

Events, especially those of a commercial nature, should be capable of being carried through without the need for police attendance. However, depending on the nature and size of the event, police may be involved in the scrutiny of the planning. As part of the Safety Advisory Group process the decision may be made that police presence is required.

The assessment of the necessity for police attendance and action at an event will be based on the need to discharge the police service's core responsibilities which are as follows: -

- Protection of life and property.

- Prevention and detection of crime.

- Preventing or stopping breaches of the peace.

- Traffic regulation (within the legal powers provided by statute).

- Activation of a contingency plan where there is an immediate threat to life and co-ordination of resulting emergency service activities.

The level of police resources committed to any event and the action undertaken will be proportionate to the assessment of risks posed by the event. Normally police involvement will be restricted to these core areas of responsibility. Early discussion with the police by event organisers is strongly advised.

Private marshalling and stewarding has become a recognised way in which events are supported. This, however, does not preclude any local arrangements between police and the event organisers.

Please note that it is unlawful for stewards and marshals to direct traffic on the public highway.