

Bar Crawl Policy

Background

- 1) A bar crawl is defined as an organised tour of three or more licensed venues for a social purpose by any group constituted as part of the Students' Union
- 2) It is recognised that bar crawls have long been a tradition of student social activity, and a mainstay of many club or society social programmes
- 3) Bar crawls can be an enjoyable way to introduce new students to Guildford (or other towns) along with their peer group
- 4) The nature of bar crawls are such that there is a risk over participants drinking too much over a shortened period of time. This policy is intended to mitigate that risk and the resultant effects

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- 5) Any organised bar crawl must be advertised for a purpose of a social gathering and not for the explicit purpose of drinking alcohol.
- 6) Alcohol pricing offers must not feature as the headline advertising for any bar crawl event
- 7) If any discounted price is negotiated with individual licensed premises, the offer must extend to an alcohol free variant
- 8) Events with prescribed drinks and venues (e.g. 'Bar Golf') must include either
 - a. A non-alcoholic option every third round and
 - b. A wholly non-alcoholic card for the entire event
- 9) Any participant who is opting for a non-alcoholic option must not be pressured into taking an alcoholic alternative
- 10) 'Speed drinking' games (e.g. boat races) are not to be conducted during the event
- 11) 'Fines' or 'forfeits' during the event must always have a reasonable non-alcoholic alternative
- 12) There must be at least 1 sober individual for every 15 people participating in the Bar Crawl from the beginning to the end of the event.
- 13) Participating members must respect the authority of the abstaining committee member throughout the event
- 14) The abstaining organiser must tally the participants at the beginning of the event and tally the group on leaving each venue
- 15) Students participating in a bar crawl must not walk through Walnut Tree Close and the burden of proof will be on the students to show that they followed due process.

16) To refer clubs, societies, or identifiable students to the disciplinary process if this policy is not followed.

17) If the alternative route is via Guildford Park Road, it is recommended to have a marshal on the corner of A31.

18) The club or society must notify the Union about a bar crawl and numbers through the online form. In turn the Union will inform the Police and residents.

19) Each bar crawl must have a physical way to keep track of numbers e.g. t-shirts, wristbands, tickets.

20) If your group is more than 15 people, it is essential to notify licensed venues of your arrival the day before to reduce the risk of anyone being turned away.

21) The abstaining organiser and helpers will need to provide a Risk Assessment and contact numbers to the Union. It is highly recommended that contact numbers are made available for students who are attending the bar crawl.

22) It is the abstaining organiser's responsibility to ensure all students attending are 18 years old and above before allowing them to attend.

23) It is advised to mention to all students the following rules before the bar crawl begins for their own safety:

a. Avoid walking to and from the venue alone, especially when under the influence of alcohol.

b. Mention any places of risk to avoid, e.g. alleyways, high risk areas, rivers etc.

c. Be aware of any risks and ensure to avoid leaving your drink alone in a venue

d. No one is allowed to be under the influence of drugs. Anyone on heavy medication needs to be assessed separately.