, paper or card faces posted onto hardboard will be adequate. For longer periods a waterproof sign face is required, e.g. either varnished or gloss paint on hardboard or metal.
- Any trestle or barrier to be placed in the carriageway shall be adequately weighted to prevent it from being blown over or the sign dislodged from it. Where these are to remain in place during lighting-up times the offside extremity of each barrier/trestle shall be lit by an approved roadwork’s lamp.
- All signing and other physical obstructions in the highway shall be erected and removed, along with any debris resulting from the event, at the times specified in the application notice. Failure to do so will render the applicant/organisers liable to charge for cleaning the highway or even to prosecution for obstructing the highway.
- Where the application is from an ad hoc body set up for the purpose of one event rather than an established body, the person submitting the application will be held responsible for any costs arising, e.g. clearing up, damage to street furniture or road surfaces etc.
- It has been recommended that the applicant submit, before a certificate to close the street can be made, a copy of a Certificate of Insurance indemnifying the District and County Council against any claims arising from the event. (For this purpose, limited liability of £10,000,000 will generally be acceptable).
- The event shall be organised in such a way that access for pedestrians and essential vehicles can be maintained.
- The organiser/applicant will need to ensure that all interests on the road to be closed, both residential and commercial, have been individually notified and have no substantial objection.
- The District Council will only accept closures for street parties on minor residential roads.
- The Highways Authority may require the development of a Traffic Management Plan which details alternative routes for traffic.