

MINEHEAD EVENTS PROGRAMME ON HOLD

Four major events in Minehead's spring entertainment programme have had to be either cancelled or postponed because of the risk from coronavirus.

All were backed by Minehead BID – the company set up in 2018 with the support of more than 240 local traders to raise the town's profile as a resort and organise regular entertainment events.

This year the BID-supported events included the Eat food festival on April 4, May Day celebrations on May 1, the town's second Steampunk Festival on May 2 and 3 and the VE commemorations over the weekend of May 8-10.

The May Day and Steampunk events will not now take place until 2021; the eat:Minehead food festival has been put back to August 22 and a decision will be taken in due course on whether the VE celebrations – which are being organised by Minehead Town Council - will go ahead at a later date.

Minehead BID manager Andrew Hopkins said many local people as well as visitors would be disappointed the events were now being removed from the calendar.

“Unfortunately, we have had no choice,” he said. “At this particularly difficult time tens of thousands of events are being called off because of the public health risks, as it is only right to do.

“We hope to be coming back with a bang later this year once we are able to do so, meantime we will continue to work with and promote the many businesses in Minehead that are able to trade at this time.”

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