

### Somersham Wheelie Fun Day

The idea of a fundraiser was conceived by Terry Fordham in 2016 when an additional income stream was needed by the Somersham & District Community Association. It had been many years since the village had run a fete and it was felt that it would be good to give the community an event to enjoy and at the same time supporting the work of the Community Association.

So far events have been run in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022 (two year break for Covid) and 2023. Funds raised over the years totals £16,457. This funding contributed to various capital expenditure projects but fundamentally enables the Community Association to cover the cost of running the playing field.

The event has broad appeal and includes classic vehicle show, live music on our stage, local and commercial stalls, prize raffle, hot and cold food, traditional fete games and childrens entertainment, alcohol and soft drinks bars, cycle speedway event. It has grown in size and popularity and is now a significant event in the calendar year. We intend to aim for a regular date each year of the first Saturday in July.

Wheelie's 2024 is on Saturday 6 July. The planning team has grown to 15 people to achieve the various features of the event. The team start working in January and look to vary the features whenever possible. On the day we are joined by volunteers to martial the vehicles, run the fete games, sell raffle tickets or serve at the bars. We also need volunteers to set up the day before and to take down the day after. We would welcome any councillors who would like to join us.

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