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Welcome to High Tide Group

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#### Festival Wi-Fi

Since COVID people have moved heavily to contactless payment For contactless to work, a connection to the internet is required.

Village 4G masts are design for about 1000 people, not 10,000

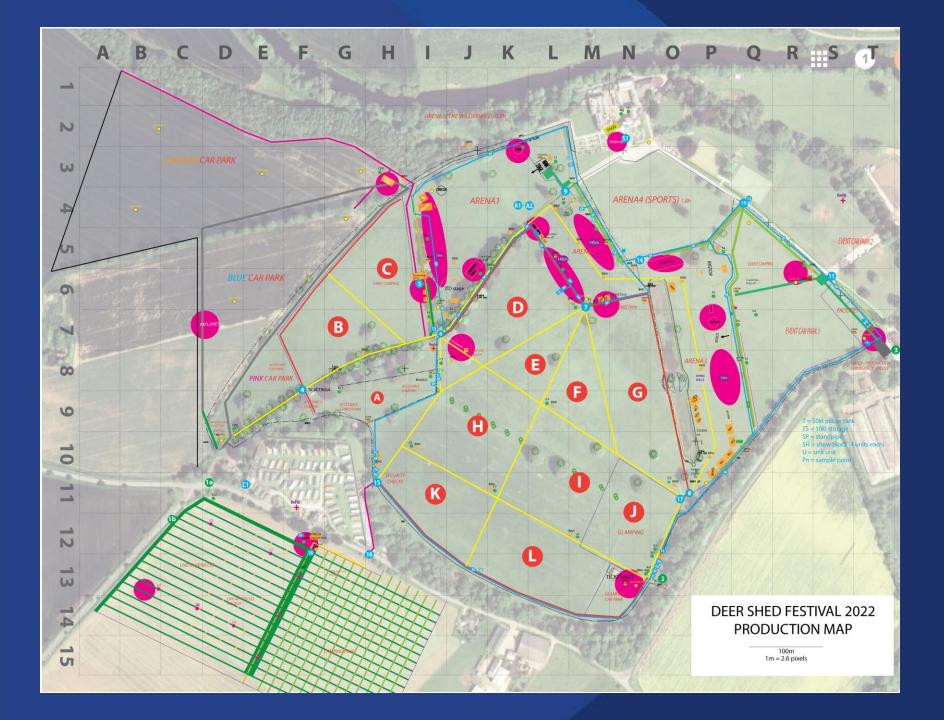


#### The Background

- DeerShed is a local family friendly Music festival that attracts close to 10,000 people each year.
- We have been asked to provide WIFI over the whole site for the following services.
  - Tickets
  - Bars
  - Vendors
  - Phone in the Welfare tent for contacting parents of lost children
  - "WIFI MUST WORK We have gone Cashless"

#### The Background

- Backbone Planned
- Backbone Actual
- Client Access
- Network Overview
- The Timeline



#### Head Office



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# Get Temporary Connected to the outside world

