

Construction for The 149th Open Information for Local Residents and Businesses

Introduction

The 149th Open will be played at Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich from 11-18 July 2021.

The R&A is working closely with the UK government and its medical advisers and partner agencies as part of a rigorous scenario-planning exercise for staging The Open this year. Plans are continuing for a full-scale championship but there are also robust plans in place for a reduced capacity or behind closed doors model.

A decision on the staging model for The Open will be publicly confirmed in due course. The R&A is due to start the construction phase for the Championship at the end of March and so is now advising local residents and businesses of its plans.

Construction Phase

Together with Dover District Council and Kent County Council, The R&A has developed an extensive plan to enable construction to begin at Royal St George's Golf Club at the end of March.

A series of measures will be implemented to minimise disruption for local residents and businesses and ensure all work relating to construction of the venue strictly adheres to the UK Government's latest guidelines reducing the risk of Covid-19.

An off-site contractors' reporting office has been set up for the construction phase so that deliveries can be managed to keep contractor vehicle movements on local roads to a minimum.

During the construction phase, on-course infrastructure will be built at Royal St George's Golf Club between the end of March and The Open starting on Sunday 11 July.

Covid-19

Protecting the health and safety of everyone involved in the construction phase at Royal St George's Golf Club and the local community is the foremost priority.

During the construction phase, a strict set of health and safety protocols will be in place to guide staff and contractors working on site at Royal St George's Golf Club. This includes the need for social distancing, use of face masks and regular hand sanitisation. Health screening and testing will also be in place.

These protocols will be continually monitored and adapted to ensure that they comply with the most up-to-date advice and guidance

being issued by the UK Government and the local agencies.

The construction phase has been deliberately planned so that the number of people working on-site is restricted to essential personnel only and access to the venue will be carefully controlled and managed.

All staff and contractors staying locally in Kent will be instructed to follow the UK Government's latest guidelines in relation to Covid-19.

Public Footpaths

Public Footpath EE231, which forms part of the Saxon Shore Way and passes through Royal St George's Golf Club, will be closed for its entire length (from North Stream to Prince's Drive) from Tuesday 6 April until Friday 20 August 2021. An alternative route between the Green Wall path and the beach will be signposted along public footpaths ES1 and EE230 via the Stour Valley Walk. This footpath closure is necessary to ensure the safety of members of the public and contractors due to the construction work taking place around the golf course.

(Monday 19 July) and remain in place whilst infrastructure is removed from the venue, with an estimated completion by 27 August.

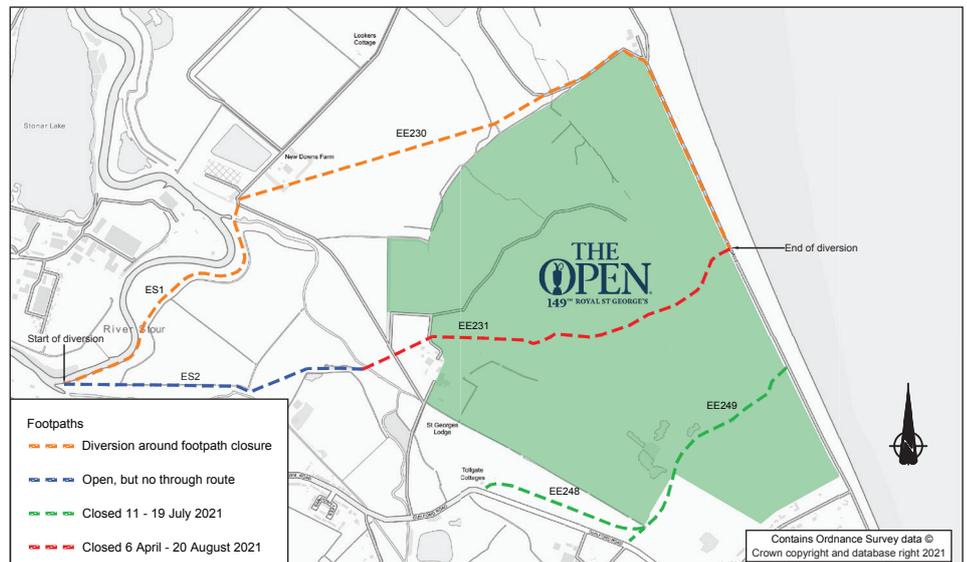
Residents who will be directly affected will receive further information from Dover District Council in the form of a letter explaining these parking restrictions in more detail.

Large delivery vehicles will be held at the off-site reporting office and not permitted to drive to and from Royal St George's Golf Club between 8-9am and 3-4pm on weekdays. This is to avoid additional traffic congestion around school opening and closing times.

During the week of The Open, additional parking and traffic restrictions will be implemented on roads in Sandwich and Deal. Further information regarding these restrictions will be available closer to the Championship.

Further Information

The R&A wishes to thank all local residents and businesses for their patience and understanding during the construction phase for The Open. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



Parking Restrictions

To facilitate the safe movement of HGVs to and from the venue and ensure the safety of the public, temporary 'no waiting' (no parking) restrictions on St George's Road will be implemented from Monday 29 March and remain in place until Saturday 10 July.

These restrictions will then be re-implemented on St George's Road after The Open

If you require more information or wish to raise a query please contact one of the following organisations:

The R&A –
TheOpen.com
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