

SONIC BOOM FESTIVAL 2026

FOOD TRADER INFORMATION PACK

Saturday 12 September 2026 | Burton Market Place, Burton upon Trent

Food Court managed by Best of Burton CIC

Key Information

Event	Sonic Boom Festival 2026
Date	Saturday 12 September 2026
Location	Burton Market Place, Burton upon Trent
Trader arrival	From 10:00am
Ready to trade	By 12:00 noon
Main stage finishes	Approximately 8:00pm
Food trading permitted until	9:00pm
Pitch fee	£150
Electricity	Additional charge; confirmed separately according to power points/connections required
Event-day contact	Kay Bentley - 07887 950119

1. About the Event

Sonic Boom Festival is a live music event taking place in Burton Market Place on Saturday 12 September 2026. Best of Burton CIC is managing the food court and coordinating food and drink traders for the event.

This Food Trader Information Pack should be read alongside the Best of Burton CIC Stallholder Terms & Conditions and Stallholder Booking Policy.

IMPORTANT: Submission of an application does not guarantee a trading space. Successful applicants will receive written confirmation from Best of Burton CIC.

2. Pitch Fee and Confirmation

The food trader pitch fee for Sonic Boom Festival 2026 is £150.

A trading space is not confirmed until the application has been accepted in writing by Best of Burton CIC and the required pitch fee has been paid by the stated deadline.

Electricity is not included in the £150 pitch fee. Where electricity is requested and available, an additional charge will apply and will be confirmed separately.

3. Arrival, Setup and Trading Hours

Trader arrival is from 10:00am. All traders must be fully set up and ready to trade by 12:00 noon.

Please allow sufficient time for unloading, positioning your trading unit, setting up equipment and completing any necessary safety checks before trading begins.

The Sonic Boom main stage programme is scheduled to finish at approximately 8:00pm. Food traders may continue trading until 9:00pm.

Traders may finish trading between 8:00pm and 9:00pm if they wish, but breakdown and vehicle movements must only take place when it is safe and when authorised by the event team.

Please do not bring vehicles back onto Burton Market Place until permission has been given by Best of Burton CIC or the event team.

4. Vehicle Access and Parking

Traders will be permitted to bring vehicles onto Burton Market Place during the designated setup period from 10:00am to unload stock and equipment.

Once unloading is complete, all vehicles must be removed from the Market Place unless the vehicle itself forms part of an approved catering/trading unit.

Please unload promptly and follow instructions given by Best of Burton CIC staff or event marshals to help keep vehicle movements safe and avoid delays for other traders.

There are public car parks within walking distance of Burton Market Place, together with on-street parking on Fleet Street and Lichfield Street. Traders are responsible for checking and complying with parking restrictions, charges and maximum stay requirements.

Please do not leave a vehicle on the Market Place after unloading without prior permission from Best of Burton CIC.

5. Pitch and Trading Unit

Traders must provide the full dimensions of their setup when applying. This must include any tow bars, hitches, serving hatches, doors, steps or other space required to operate safely.

The trading setup brought to the event must correspond with the information supplied in the application.

All equipment, stock, signs and displays must remain within the allocated pitch unless otherwise agreed.

Traders must not position equipment, signs, stock or queues in a way that obstructs pedestrian or emergency routes or unreasonably blocks the frontage, visibility or customer access of neighbouring traders.

Please do not set up in an unallocated space, even if the pitch appears vacant. A member of the Best of Burton CIC team will direct you to your allocated trading position.

6. Electricity and Power

A limited electricity supply may be available to food traders by prior arrangement.

Traders requiring electricity must declare all electrical equipment they intend to use and the wattage of each item as part of their application.

Access to electricity is not included within the £150 pitch fee and will be subject to an additional charge. The charge will depend upon the number of power points/connections required and will be confirmed separately with each trader.

Electricity requirements must be agreed and confirmed by Best of Burton CIC in advance. Requesting electricity on the application does not guarantee that the requested supply can be provided.

Traders must not connect additional or undeclared electrical equipment without prior permission.

Traders must not bring or operate their own generator unless this has been specifically approved in advance by Best of Burton CIC.

7. Water, Hand Washing and Wastewater

Traders are responsible for bringing an adequate supply of water for the needs of their business and trading activities.

Please ensure you bring sufficient potable water for food preparation, cleaning and hand washing where applicable to your operation.

Traders must make suitable arrangements for the collection and disposal of wastewater. Wastewater must not be discharged onto the Market Place, into surface-water drains or in any other unauthorised location.

8. Food Business Registration and Food Hygiene Rating

Food businesses must be appropriately registered with their Local Authority where required and must provide accurate registration information as part of their application.

Food traders who are subject to the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme must hold a Food Hygiene Rating of 4 or 5 to trade at Sonic Boom Festival.

The rating must remain at the required standard on the date of the event. Traders must notify Best of Burton CIC if their Food Hygiene Rating or regulatory status changes after their application is submitted.

Businesses awaiting inspection or not yet rated may be considered individually and may be asked to provide additional information before a trading space can be confirmed.

