

I would like to put the record straight on the factually inaccurate nonsense with regard to the October Fair that appeared on the front page of the Ledbury Reporter last Friday.

1. Ledbury Town Council is not employing professional marshalls or 'professional security' to steward the fair.
2. We will be using volunteers from the Council, The Rotary and the Allotments Society to steward the event. In fact we will be using more volunteers have been used for many years.
3. We will be employing a road management company to ensure that there is proper warning for motorists and direct traffic away from the town centre. This will cost £1550 but part of this is a capital outlay i.e. we will have signs available for future events.

We implemented this change on the advice of the emergency services and Balfour Beatty both for safety reasons and to try and avoid the many complaints received from road users we have received in the past.

4. We also are employing a team of qualified medical personnel in case of accidents, the same as the carnival did this year.
5. The Fair is contributing an increased fee of £2,250 which should cover the costs.

The world has moved on and the vast majority of public events of any size now require a professional approach to their organisation. Yes there are costs involved but how much is the safety of the people of Ledbury worth?

Best wishes

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