



14th August 2020

Eid in the Park 2020

Assalaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahe Wabarakatahu

The Corona virus pandemic continues to impact on our way of live. The national lock-down between 22nd March to 4th July, was a challenging time for all faith groups. The Muslim community had to meet the challenges of going through the month of Ramadhan at home, Eid Ul Fitr prayers and celebrations were all seriously impacted. We endured an experience that no one had foreseen and life without access to masjids was unbearable.

Our masjids were reopened from 4th July and although we are having to socially distance and follow government guidelines, we are able to meet after such a long time.

One of the key milestones we achieved was the ability to read our Eid Ul Adha prayers and whilst most Masjids had more than one congregation, we were grateful to Allah that in Coventry we had the Eid prayers in three parks around the City.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the commitment and support of Councillor Abdul Salam and Councillor Kamran Caan for making this possible. We would also like to extend our thanks to key Council officers namely Andrew Walster and Mohammed Bashir who supported the cause and made this possible. West Midlands Police through Superintendent Phil Healy provided officers who were available to ensure everything went smoothly. We did not have any incidents to report.

I also congratulate the organisers from the Masjids who prepared and delivered the programme on the ground namely Abdul Majid from Masjid Tawfiq, Kamran Khan from Iqra Centre and Mohammed Khatib and Mustapha Salum from COMSWA and Red Lane Masjid respectively. Nevertheless, the main recognition goes to the people who attended the prayers in the park, they followed the guidance given in terms of social distancing, car parking, consideration to other park users, cleaning up afterwards and behaving in such a way that truly showcased Islam. We cannot underplay this as we know how media continuously looks to showing the Muslim in a bad light, however, on this occasion only positives can be seen through videos and photographs. I pray that Allah rewards everyone both in this world and the Akhirah Insha Allah.

We were also very fortunate and we must acknowledge those from other faiths who volunteered through the Sacred Space initiative to come to the parks and provide security and safeguard those attending the prayers.

Finally, we must thank Allah for making all this possible and pray that He rewards everyone involved for making this possible. Corona virus continues to pose a serious impact on all our lives and is a very

real concern for our health and lives. I would encourage and advise all members of our community to adhere to government regulations and guidance to protect our families and friends.

I attach for reference and information examples of excellent practises that were adopted by the organisers to ensure we complied with statutory requirements. They include examples of Risk Assessments, Notices and posters to advise and guide congregations, letters to residents and some pictures to show how the days went.

Jazakallah Khera

Ghulam Vohra

Vice Chairman – Coventry Muslim Forum

NOTIFICATION LETTER - EID PRAYER IN THE PARK

COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES, MOSQUES, AND ISLAMIC CENTRE

26th July 2020

Dear Resident:

RE: Eid Prayer at Edgwick Park, Foleshill Coventry, CV6 5LA

On 31st July 2020, Eid prayers with social distancing restrictions will take place at Edgwick Park from 7:30am to 09:30am.

Due to your close proximity to Edgwick Park the Event Coordination Committee would like to make you aware of the event itself, and let you know that approval was granted by the Coventry City Council to allow this event to take place under restrictions of social distance risk assessment.

We would like to make you aware of the event activities.

Community and Residents Awareness:

Event Operating Hours:

Prayer will take place on July 31st from 07:30am to 10:00am for the whole event. The prayer will be for one and half hour.

Parking for The Public:

We have encouraged people to walk to the park. There will be parking available inside the park during event operating hours to stop people park on residents parking. We will have volunteers traffic wardens to guide people not to park at residents' area.

Restriction Access Area

Attendees must register to attend Eid in Edgwick Park as due to pandemic limited people allowed to attend and any participant must be registered on HNS Track & Trace available at www.comswa.online
The "1- metre – plus" rule will be adhered and to provide the necessary safety, attendees will bring their own prayer mat.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologies in advance, however, we hope this event will not cause inconvenience to you in any way.

If you require any further information, please call me at 0796 1519 647 or any vehicle obstruction and general information please call 0757 5575 152 or 0745 0803 876 or 0784 7430 041.

Sincerely,

Event Coordination Committee
COMSWA (Coventry Muslim Swahili Association)
RED LANE MASJID

Type	Activity	Description	Tools	Responsibility	Comment
Neighbourhood Awareness	To inform local resident about Event	Send Letter to inform local resident about Event	Letter	Khalfan Plus 4 Volunteers	Letters posted before the Event Day
Time	7.30 am prayer time. 10 am finish. 31 st July 2020.	Takbir start 7.30am. Actual prayer 7.45am	NA	Ustadh Rajab , Ust Abdul Ust . Khamis Keis Plus 6 Volunteers	Event delay to start but finish on time
No of attendee	Capacity Planning – up to 400 peoples	Max Capacity – 400 people of various age groups. Over 70's and vulnerable groups to be advised to pray at home.	NHS TRACK & TRACE Registered ONLINE and on Event Entries	Salum Mustafa and Mohamed Yuri. Plus 6 Volunteers	No of attendees: 250 peoples. Some registered and other not.
Social Distancing	Maintain community social bubbles	Event target local area only. Others advised to go to normal mosque prayer. People to be arranged at least 1m apart. Volunteers to supervise social distant	Volunteer markers and pegs.	Ust Ali Khamis Alhaj Nasser Aley Ust. NassorUbwa Plus 4 Volunteers	Sign and Mark were there before Eid and removed after Eid
Prayer Space and Prayer Mat	Prayer space layout	NO PRAYER MAT WILL BE PROVIDED, and Individual will be located at 1 metre distance apart.	Plastic pvc sheeting rolls, will be provided for those who do not have Mat.	Ust Ali Khamis Alhaj Nasser Aley Ust. NassorUbwa Plus 6 Volunteers	PVC sheets were not provided but all attendees came with their prayer mats.
Car Park	Guides for Parking	Parking space management. Direct users to prayer area.	Radio/ walkies Talk	Suleiman Mujahidina	Walkie talk provided to some volunteers
Volunteers	Guide visitors according to Covid19 safety procedures at arrival	2 volunteers to man each entry points. Take Track & Trace details. Sanitiser will be used.	Hi-Viz jackets. 10 bottles of sanitiser to be supplied	Salum Mustafa and Mohamed Yuri	All volunteers wore Hi-Viz jackets and sanitiser were provided to attendees

