

## The Olympic Torch Relay



**Aylesbury Vale** 

## It's on its way...

The London 2012 Olympic Torch will reach Aylesbury Vale on Monday 9 July. It's an historic day for the Vale and we expect a large number of spectators to come and experience this once in a lifetime chance to see the Olympic Flame. We'd like to make you aware of a few steps we have taken to help make this a day that everyone can enjoy.



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#### The Olympic Convoy

A convoy of vehicles will drive past first - signalling that the runners carrying The Olympic Torch will follow in about 10-15 minutes. The roads where the Torch is being carried (please see town map over) will be closed to traffic about 20 minutes before the convoy arrives and will remain closed until the Torchbearers have passed. The torch is in torchbearer mode in Buckingham, Winslow, Whitchurch, Aylesbury, Stoke Mandeville and Waddesdon. Between these communities, the Torch will travel in a vehicle (convoy mode), for a detailed listing of all Torchbearer sections go to our websites. It's likely to remain busy in the area for a while after the Torch has passed.



### **Aylesbury Town Centre**

In Aylesbury town centre, some specific entertainment has been arranged to help welcome the torch. Street entertainers will begin to line the route in Aylesbury from Buckingham Road to Walton Street at about 10.00am and Aylesbury Music Centre Brass Band will be performing in Market Square. There will be volunteers in the town handing out flags and blowers along the route.

#### **Get Involved**

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help with a range of Olympic and Paralympic events this summer. Buckinghamshire County Council wants to hear from everyone interested in joining our volunteer team. Come and meet people from all walks of life and get full training and support for our summer of fun.

Please call **01296 387089** or go to www.buckscc.gov.uk/2012 - Getting Involved.



#### What to expect on the day

Spectators are likely to start lining the route up to two hours before the Torch arrives. Some areas will be busier than others - town centre areas will probably be very busy, residential areas may be a little quieter. The arrival of the Torch could be affected by delays and traffic congestion and you may want to be prepared for a wait in the open air in our 'English Summer' weather - blistering hot or cold and wet!

- Please ensure vehicles are removed from the Torch Relay Route (please see map) two hours before it is due to arrive as they may be towed away for security reasons.
- Police, traffic marshals and stewards will be positioned along the route to offer help and advice.
- Some side roads along the route may be temporarily closed 20 minutes before the torch arrives
- Signs indicating temporary parking restrictions, including blue badge parking on the main route and on some side roads will be put up in advance and traffic cones will be put out on the day.
- Look out for signage that will direct you to overflow car parks.
- You will not be able to move your car for up to 40 minutes while the convoy passes and the crowds disperse.
- Public transport in the area is likely to be disrupted.
- No public access at Mandeville School.
- There will be no portaloos along the route.
- Stoke Mandeville Stadium will be closed. It will reopen to the public at 2pm.
- If anyone begins to feel unwell please seek advice from a first aid professional. Stewards along the route will direct you to the nearest assistance.
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously or see any unattended bags or suspicious items please speak to a Police Officer.

#### **Road Closures**

The only planned road closures are in Aylesbury at:

Buckingham Street to Kingsbury	9.30am	- 12 noon
Upper High Street from WH Smith into Market Square	9.30am	- 12 noon
Great Western Street (Bus Station)	11.00am	- 12 noon
Walton Street	11.00am	- 12 noon

#### **Businesses**

- If your business normally receives deliveries on a Monday, please ensure alternative arrangements to minimise disruption.
- If you normally see customers by appointment, please advise them in advance that they may not be able to access your premises due to traffic delays on the day.
- If you are a restaurant or catering outlet with toilet facilities, we would appreciate your help by allowing members of the public to use them, in particular people with a disability.
- Please be aware that the use of the Olympic brand and logo is not permitted and official branding guidelines can be found at: http://www.london2012.com/about-us/our-brand/using-the-brand

#### **Waste Collection Changes**

There will be no refuse and recycling collections on Monday 9 July. As a result all collections will be one day later than usual during this week.

#### **Follow Online**

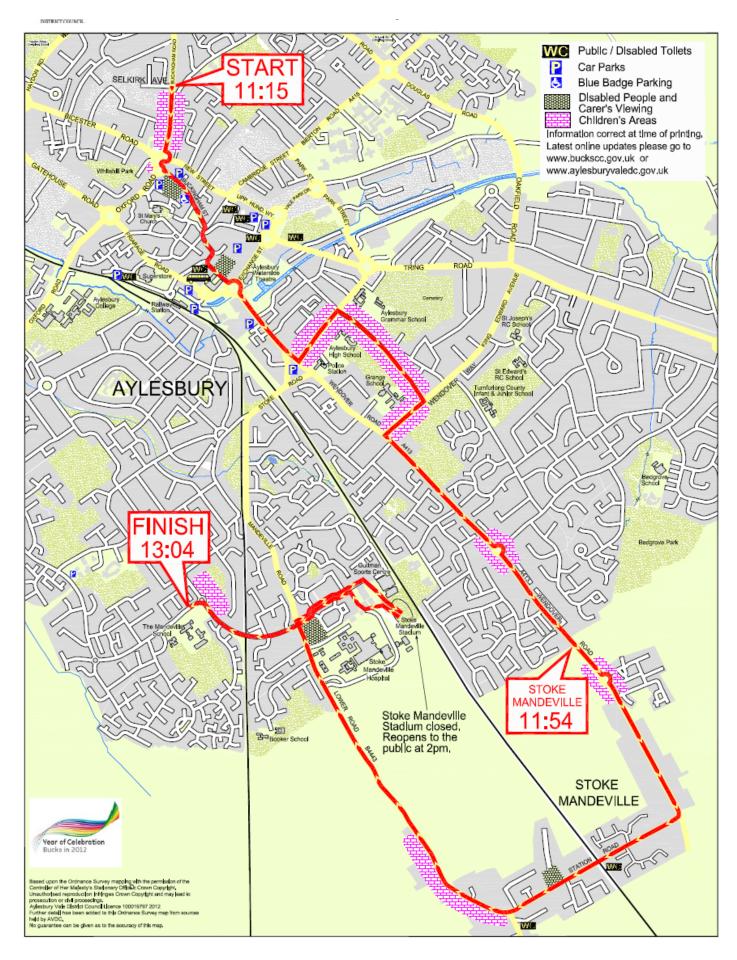
We are launching a new **#BucksTR** on Twitter (**www.twitter.com/bucks2012**) and Facebook (**www.facebook.com/bucks2012**) to allow us to keep you as up to date as possible. The **#BucksTR** will be used at the end of every tweet on **9 July** and will give you details of where the torch is, how long it will take to get to each community and any news regarding the torch.

For more information and regular updates please go to our websites: www.buckss.gov.uk/2012 and www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/london2012.

For an independent guide for disabled people viewing the Olympic Torch Relay please go to www.buds.org.uk or telephone 01494 568864.

For updates on the torch's progress on the day you can also follow Thames Valley Police on Twitter <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.org/">@thamesVP</a>

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