



**Comhaltas
Fleadh Cheoil
na hÉireann
Belfast 2026**



Overview of road closures during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Belfast 2026



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Celebrating Together across our city

Belfast will host Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, the world's biggest celebration of Irish music and culture, for the first time from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026.

Organised by Comhaltas in partnership with Belfast City Council and Ards CCÉ, qualifying competitors from across the world will showcase the very best of traditional music, song, dance and language in All-Ireland competitions. Alongside a fringe festival with multi-cultural performances, the 8-day event will create a shared celebration across the city.

With over 800,000 visitors anticipated, the festival will generate significant international attention, tourism revenue and opportunities for local businesses.

Activities will include:

- Street performances and pub sessions
- Competitions and concerts
- Céilí bands and marching bands
- Family fun and cultural fringe activities

Find out more about the event at fleadhcheoil.ie

Road closures and city centre access

To ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all, roads and streets within Belfast city centre will be closed to vehicle traffic during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Additional traffic and parking changes will also apply. These measures will allow street performances to take place and help ensure safe pedestrian movement.

It is recognised that these arrangements may affect residents and businesses. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption.

This leaflet provides a map of the road closure area and information on the dates, times and locations of proposed closures, along with details on access arrangements, parking and deliveries.

The aim is to ensure the Fleadh is enjoyable, safe and well managed for everyone who lives, works and visits the city during the event.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as Belfast welcomes visitors from across the world for this major cultural event.

Residents

Belfast City Council is working with statutory agencies on measures to reduce the impact of extra parking near the city centre.

Residents within the road closure with an allocated parking space will be offered alternative parking to continue to use their vehicle during the closure.

Plans are in place with the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust and Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to ensure that all normal medical or welfare care, such as district nursing teams, can gain access to residents as normal.

Delivery organisations, including Royal Mail, will be guided on access through road closures so deliveries can continue to residents.

Business

Delivery windows are incorporated into the road closure plan to allow business deliveries to continue. To support ad-hoc delivery needs, an Accreditation & Logistics Hub will be open 24/7 to arrange access to premises inside the road closures.

Vehicle passes will be issued to facilitate access through road closures for deliveries during safe times when there is no public safety hazard.

As shown on the map on page 5, road closures have been designed to ensure that most city centre car parks remain open. For off-street car parks that will be closed, alternative parking options will be made available. Details will be shared with car park providers in advance.



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Road closures will be in operation from 0600 on Sunday 2 August until 0500 on Monday 10 August 2026, with flexibility planned where possible during the early part of the week.

With significant crowds anticipated from Thursday onwards, closures will phase-up in line with operational planning and to ensure visitor safety.

On the city centre map opposite, full duration closures are shown in **red** and phased-up closures are shown in **purple**. On pages 6-7, see tables of full road closures and phased-up road closures. Vehicle traffic in the city centre will be guided by directional signage.

Translink Metro and Glider services

Public transport is the recommended way to travel to the Fleadh in Belfast. Translink will maintain normal bus and train services during the Fleadh. There will be some minor changes to existing Metro and Glider Services in line with the existing tried and tested Translink plan for city centre events.

During phased-up closures around Belfast City Hall, normal stops in Donegall Square West, North and East will be relocated to the noted positions on the city centre map opposite.

Note that buses will be permitted to access the Translink Wellington Place bus alternative pickup point within the phased-up road closure zone.

In advance of the event, Translink will communicate with all regular users of public transport about how to travel to and from the city centre during the Fleadh.

Car parking

Parking spaces will be made available for event visitors through Park & Ride sites located near key arterial approach routes to Belfast. Translink will operate daily shuttle services from these locations to the city centre.

Blue Badge parking

To support accessible parking, a number of car parks will be available for Blue Badge parking.

