

ASAO Conference 2024 Notes

Services & Catering

Services

Insurance to cover show cancellation and if a member of public goes down with E.coli during the show

Do Showgrounds who don't have a permanent site use specific contractors or local companies to provide water and electric at the Showgrounds.

Wi-Fi options do shows use local companies again or companies that provide Wi-Fi at events and is this costly? – either option is a costly venture but local companies can work out cheaper in the long run, if guaranteed to work can sell to traders. Starlink very popular.

What is the experience of shows around the country re testing water before events, is this annually, quarterly or pre event around the show / showground? And does their water authority complete this or is an external body used? - depends on your local authority massively, can be an additional cost if fails and retesting needed.

Catering commission v catering tenders, which do people use.

Has anyone else experienced licensing saying that tradestands need a TENS if they are selectively giving alcohol away on showday?

Do Societies become licensed to sell alcohol or do they ask individual stands if they need a Ten license or do they get their own from the local council?

Contractors / Suppliers Many opt for 3yr agreements, but try to stagger them as they will all need renewing at the same time. Supplier's prices have increased by approximately 5% for 2025. Always get quotes for comparison and unless a 3yr agreement, shop around each year. Cheapest is not always the best, be sure of what you are getting for your money. Use and consult the ASAO suppliers listed on the website <https://www.asao.co.uk/suppliers>