

A GUIDE TO APPLEBY FAIR

June 5th-8th 2008



“Welcome to the beautiful district of Eden and particularly Appleby Horse Fair. This event is unique in Europe and I hope that, whether you are a resident or visitor, you enjoy your visit. This leaflet gives you information about the fair and how to make the most of your time here. Hopefully, you will find it useful and you will also, if you are a regular visitor, notice some improvements to make it a safer and more enjoyable event.

We're talking to local residents, Gypsy Travellers and other visitors on how best to co-ordinate this annual event so that from 2009, even more improvements can be made to make sure the fair runs smoothly and safely.”

Kevin Douglas

*Chief Executive, Eden District Council &
Chair of Appleby Fair Strategic Group*



“I would like to welcome everyone from both the traveller and settled communities to Appleby Horse Fair. This is a great opportunity to share our culture and lifestyle with the wider community. Everyone is welcome to come amongst the horsedrawns and sit around our campfires. It is a unique opportunity to correct some of the myths you sometimes read in the tabloids. I know that, through working together, we can ensure this year's event is as safe and enjoyable as previous years.”

Billy Welch

*representative from the
Gypsy Traveller community*

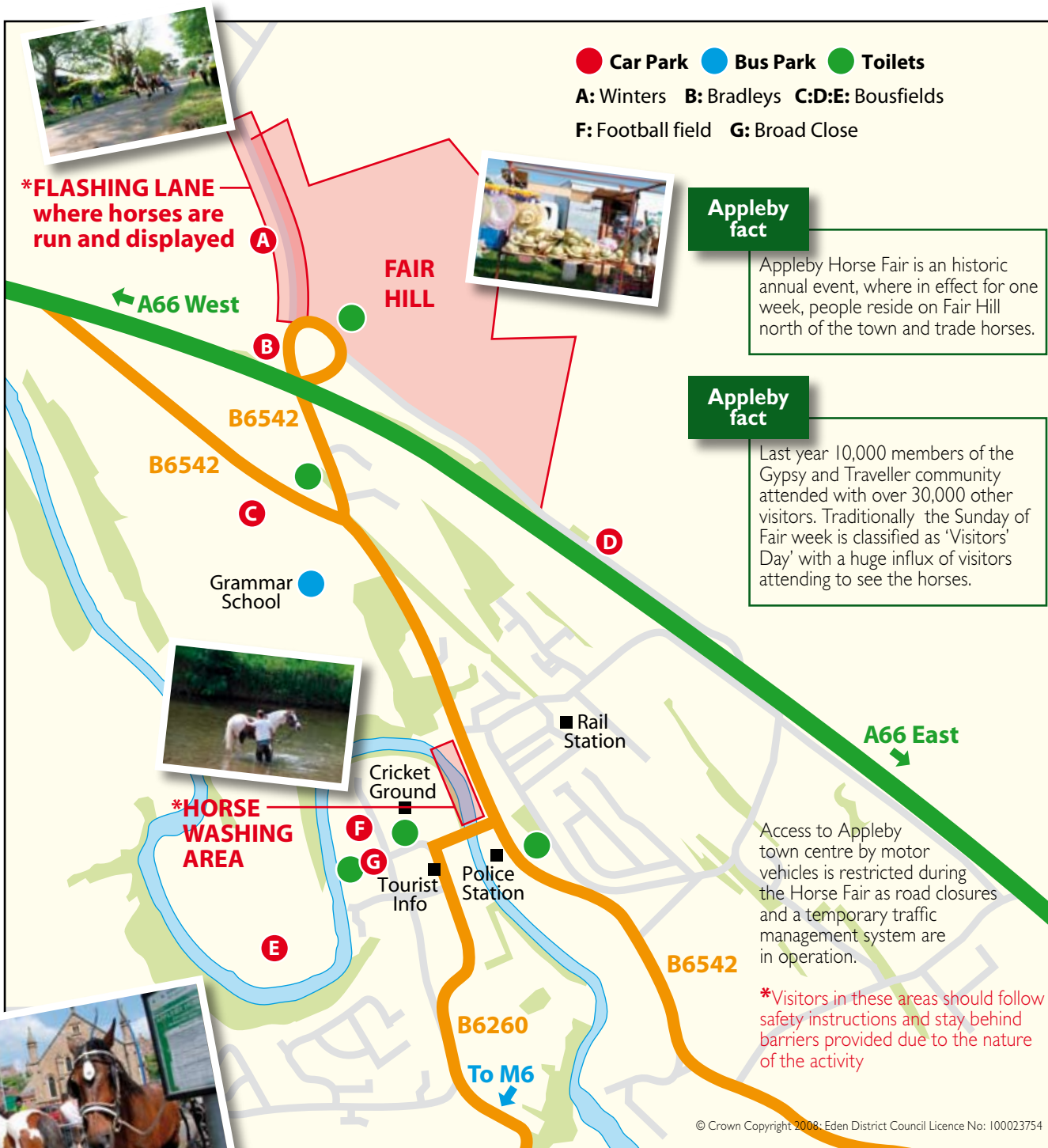


Animal welfare and safety

- Please don't approach a horse on its own or without consent from its owner. Horses can be easily frightened, which can result in them kicking or biting. Keep children under close supervision near animals.
- Please avoid bringing your dog – the event is first and foremost a horse fair and we would remind dog owners that horses can be easily spooked by excited dogs, causing welfare issues for both animals.
- The RSPCA, working alongside the police, will be operating a zero-tolerance approach to dogs in cars. Dogs left inside unattended vehicles will be removed.
- It is an offence to sell a horse if it is not accompanied by a valid passport.

Advice to drivers

- Horse-drawn vehicles come to Appleby from all around the country, so there is a concentration of slow moving traffic arriving in and leaving Cumbria in the weeks before and after the fair. Drivers should respect other road users and please be patient.
- Assume there could be a horse-drawn vehicle around the next bend and slow down. Take extra care at left-hand bends and on narrow country roads.
- When overtaking, indicate your intention early as the vehicles behind may not be aware of slow moving vehicles in front of you. Always carry out a 'long and wide' overtake to avoid frightening horses.
- Drive slowly past horses and be ready to stop.
- Do not scare animals by sounding your horn or revving your engine.
