

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL



Mobile Vendors on Town Council Land Policy

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Next Review Date:	July 2025

Thornbury Town Council strongly supports the permanent local businesses, many of which provide hot beverages, hot food, catering etc.

Thornbury Town Council would not usually consider any requests from mobile vendors to operate from Town Council land (or land for which the Town Council has operational responsibility) that may represent competition to the valued permanent businesses in Thornbury.

There are two exceptions to this:

1. Seasonal vendor – ice cream van:

The Town Council licenses an ice cream van to operate on the Mundy playing fields during the Summer months only. This has been in place for many years and it is not therefore considered as new, direct competition to any of the High Street businesses.

Permission to operate will be given to one vendor only and the licence will be granted for a period of 3 years. The opportunity will be advertised on the Town Council website. Bidders will be considered on the basis of how frequently/regularly they intend to be available on site, environmental factors and any appropriate governance (e.g. insurances, hygiene certification).

The licensee will make an annual payment of a fee to the Town Council in consideration for this licence. The annual fee will be determined as part of the Town Council's annual fees and charges review process.

The vendor is required to take adequate steps to minimise the litter created from the products they sell. This requirement, as well as the general conduct of the vendor, is monitored by Council grounds staff.

2. Organised temporary events:

Mobile vendors may operate on Council Land during organised events such as Thornbury Carnival, Roundtable Fireworks, etc. This will, by its very nature, be a short-term situation and it would be unreasonable to allow such events to be run without mobile vendors being involved. Where mobile vendors are arranged by third party event organisers, any fee payable will be direct to the event organiser, who will also be responsible for all governance arrangements (e.g. health and safety, insurances, premises licenses).