

# West Somerset Railway Association Steam & Vintage Rally 2024

## Noise Management Plan

### Introduction

The event takes place in agricultural fields which are some half a mile from the nearest houses: the closest community being Norton Fitzwarren.

Normally, some 6000 people attend, approximately half on each day (August 3 and 4 in 2024). The event is open from 10.00 – 17.00 each day, with most visitors having left the site by 18.00. Exhibits remain on site, and exhibitors camp on site: up to 1000 people spread over the site.

The site is staffed 24 hours per day from 26th July until 6<sup>th</sup> August, supervised by volunteers who remain on site and uniformed security guards who are on site 24 hours per day from 2nd August until 5<sup>th</sup> August. Communication between guards and supervisors uses 2-way radios and mobile phones.

### Sources of Noise

#### 1. During the event 3/4 August

Source of noise	Timing	Management Plan
Vehicle movements	Closely supervised	
Public address	10.00- 17.00	Switched off outside these times
Conversation	10.00- 18.00	Visitors not present outside these times
Noise from operation of exhibits	10.00 – 17.00	Exhibits switched off outside these times

#### 2. After hours 2/3/4 August – includes exhibitor entertainment on 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Source of noise	Timing	Management Plan
Vehicle movements	Most take place after 08.00 and before 22.00	Gates closed outside these times
Music inside marquee	18.00 – 22.30	Not allowed outside these times
Conversation in marquee & outside	18.00-23.00	Bar closes 23.00 Security staff clear bar and ensure exhibitors go to bed
Noise from operation of exhibits	18.00 – 22.00	A small number of exhibits remain working: quietly

#### 3. Outside these days: daytime 08.00 – 20.00

The site is staffed by volunteers and contractors who erect & dismantle the event. Activity takes place between 09.00 – 17.00. Site is quiet outside these times: minor traffic movements only.

#### 4. Outside these days 20.00 – 08.00

The site is secure: entrance gates are normally locked.