

Guidelines for venues hosting Street Traders

This guidance is for venues, businesses and organisations that invite street traders to trade within the boundary of your premises, as well as those wishing to trade outside or adjacent to your premises. It clarifies what you need to do and outlines the checks we recommend before permitting trading to take place.

Legal context

Street trading is controlled under Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. From 1 April 2025, anyone trading in a street or in an area the public can access without payment in the Barnsley borough must hold a valid Street Trading Consent issued by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Guidance for venues

If you invite a street trader to attend an event or trade outside your premises, we recommend that you ensure the trader holds a valid street trading consent that allows them to trade from your location. Landowner or venue permission does not replace the legal requirement for consent.

Trading food and drink between the hours of 11pm-5am will require further permission such as a late-night refreshment license.

Checking a trader's consent

Before the event takes place, you should request a copy of the trader's Street Trading Consent and check that it's in date, covers your location, and permits the type of trading being proposed.

Events and markets

Events involving four traders or fewer require each trader to hold their own Street Trading Consent. Events involving five or more traders may be classed as a market and could require a Private Market License.

Types of consents

Static special event consent (quarterly) – This permit allows a street trader to join occasional events at your venue, provided you have invited them to sell goods on your property. It covers unlimited events, so they don't need to apply separately for each location. However, it does not include any land, private or public, inside the town centre boundary or on public highways.

Occasional static street trading consent (daily consent) – Permits trading at a single fixed location for a short period, covering all private and public land in the Barnsley borough and the town centre. Applications to trade on public highways are also included.

Annual street trading consents (52 week) – Permits trading at a single location for a period of up to 12 months, covering all private and public land in the Barnsley borough and the town centre. Applications to trade on public highways are also included.

Non-compliance

Allowing street trading without the correct consent may result in enforcement action being taken against the street trader.

Further Information

For further advice or clarification, please contact Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council or visit the Street Trading section of the council website: [Apply for street trading consent](#)

Venue checklist: Inviting Street Traders:

- Have you confirmed the trader holds a valid Street Trading Consent?
- Has the consent been issued by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and is it current?
- Does the consent allow trading at your specific location?
- Does the consent cover the type of trading proposed (e.g. food and drink)?
- Have you confirmed landowner permission where applicable?
- Have you confirmed whether your event could be classed as a market (five or more traders)?
- If unsure, have you contacted Barnsley Council for advice before the event?