Good morning,

I hope this finds you well and not too hot!

I am emailing on behalf of the Oakham Pride Committee with regard to the event that is hoped will be held next year.

As you are aware, the first event was held at Oakham Castle and it was very well attended.  There were some organisational challenges on the day: mostly related to vehicular access setting up and the fact the Saturday market was in full swing.  Whilst everything was managed effectively, it raised the question of whether or not the Castle was the best venue so therefore is Cutts Close a more appropriate venue?

Can you advise please if OTC would be happy to allow Pride to take place on Cutts Close, if so what process needs to be followed for booking and which dates in June 2023 would be available.

The other post event question that has arisen is that of the Parade its self.  The event organisers would like a bigger and better one next year which would involve road closures.  This obviously comes at a cost that may be prohibitive if done in isolation and so I was therefore wondering if Oakham Pride could add theirs to the Oakham ones (e.g. Late Night Christmas Shopping) and so split the cost.  (As far as I am aware it is possible to put the road closures on one application and so pay one fee).

Thank you ever so much for your help.

With best wishes,

Lucy

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