

Cumbrian firm given task of providing transport for Radio 1 Big Weekend

A CUMBRIAN travel company has been handed the task of transporting up to 40,000 music-lovers to Carlisle Airport and back for Radio 1's Big Weekend.

Reays of Wigton will run a fleet of 50 coaches and double decker buses from Carlisle city centre and Penrith train station to and from the concert site on May 14 and 15.

The shuttle bus service will also include single-only trips back to Brampton and across west Cumbria after the concert on both nights.

The family-run firm's vehicles will have exclusive access to designated pick-up and drop-off points on the concert site, which is seven miles out of Carlisle.

The shuttle buses will run to Carlisle Airport from Carlisle and Penrith from 9am to 2.30pm. Gates to the concert open at midday on both days and organisers want fans to arrive early to build up the atmosphere for the event, being broadcast live on Radio 1.

Transport to Carlisle and Penrith will be from 8.30pm until 1am, with the live music finishing at 10.30pm both days. Coaches will also run to Brampton and to Wigton, Aspatria, Maryport, Workington and Whitehaven to 1am both nights.

For the Carlisle service, vehicles will run from the former Lonsdale cinema in Warwick Road.

Tickets can be booked on 016973 49999 or 01228 267267 or at www.reays.co.uk/bigweekend or at Reays Travel Centre in Devonshire Street, Carlisle. Details will also be published on www.discovercarlisle.co.uk.