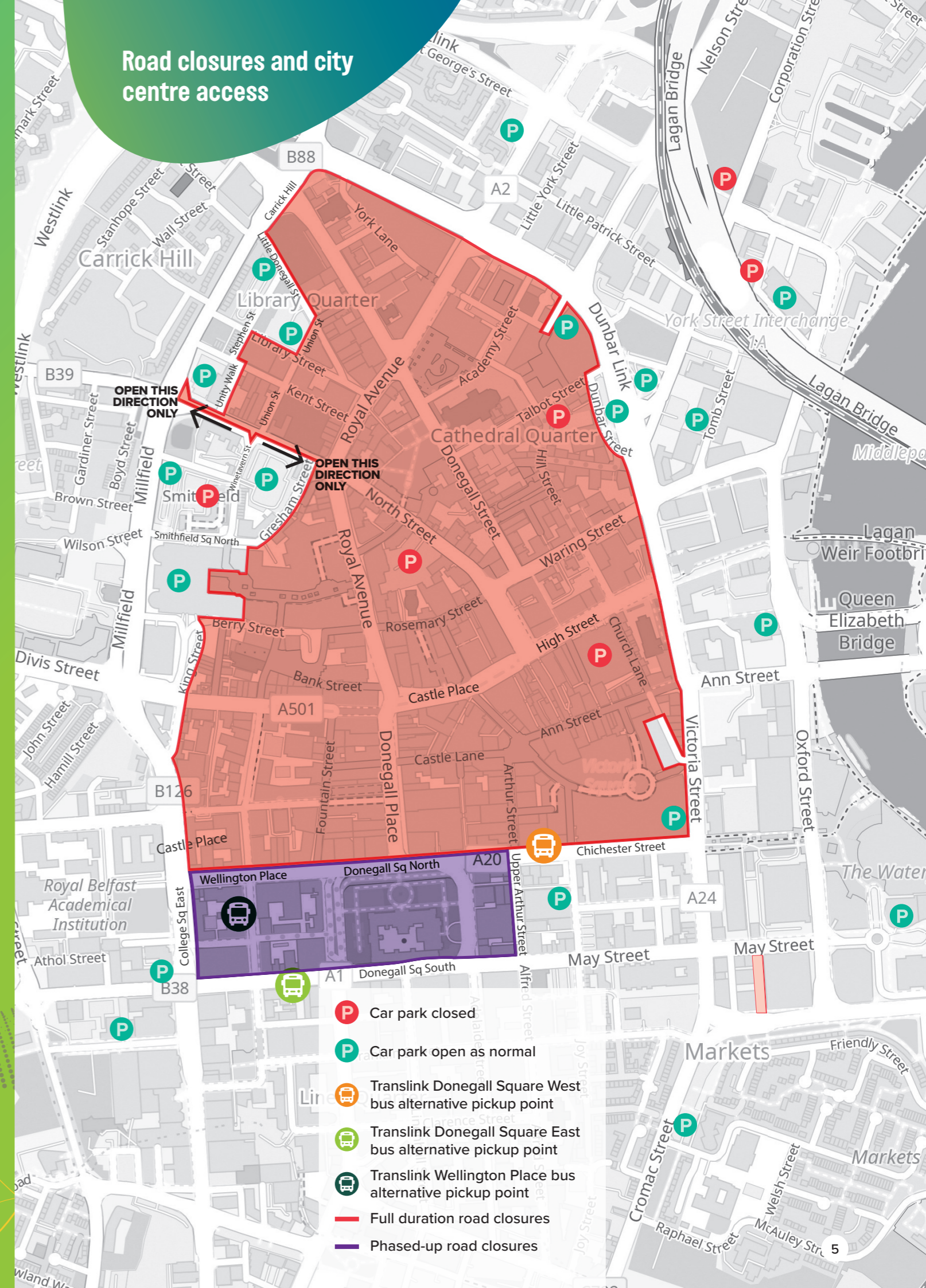
All Park & Ride sites will also provide Blue Badge parking with accessible low-floor shuttle buses to and from the city centre.

Emergency services

To ensure access for emergency services at all times, a comprehensive plan has been developed in conjunction with all emergency services to guarantee swift access anywhere within the city centre.

All emergency services alongside Translink and Belfast City Council will be working together in a 24/7 control room during the event to manage any access need or emergency. The event control room will also be working with the Traffic Information and Control Centre.

