

DEREHAM BLUES FESTIVAL

The Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic has already caused widespread disruption to numerous public events, with many having to be cancelled in recent weeks and for the foreseeable future. The government's latest estimate as to when the virus is likely to peak in the UK is early this summer, meaning it is likely the situation will get worse before it gets better and that cases will continue to occur through into July.

The government has advised people not to congregate in large groups and to avoid unnecessary public gatherings as this has the potential to quicken the spread of the virus. It is also well documented that the incidences of infection are increasing on a daily basis.

Bearing this information in mind, the Dereham Blues Festival Committee has unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's festival which was due to run from the 8th – 12th July.

The committee is incredibly disappointed to have to make this call but also unanimously agree that the only thing more important than staging a successful festival is looking after the people who are responsible for making the event what it is – and that is the festivalgoers.

In the meantime, and true to the spirit of the festival, the committee would like to encourage everyone to foster a sense of community spirit amongst family, friends and neighbours. Look after those who need it, offer assistance if you are able, and together Dereham can get through this difficult time together.

Dereham Blues Festival will be back bigger and better than ever in 2021, so don't be blue, keep the faith and we will see you next year.

N.B. Any tickets already purchased for the opening concert on 8th July will be eligible for a refund. Please visit <https://www.ticketsource.com> for more details. Information on the Covid-19 coronavirus can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> or <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

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