



**Place and Community Wellbeing Directorate | Monmouthshire County Council**  
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The person dealing with this matter is:

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**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**TEMPORARY PARK CLOSURE**

Please note that the Council has agreed to the temporary closure of Bailey Park during the steam rally, in order that a reasonable charge can be made for entry to this important annual function in the town's local events calendar.

The Council recognises the importance of protecting public open spaces in the county for present and future generations to enjoy and, in recognition of this, the park is registered as a centenary field in commemoration of those that gave their lives in WW1 so that today we can enjoy the freedoms of living in a civilised democracy. The steam rally has been in existence since the mid-1970s and has become a permanent fixture enjoyed by thousands of people each year since its early inception.

Today's steam rally is organised by a large number of volunteers who give up their time freely, to make sure that residents and visitors to the town can enjoy a fantastic day out in the centre of our wonderful market town. The event costs over £10,000 to organise each year and the Council has taken the view that it is reasonable to impose a charge for entry to the park on a limited number of days each year, so that these costs can be offset by charges and by other public donations.

Any income over and above the costs of organising the event is used to benefit local charitable causes and, over the years, many local charities and civic projects have been funded from the proceeds of the steam rally.

Before the gates were opened for today's event, the details have gone through a rigorous vetting process with the Council, to ensure that all appropriate legislative requirements have been met and to make sure that the event is as safe as it can be for you to relax and enjoy.

If you have any concerns about the Council's approach to this temporary park closure, please feel free to submit these in writing to me at the above address or via email to: [mikemoran@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:mikemoran@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

*Mike Moran*

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