



34th Cleckheaton Folk Festival 30th June, 1st, 2nd July 2023

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IMPORTANT FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Dear Festival Friend,

It is with deep regret that the Board has had to take the decision to cancel the Cleckheaton Folk Festival for 2023.

Unfortunately, our main venue, The Town Hall, which is in need of remedial work to the ceiling above the stage area, has been deemed unsafe by Kirklees Council for us to hold our usual Festival events in that space.

With the absence of any other suitable venue capable of holding up to 300 people, the Festival Board has taken the decision to cancel the event altogether. All ticket holders have been refunded and we apologise for any inconvenience caused to our supporters, visitors, suppliers, artists, sound engineers, dancers, performers and stewards.

We're sorry it has come to this, believe me, we have done our utmost to find a remedy to the situation, but as there are no suitable alternative premises, and as we depend on the headline concerts and weekend ticket sales to provide the necessary income and infrastructure to run a festival, we have no other option.

There have been various suggestions for parts of the event but we have advised our insurers that the whole event has been cancelled so no events have been planned by Cleckheaton Folk Festival.

It is not practical to have just some parts of the event as we rely on other parts for funding, stewarding, Health & Safety and many other elements reliant on volunteer manpower which then relies on accommodation facilities i.e. a functioning campsite. Some of these other elements rely on the income from successful ticket sales which were not possible without our main venue.

In short, we can't apologise enough but hope that you keep the First Weekend in July in 2024 free so perhaps we will be able to meet up again next year.

If you have any feed-back please send it to dave@cleckheatonfolkfestival.org

Kind Regards and Deep Regrets

The Festival Board

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