9. Food Safety, Hygiene and Allergens

All food and drink traders must comply with applicable food hygiene, food safety and allergen requirements.

Traders must have appropriate food hygiene knowledge and training for the activities undertaken and suitable procedures for safely preparing, storing, handling and serving food.

Appropriate allergen information must be available for all food and drink offered for sale, and traders must be able to provide customers with accurate allergen information.

10. LPG, Gas and Cooking Equipment

All LPG/gas use must be declared on the application.

Traders using LPG/gas must provide current Gas Safety Certificate / LPG inspection documentation covering the appliances and equipment they intend to use.

LPG cylinders and equipment must be safely installed, secured and operated and must comply with the trader's Risk Assessment and event safety requirements.

All cooking and heating methods must be declared in advance. Inclusion of a cooking method on an application does not constitute approval to use it.

11. Charcoal and Solid-Fuel Cooking

Charcoal and solid-fuel cooking may be permitted at Sonic Boom Festival, subject to prior declaration and approval by Best of Burton CIC.

Traders using charcoal, wood or other solid fuels must declare this as part of their application and include the activity within their Risk Assessment.

Cooking equipment must be suitable for commercial/event use, safely positioned and operated, and appropriate fire-safety equipment must be readily available.

Fuel must be stored safely and away from ignition risks and public access.

Hot coals, ash and other combustion waste must be allowed to cool safely and removed from site by the trader. They must not be placed in general waste bins or disposed of on the Market Place.

Best of Burton CIC and/or the event management team may require changes to the positioning or operation of cooking equipment where necessary for fire safety or public safety.

12. Fire Safety

Traders whose activities involve cooking, heating, LPG/gas or another fire risk must provide appropriate fire-safety equipment for their setup.

This may include suitable fire extinguishers and/or fire blankets depending upon the equipment, fuel and cooking methods being used.

Fire exits, emergency routes and access to fire-safety equipment must remain unobstructed at all times.

13. Electrical Equipment

All electrical equipment brought to the event must be safe, suitable and properly maintained.

Evidence of appropriate inspection/testing must be available where required.

Cables must be positioned and protected in accordance with event instructions and must not create trip, fire or other safety hazards.

14. Insurance and Risk Assessment

All traders must hold valid Public Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of £5 million.

A suitable Risk Assessment covering the trader's activities and equipment must be provided.

All insurance, certificates and supporting documentation must remain valid on the event date. Updated documents must be supplied if existing documents expire before the event.

15. Waste and Cleaning

Traders are responsible for keeping their pitch and the surrounding area clean and safe throughout the event.

Trade waste, food waste, oils, grease and wastewater must be managed appropriately and must not be placed in public litter bins or discharged onto the ground or into surface-water drains.

Unless specifically advised otherwise, traders must remove their own trade waste from the site at the end of the event.

Traders must leave their pitch clean and free from waste.

16. Professional Conduct and Consideration for Other Traders

All traders and their staff must behave in a professional, courteous and respectful manner towards other traders, Best of Burton CIC staff and volunteers, event staff, contractors and members of the public.

Abusive, threatening, intimidating or aggressive behaviour, including verbal abuse or threats of physical aggression, will not be tolerated.

Any concerns regarding pitch allocation, another trader or event arrangements must be raised with Best of Burton CIC rather than through confrontation with another trader.

Traders must be considerate of neighbouring pitches and must not obstruct, encroach upon or unreasonably interfere with another trader's frontage, visibility, customer access or trading area.

Serious misconduct may result in the trader being required to leave the event and may affect acceptance at future Best of Burton CIC events.

17. What Traders Need to Bring

- Approved trading unit/gazebo and all required equipment.
- Appropriate gazebo weights/ballast where applicable.
- Stock, food and ingredients.
- Adequate potable water for the needs of the business.
- Suitable hand-washing facilities where required.
- Public Liability Insurance documentation.
- Risk Assessment.
- Food safety/hygiene and allergen information.
- Gas Safety/LPG documentation where applicable.
- Appropriate fire extinguisher(s) and/or fire blanket where applicable.
- Safe electrical equipment and relevant inspection/testing evidence where applicable.
- Suitable waste containers/bags and arrangements for wastewater.
- Any additional event-specific documentation requested by Best of Burton CIC.

18. Problems on the Day and Event Contact

If you experience any problems during setup or throughout the event, including issues relating to your pitch, neighbouring traders, access, electricity or event arrangements, please speak to a member of the Best of Burton CIC team.

Please do not move pitches, alter the site layout or attempt to resolve disputes with neighbouring traders without first speaking to the Best of Burton CIC team.

Event-day contact: Kay Bentley - 07887 950119

19. Final Reminder

By attending Sonic Boom Festival, traders agree to comply with this Food Trader Information Pack, the Best of Burton CIC Stallholder Terms & Conditions, the Stallholder Booking Policy and all reasonable event-day instructions.

Thank you for helping us deliver a safe, welcoming and enjoyable event.