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Major events and festivals including Bournemouth Air Festival that were due to go ahead this summer have been cancelled due to the continued impact of the coronavirus outbreak. (Scroll down to bottom to see full list of cancelled events)

Responding to the government's guidance on the outbreak, BCP Council - with support of Destination Management Board - has taken the decision not to permit outdoor events on council public open space until the end of August 2020.

This includes, the cancellation of BCP Council organised events - the Bournemouth Air Festival, Summer Fireworks and summer events programme on Poole Quay. Other events that have had to be cancelled include BSO Concerts in Meyrick Park and Christchurch Food Festival.

Councillor Vikki Slade, Leader of BCP Council, said; "Our immensely popular summer events programme, including the Bournemouth Air Festival, attracts

millions of visitors to the area bringing over £32 million income to our local businesses and supports the council's services through our seafront offering.

"In response to the recent government guidance around the easing of lockdown, it will no longer be possible that events planned to take place this summer in public outdoor open space can go ahead.

"Cancelling major events and festivals is a decision we don't take lightly. The most important consideration is the health of our residents, and the safety of everyone involved including visitors, festival goers, exhibitors, traders, staff, contractors, and the many more who contribute and play a part in delivering those much-loved events.

"Our NHS and emergency services have coped incredibly well during the Covid-19 pandemic and we would not want to risk this changing, or to try to manage events whilst adhering to government measures and advice including on social distancing.

"The government's guidance indicated that hospitality businesses are not likely to open before July. We know there are many hotels, restaurants, bars and local contractors serving this industry whose livelihoods rely on the summer events programme and we want to assure those businesses - including the 17,000 plus people employed in this sector – that BCP Council will do everything we can to support you and work together with you to come through this.

"We're looking at every feasible option to help to sustain this industry, and with this we have already committed to deliver a refreshed Air Festival in 2021."

BCP Council and Destination Management Board for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole will continue to work together in lobbying central government to ensure this vital sector is fully supported through the national recovery plan.

David Bailey, Chairman of the Destination Management Board, said; “The Board fully understands the decision taken by BCP Council. It is very important that as the Destination of Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole we show we are taking the sensible measures and demonstrate that in the future we want to offer visitors and residents the safest environment to enjoy the unique tourism and hospitality offer. We thank BCP Council for its continued support and the confirmation of next year’s Bournemouth Air Festival.”

A Bournemouth Air Festival for next year has been confirmed for Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 September 2021.

Dougie Scarfe, Chief Executive, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, “Our Proms in the Park concerts hosted in partnership with BCP Council are always a highlight of the summer season in Bournemouth; with audiences dancing away to our live music, the series is always a celebratory moment in the BSO year. We know that loyal audiences will be sorry to miss the party this year, and we’ll miss you all too, but we look forward to seeing you next year for a spectacular celebration”.

Further information:

All events that were due to take place on council land between now and 31 August 2020 have been cancelled.

Cancelled events

Date	Event	Location
13/14 June 2020	Magic of Thailand Festival	Baiter Park
27 June 2020	Folk in the Quay	Poole Quay
Fridays 3 July - 28 August 2020	Quay for my Car	Poole Quay

4 - 5 July	Reggae Weekender	Kings Park
Tuesdays 7 July -25 August 2020	Dream Machines (Bike Night)	Poole Quay
12 July	Poole Goes Vintage	Poole Quay
10 - 12 July 2020	Sandpolo / Sandfest	Sandbanks
Thursdays 23 July -27th August	Summer Spectacular Fireworks	Poole Quay
25 - 26 July 2020	Mudford Arts Festival	Mudford Quay
28 - 30 July 2020	BSO Proms in the Park	Meyrick Park
28 - 30 July 2020	Poole Harbour Festival	Baiter Park
30 July - 2 August	Handball Beach Championships	Poole Seafront
Fridays 31 July - 28 August 2020	Bournemouth Fireworks	Bournemouth Seafront
31 July to 2 August	Poole Harbour Festival	Baiter Park
6 - 8 August 2020	RNLI Funday	Mudford Quay
8 August 2020	Mini Steam on the Quay	Poole Quay
20 -23 August 2020	Bournemouth Air Festival	Bournemouth Seafront

28 - 31 August 2020	Mudford Seafood Festival	Mudford Quay
28 - 30 August 2020	Upton Concerts	Upton Country Park
29 - 31 August 2020	Christchurch Food Festival	Christchurch Quay & Town Centre



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