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Full road closure list

The following city centre road closures will apply from 0600 on Sunday 2 August until 0500 on Monday 10 August. There may also be limited closures of some roads as part of the build or take down of event infrastructure. This could take place before (30 July – 1 August) or after the event (10 – 12 August). Details will be advertised on the council website from June 2026. During the event, all on-street parking bays within the closure area will be suspended.

Road Name	From	To
Queen Street	Wellington Place	Castle Street
College Street	Queen Street	Fountain Place
Fountain Street	Wellington Place	Castle Street
Donegall Place	Donegall Square North	Castle Place
Callender Street	Chichester Street	Castle Lane
Arthur Street	Chichester Street	Castle Lane
Montgomery Street	Chichester Street	William Street South
Castle Lane	Donegall Place	Ann Street
Upper Church Lane	Victoria Street	Ann Street
Ann Street	Victoria Street	William Street South
Church Lane	Ann Street	High Street
High Street	Victoria Street	Castle Place
Bridge Street	High Street	North Street
Rosemary Street	Bridge Street	Royal Avenue
Cornmarket	Castle Place	Ann Street
Lombard Street	Rosemary Street	Castle Place
Waring Street	Victoria Street	Bridge Place
Skipper Street	Waring Street	High Street
Gordon Street	Dunbar Street	Hill Street
Hill Street	Talbot Street	Waring Street
Talbot Street	Donegall Street	Dunbar Link
Exchange Street	Edward Street	Academy Street
Academy Street	Great Patrick Street	Donegall Street
Exchange Street West	Academy Street	Talbot Street
Curtis Street	Academy Street	York Street
York Street	Great Patrick Street	Donegall Street
York Lane	Frederick Street	Donegall Lane
Donegall Street	York Lane	Donegall Street
Little Donegall Street	20m NW of Union Street Junction	Library Street
Stephen Street	Little Donegall Street	Kent Street
Library Street	Carrick Hill	Royal Avenue
Kent Street	Carrick Hill	Royal Avenue
Union Street	North Street	Donegall Street
North Street	Carrick Hill	Bridge Place
Royal Avenue	York Street	Donegall Place
Church Street	North Street	William Street

Road Name	From	To
William Street	Church Street	Royal Avenue
Gresham Street	North Street	Winetavern St
Berry Street	King Street	Chapel Lane
Chapel Lane	Berry Street	Castle Street
Bank Street	Chapel Lane	Royal Avenue
Marquis Street	Berry Street	Castle Street
Castle Street	Castle Place	Queen Street
Verner Street	East Bridge Street	Verner Street
Innisfayle Park	Donview Park West	Castle Gates
Milewater Road	Duncrue Street	(Full Length)

The following road closures around Belfast City Hall will accommodate the significant crowds expected at the opening event on Sunday 2 August and towards the end of the week. They will apply from 0600 on Sunday 2 August until 0500 on Monday 3 August and again from 1900 on Thursday 6 August until 0500 on Monday 10 August. These roads may also need to be closed at other times throughout the week in the interests of public safety.

Road Name	From	To
Wellington Place	College Square East	Donegall Square North
Wellington Street	Upper Queen Street	Donegall Square West
Donegall Square West	Donegall Square South	Donegall Square North
Donegall Square North	Donegall Square West	Donegall Square East
Donegall Square East	Donegall Square North	Donegall Square South
Pattersons Place	Upper Arthur Street	Donegall Square East
Chichester Street	Donegall Square East	Upper Arthur Street

Representations relating to this road closure application may be made 16 March - 6 April 2026.

A copy of the application can be viewed online at www.belfastcity.gov.uk/roadclosures

The application may also be inspected free of charge at the address stated below.

Persons wishing to make representations to the Council regarding the proposals may make representations in writing to the Building Control Service at the address below or by email to buildingcontrollicensing@belfastcity.gov.uk by 5pm on Monday 6 April 2026.

Representations received after this date will not be considered.

**Building Control Manager
Building Control Service
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Further information is available at
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