



Wyre Council

Policy in respect of the issue of Street Collection Permits (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916

Permits to allow street collections within the Borough of Wyre may only be issued in accordance with the following policy determined by the council:

1. Street collections shall only be permitted where the proposed collection is for 'charitable purposes'.
 - 1.1 Street collection permits shall only be issued to persons representing organisations which fall within one of the categories (a) - (c) below and where the proposed collection meets the criteria specified:
 - (a) Recognised national charities or local branches of national charities collecting for the central funds of such charities.
 - (b) Local branches of national charities collecting for local purposes which provide substantial benefit to residents of the Wyre area.
 - (c) Local charities, voluntary bodies and similar organisations established wholly or mainly for the benefit of the local community and collecting for the central funds of a recognised national charity, for a recognised national appeal fund or for local purposes which provide a substantial benefit to residents of the Wyre area.
 - 1.2 Notwithstanding the above, street collections for such organisations as trade and student unions, benevolent funds, political organisations, pressure and lobby groups, churches, sects and cults and schools would not be permitted.
2. For street collection purposes:
 - 2.1 The borough shall be divided into four areas: Fleetwood, Garstang/rural, Poulton-le-Fylde and Thornton-Cleveleys;
 - 2.2 the areas of Fleetwood and Poulton-le-Fylde shall be paired together as shall the areas of Garstang/rural and Thornton-Cleveleys and collections shall only be held in one 'pair of areas' each week, for example collections in Fleetwood and Poulton-le-Fylde one week and in Garstang/Rural and Thornton-Cleveleys the next week and so on. This would result in a 'one week on - one week off' situation for each area;
 - 2.3 collections to be limited to one only per week in each of the permitted areas except that in the rural area, where applications are made for collections in geographically separate areas, additional permits may be granted at the discretion of the Licensing Officer;

2.4 collections on Sundays to be restricted to those organisations holding events on that day which cannot reasonably be held on other days;

2.5 collections during the last week before Christmas other than those in conjunction, or directly associated, with performances by local bands, choirs and other traditional seasonal street entertainments will not be permitted.

3. Exceptions to the rules in 1, 1.1, 1.2, 2.2 and 2.3 above and 4 below to be made for applications in respect of galas, festivals, processions, band concerts and dancing displays by locally based bands and dancing groups and similar traditional events which do not constitute 'normal' street collections where such collections are generally restricted, at the discretion of the Environmental Health Officer, to the area and duration of the event.

3.1 Exceptions to the rule in 2.2 above to be made for:

(a) recognised emergency and disaster collections;

(b) traditional fixed collections such as 'poppy appeal' and 'wings appeal'.

4. The number of collections permitted each year shall be restricted as follows:

4.1 Only one collection a year, limited to one area of the borough to be permitted in respect of collections for the central funds of any recognised national charity.

4.2 A maximum of two collections a year, each limited to one area of the borough to be permitted in respect of collections for any single local fund or charity.

4.3 Local charities, voluntary bodies and similar organisations, or local branches of recognised national charities, collecting for local purposes which provide substantial benefit to the residents of Wyre Borough, to be allowed a maximum of two permits a year with each permit limited to one area of the borough. Except that organisations representing only one specific area of the borough shall only be allowed one permit to collect in the area which they represent.

5. Exceptions to the rule on 4.1 and 4.2 above to be allowed for recognised emergency and disaster collections and traditional fixed collections such as 'poppy appeal' and 'wings appeal', provided that no more than four collections, each limited to one area of the borough are permitted in any year for any single appeal or fund.

6. With the exception of local galas and festivals applications for permits to be determined in order of receipt. Any dispute about dates allocated to be determined by the Chairman of the Housing and Environmental Services Committee and one other member of the Committee. Applications to be only accepted if they are within twelve months of the proposed date of collection.

7. No restrictions to be placed on collections taken for charitable, fund raising events passing through the borough.

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