- Most accidents happen when visitors are leaving the fair. Expect long delays and look ahead to spot slow-moving horse-drawn vehicles well in advance.



Litter

- Appleby is proud to host the Horse Fair so please respect local residents by helping to keep the town clean and tidy by placing rubbish in the bins provided or by taking it home with you. Please take this leaflet home for recycling.



Public Toilets

- Public toilets are provided by Eden District Council at Broad Close Car Park and the Market Hall.
- Appleby Town Council is opening the Shire Hall toilets during the Horse Fair and a toilet for those with disabilities is available at Appleby Tourist information Centre.

General Advice

- Control your 'beerhaviour' – please drink alcohol responsibly. Drunken anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and police will take action against anyone who refuses to take responsibility for themselves.
- Appleby Fair is a unique annual event attracting thousands of people from across the country, and indeed the world, with diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures. It is up to each and every one of us to help make Appleby Horse Fair safe and enjoyable for all who attend by respecting and celebrating our differences. Give Respect, Get Respect.
- Wear sensible footwear – fields and car parks can get very muddy if it rains.
- Want to learn more about the Gypsy and Traveller community? The Education On the Hoof project will be offering a series of talks every day in the Supper Rooms in the centre of Appleby.

Useful contacts

Cumbria Constabulary

To report a crime using our non-emergency number call **0845 33 00 247**.

In an emergency dial **999**.

www.cumbria.police.uk

Eden District Council

Tel: **01768 817817** (also dial out of hours for the Council's Duty Officer)

Email customer.services@eden.gov.uk web: www.eden.gov.uk

Appleby Tourist Information Centre

Contains information on local attractions and accommodation providers. Call **01768 351177**

email: tic@applebytown.org.uk for tourist information online visit www.eden.gov.uk

RSPCA

24 hour cruelty and advice line **0300 1234 999**

Food Safety

Eden's Environmental Health Officers attend Appleby Fair to ensure food safety standards are complied with. If you have any concerns regarding food safety call **01768 817817** or email: env.health@eden.gov.uk

Trading Standards

If you're not satisfied with something you've bought or would like some pre-shopping advice, you can ring one of Consumer Direct's trained advisers on **08454 04 05 06** Monday to Friday 8am-6.30pm and Saturday 9am-1pm.

People attending the Appleby Horse Fair do so at their own risk. It is not a licensed event nor is it organised or run by any of the organisations who have contributed to this leaflet.



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