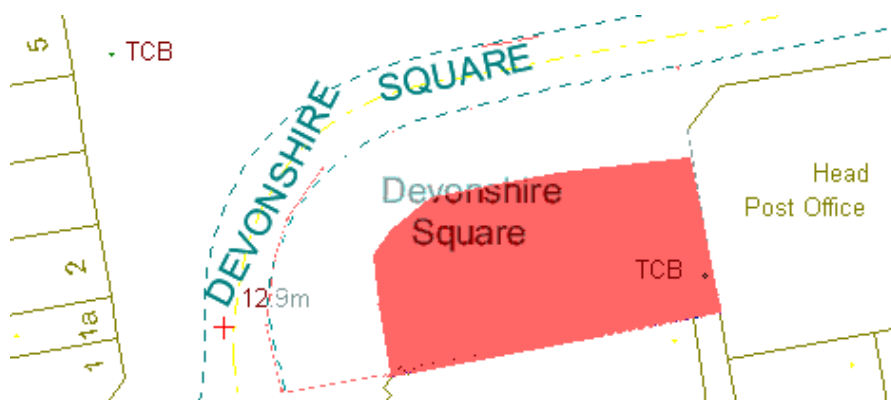


USE OF DEVONSHIRE SQUARE FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Devonshire square (both the paved area which is restricted to pedestrians and the carriageway running through it) is classified as a public highway and managed by East Sussex County Council. Due to it being classified as a public highway there are some restrictions that event organisers need to be aware of and must comply with.

RDC cannot hire out Devonshire Square, as it is a public highway. Therefore, casual use of this area has to be authorised by East Sussex County Council Highways department ([contact details](#)). However, with no traffic passing through the pedestrian area it offers the opportunity of use for community event purposes but organisers need to be aware of the restrictions and compliance matters.

1. When referring to Devonshire Square for the purposes of using this area we are referring to the zoned area as marked red on this map*.



2. The area can only be used for community or celebratory events and non-commercial activity. Street Trading is not permitted unless a consent is granted by the Council, consents are normally only granted for community events - please refer to the following link for details and a form to apply: [Street Trading](#)
3. As it is a highway it is governed by the Highways Act 1980. Further details of this and other related issues relating to Devonshire Square, including Byelaws, can be found on the following link: [Devonshire Square](#)
4. The Act specifies that the area **must not** be obstructed so it is for you as the event organiser to notify East Sussex County Council of an event occurring that may cause an obstruction. However, this does not

* Plan not to scale, indicative only. Some adjoining premises may enjoy private forecourts which need to be kept clear at all times, also the telephone call boxes, post boxes, entrances to the public conveniences and the bus-stop waiting areas etc. The area near the road needs to be kept clear so that pedestrians are not forced onto it. Crown copyright reserved, reproduction prohibited

apply if a Road Closure Order has been obtained and organisers would then have the right to obstruct part of the Square in accordance with it.

5. To apply for a **Temporary Road Closure Order** please download the form at [Temporary Road Closures](#) (where the sort of events for which such Orders may be made are set out) or you can obtain a copy from the Community Help Point at Amherst Road Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3JX Tel: 01424 787999. The cost of the Order is £100 payable 8 weeks in advance and evidence of public liability insurance will also be needed.
6. If the event organiser believes there will be no obstruction then they may use part of the area at their own risk. East Sussex County Council are the enforcing authority but the police will also have powers to move organisers on, or prosecute, if they are causing an obstruction if a Road Closure order has not been made.
7. Organisers of events will need to ensure they comply **with all other legislation relating to nuisances** and the necessary obligations such as Public Liability Insurance, noise and disturbance to residential and commercial occupiers.