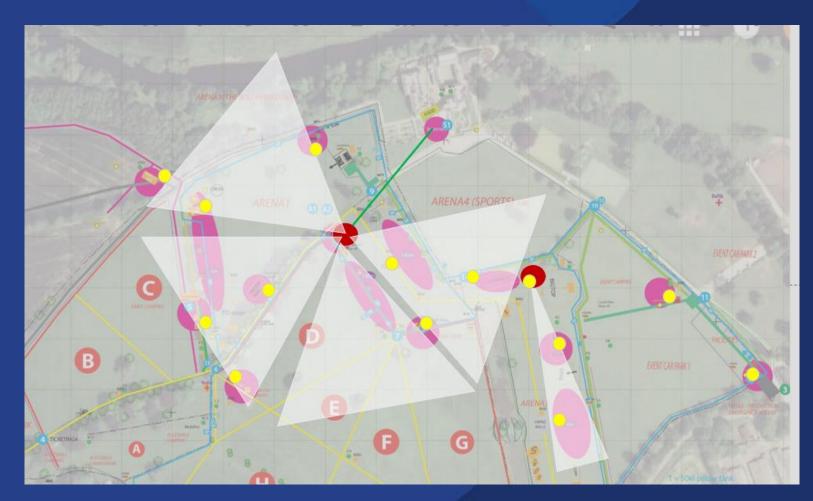


### WIFI Setup (Backbone) – Planned

#### Backbone

4 X Ubiquity sectional antenna

22 X Ubiquity Point to MultiPoint links (back to the sectional antenna with one exception) Link back to School for internet access



#### Wi-Fi Setup (Backbone) – Actual



The festival had increased the sizes of the vendor areas, but forgot to tell us.

#### **Client Authentication**

- Last year we downloaded over 2TB of data from Netflix. (I am not aware of Netflix being a Epos vendor)
- This year each vendor was issued with a username and password. This enabled us to limit the number of devices a vendor connects
- This also allows us to track bandwidth hogs

#### Inflight changes

- One of the Vendors (A class vendor I was informed by management) was rated based on the number of app installs at the festival. The lack of 4G was causing them major issues.
- Utilizing a mashed access point and a hotspot portal we where able to provide them with codes to allow people to connect for a short period of them to download the

### Inflight changes

- One of the acts utilized an interactive app people needed to download before walking through a forest. They did not plan for a highly congested 4G and asked if they could give out there WIFI code.
- Another Hotspot with 15 min tokens was used.

#### **Planned Timeline**

Monday – Setup Tuesday – Setup Wednesday – Setup Thursday – Turn up and test Friday 8AM – Doors open Friday 12:00 Bands start Saturday 7:00 till 24:00 Sunday 7:00 till 14:00 Monday – Strip down



#### **Actual Timeline**

Monday – Setup Tuesday – Setup Wednesday – Setup Thursday – NO POWER Friday 8AM – Doors open. 8:15 Power on, but not stable. Issues with radio so only ticketing on. We also had a Diesel leak in the WIFI Cabin Friday 12:00 Bands start – Demands for Bars and Vendors, but still power issues and radio issues. WIFI Team and Electrical Team are NOT friends Saturday 7:00 till 24:00 Sunday 7:00 till 14:00 Monday – Strip down

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#### The Fun Begins

Random Generators around site keep tripping but Electrical team don't know which ones WIFI Team call the Electrical team to complain, we are able to tell them which generator is off as we have lost part of the network

WIFI team and Electrical Team are now friends.

BAR WIFI Stable, FREE DRINKS 😳



#### What we take from this

- Keep the network simple
- Take spare kit for unplanned changes
- Mesh can be your friend to provide quick and simple expansions to sections of the network
- Segment traffic if possible, to allow prioritization if needed
- Always have a backup link
- Some Card readers may not have been on WIFI for a long time and decide to do firmware updates
- Allot of card readers are still 2.4  $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$

#### Some of the Family Fun









Wireless Client Activities

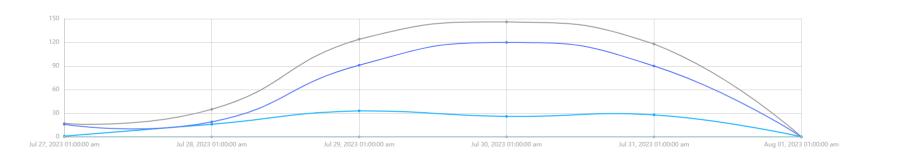
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#### Wireless Traffic Activities (Transmission)

639.01 G8 511.21 G8 38.41 G8 25.60 G8 12.7.80 G8 0.00 G8 0.00

Total Wireless Clients (i)	
<b>I</b>	1328
Wireless Users:	333 (24.93%)
Wireless Guest:	1003 (75.07%)