



Gloucestershire Constabulary would like to welcome you to Fairford

This leaflet has been produced to provide information to all visitors about how we intend to ensure that your day remains peaceful. First and foremost we are here to uphold the law fairly and firmly. In doing so we aim to:

- * protect life and property
- * preserve the peace
- * enable peaceful protest to take place

We respect your legal right to peacefully protest and ask for your co-operation to ensure that in exercising your rights, public safety is at all times maintained.

We ask that you treat Fairford, it's residents and it's visitors with courtesy and respect.

We would like to bring to your attention the possible risks to your personal safety which may result from any unauthorised entry to military premises. Anyone who unlawfully gets into these premises could place their own lives and those of others in danger whilst aircraft movements and other associated activity is taking place.

In the event of any public disorder or any act that constitutes a criminal offence, police officers will respond positively and impartially and at all times be accountable for their actions.

Please see information overleaf.

The following are all criminal offences which carry a power of arrest.

* **Aggravated Trespass**

This offence is committed by anyone trespassing on land, in the open air (not roads or highways) with intent to deter, obstruct, or disrupt any other persons engaged in lawful activity on that land.

* **Obstruction/Assault police officer**

Any person who resists or wilfully obstructs, or assaults a police officer in the course of their duty will commit this offence. (To obstruct can mean providing misleading information or making it more difficult for police officers to carry out their duties).

* **Obstruction of the highway**

It is an offence for any person without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway. (This includes footpaths, verges and roads). The right to protest is not a lawful excuse to obstruct the highway.

* **Criminal Damage**

Any person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property, either intending such damage or recklessly causes damage, commits this offence. It is an offence to make a threat to anyone that you are going to destroy or damage their or another's property. It is an offence to carry anything on you which you intend to use to destroy or damage property belonging to another.

- * **Offences relating to public disorder and threats to public order** are generally found within the Public Order Act 1986. (Section 3 affray, Section 4 using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, Section 5 using disorderly behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress.)

*Stop and Search Powers under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. If a senior police officer believes that incidents involving serious violence may take place or that people are carrying dangerous instruments or offensive weapons, the police can stop and search people and vehicles (including caravans) at their discretion. **Possession of any bladed or sharply pointed instruments, or any article made, adapted or intended to cause injury is an offence for which you can be arrested.***

Thank you for your co-operation.