	and departure	More volunteers			
Face Masks	Face Masks must be worn	Attendees advised to bring own face masks. Masks will be provided for those who do not bring own for small fee	10x50 box face masks to be bought by Iqra.	Ust Rajab,	Gloves and Mask were provided to Volunteers
Communication	Pre-Event Advisory Information and Event Day	Advice to local area residents about Eid Prayer Covid19 safety measures. Advise attendees of to avoid physical contact.	Social media. WhatsApp groups. Word of mouth, websites	UstSalum Mustafa , Mohamed Yuri, Ust Rajab Alhaj Nasser Aley	We used all our social Media and word mouth to pass the information about event
Security and Cleanness	Police presence and Council staff were there to clean before event.	Security and safety compliance. Also to make sure the Area maintained clean all the time before and after Event	Volunteers and Cleaning Equipments	Mohamed Yuri, Salum Mustafa, Khalfan, Suleiman, Ust Rajab Plus 4 Volunteers	The Park was left cleaned as we found before the Event.
Alternative Plan	Bad weather	Two / three indoor sessions at Red Lane and Stoke Aldermore	Existing Covid19 Friday prayer plan	Ust Ali Khamis Alhaj Nasser Aley Ust. NassorUbwa	Not Applied.

Type	Activity	Description	Equipment	Responsibility
Timings	9.30 am prayer time. 10 am finish. 31 st July 2020.	Speech begins 9am. Actual prayer 9.30am	Nil	Imam Hammad
Social Distancing	Capacity Planning – 600 people	Max Capacity – 600 people of various age groups. Over 70's and vulnerable groups to be advised to pray at home.	Nil	Kamran
Social Distancing	Maintain community social bubbles	Event planning to target local area only. Others advised to go to normal mosque prayer to maintain social bubble. Mention in communications.	Nil	Imam Hammad / Kamran
Social Distancing	Event area definition	Decorative markers to define entry points to prayer areas	Decorative bunting as markers and pegs.	Imran / Kamran
Social Distancing	Prayer space layout	Plastic sheeting on ground. Individual seating spot marked at 1 metre distance apart.	Plastic pvc sheeting rolls. Similar to sheeting used by builder for floor laying. 2mx25m rolls.	Imraz / Kamran.
Car Park	Guides for Parking	Parking space management. Direct users to prayer area.	Nil	Volunteers
Volunteers	Guide visitors according to Covid19 safety procedures at arrival and departure	2 volunteers to man each entry points. Take Track & Trace details. Sanitiser use	Hi-Viz jackets.	Volunteers
Hand Sanitiser	Hand Sanitiser at entry points	Hand sanitiser to be used at entry point	10 bottles of sanitiser to be supplied	Zafar Iqbal
Face Masks	Face Masks must be worn	Attendees advised to bring own face masks. Free issue masks will be provided by Iqra for those who do not bring own.	10x50 box face masks to be bought by Iqra.	Imran Hussein
Communication	Pre-Event Advisory Information	Advice to local area residents about Eid Prayer Covid19 safety measures.	Social media. WhatsApp groups. Word of mouth.	Imam Hammad

Communication	Event Day	Advise attendees of importance of social distancing – avoid physical contact.	Nil	Imam Hammad
Security	Police presence	Security and safety compliance.	Nil	Kamran / Zaid
Alternative Plan	Bad weather	Two / three indoor sessions at Iqra Centre with existing Covid19 safety measures.	Existing Covid19 Friday prayer plan	Volunteers





EID PRAYER IN THE PARK

 

REVERE THE SPIRIT OF PRAYING EID SALAT IN THE OPEN Masjid Muhammad & Red Lane Masjid would like to inform Brothers and Sisters that Eid Prayer will be prayer on Friday 31st July 2020 / 10th Shulhijah 1441 @ 7:30am

**WHERE: EDWICH PARK
COUNTY
CIR 508**

IN CASE OF RAIN THE PRAYER WILL BE @ RED LANE MASJID & STONE ALDERBROOK FOR BEST RESULTS

Please take careful aware of these guidelines before arriving

-  REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH www.computelink.co.uk
-  MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES
-  BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION CARD
-  PERFORM WUJUB AT HOME
-  FACE COVERINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
-  AVOID HANDSHAKING AND CLOSE CONTACT
-  PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED
-  CLUSTER PERSONS IN TO GROUPS/ING BEARS TO BE AVOIDED IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OF COVID-19 OUTBREAKS OR RUMORS

NOTE: If you come with your children please accompany with them at all times
For more information contact: 01955 75 52 / 01947 400945



