

Protester policy at Pig & Poultry Fair 2024

As organisers of the Fair we are aware the sectors can receive unwanted attention from activist groups and individuals. The safety and well-being of exhibitors and visitors is a priority, as is the ability for Fair activity to continue uninterrupted. This document outlines our policy for the 2024 Pig & Poultry Fair and the actions we will take to minimise disruption at the Fair.

The Pig & Poultry Fair is a business trade event and we have a ZERO TOLERANCE to disruption. Anyone demonstrating disruptive, threatening or other anti-social behaviour will be immediately removed from the event.

The Security team at the NEC are very used to dealing with sensitive security situations and are aware of the potential for disruptions at the 2024 Fair.

The following will be in place to minimise the likelihood of disruptions:

1. **All visitors must register** for the event and gain a badge which will be scanned at the entrance
2. Everyone coming into the NEC will go through an **airport style scanner**
3. There will be a **bag search** at the Fair entrance on event days
4. There will be **security personnel on every door of the halls**
5. Additional security staff will be keeping an eye on visitor activity at the **entrance, in the theatres and generally across the halls.**
6. We have made provision of a location outside of the halls for any organisation that wishes to conduct a **peaceful protest.**

If you believe your organisation may be targeted or you have any intelligence about proposed activity at the Fair, please share it with us.

Briefing staff

We recommend exhibitors make their staff aware of the possibility that individuals who do not support the sectors may gain entry to the event and to be vigilant for suspicious behaviour, this may include covert filming and asking leading questions.

What to do if you are concerned

If you have any security concerns, please contact a member of the NEC security team on **0121 644 6666** and inform them of the nature and location of the problem. You can also approach any member of the security team within the halls, there will be individuals on every external door and they will be in radio contact with the rest of the team.

Additional security

It is possible to arrange a security presence on your stand for the duration of the Fair if you wish. This could be an overt or covert presence as required. If it is something you wish to explore we can put you in touch with the NEC security team do discuss your specific needs and to provide a cost.

Further queries

Should you have any specific concerns or wish to discuss this in any more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the Fair organising team on 02477 351045 or via e-mail on pigpoultry@rase.org.uk

Peaceful protests

We will allow peaceful protests at the Fair by any group who wishes to make their views heard and have designated a location outside Atrium Entrance 1 where this can take place.

We will not allow protests of any form within the event, this includes the distribution of fliers and other information.

For information, the Fair terms and conditions of entry (below for information), which all visitors consent to when they register, clearly state that we reserve the right to remove visitors from the venue if they cause a nuisance, obstruction or are involved in any threatening or other anti-social behaviour.

BPPF 2024 Terms & Conditions of Entry

Visitor badges are issued on behalf of the Fair Organisers, The Royal Agricultural Society of England are subject to the following Terms & Conditions:

- 1. Visitors are required to register to attend the event and will not be allowed admission to the event without presenting a badge (either printed or on a mobile device) or registering on the day at the entrance.**
2. The Organisers reserve the right to alter or vary the content or timing of the whole or any part of the event in circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
3. Please check event details and timings, prior to travelling, as these may be subject to change.
- 4. For the safety of people at the event, the Organisers and the venue management reserve the right to refuse admission and conduct security searches.**
- 5. The Organisers and venue management will not allow any demonstrations or events to be staged which cause, or are likely to cause, nuisance or obstruction to gangways or any part of the event.**
- 6. The Organisers reserve the right to remove visitors from the venue if they are involved in any threatening or other anti-social behaviour.**
7. The Organisers do not accept any responsibility for any loss, injury or damage to any person attending or property brought to this event.
8. Audiences may be photographed, filmed or recorded for broadcast or security purposes.
9. Dogs are not permitted into the event with the exception of guide, assistance and hearing dogs.
10. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is only permitted in designated smoking areas outside the Halls.
11. Any complaints relating to the event should be made to the Organisers' office promptly, prior to or during the event.