

20 December 2007

CLASSIFI

**HOME NEWS**  
**NEWS FOCUS**  
**ROAD SAFETY**  
**LIGHT UP A LIFE**  
**CUMBRIAN RUN**

**SPORT**  
**CONTACT US**  
**the LIST**  
**BUSINESS**  
**STUDENT**  
**FEATURES**  
**VIDEOS**  
**YOUR KIDS**  
**WEATHER**  
**DIGITAL**  
**SWITCHOVER**  
**FAMILY NOTICES**

**OPINION**  
**FORUMS**  
**PHOTO GALLERY**  
**e SHOPPING**  
**COMPETITIONS**

**MOTORING**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**JOBS**  
**CLASSIFIEDS**  
**PROPERTY**  
**FIND IT**  
**WEDDINGS**

**READERS TRAVEL**  
**DATING**  
**READERS OFFER**  
**BUY THE PAPER**  
**DIGITAL COPY**  
**ABOUT US**  
**WORK FOR US**  
**SYNDICATION**  
**LEGAL STUFF**

**BUSINESS**  
**GAZETTE**  
**CUMBRIA LIFE**  
**CUMBRIA ONLINE**  
**CN LETTERBOX**  
**CN Research**  
**DGB LIFE**  
**HEXHAM COURANT**

**Make This Your Homepage**



**ARCHIVE SEARCH**

Search

## STARS SIGN UP

*Published on 15/12/2007*

By Pam McClounie

FOLK stars including Billy Bragg and Eddi Reader have signed a petition to save Brampton Live.

More than 1,300 people have now signed an online petition to save the annual summer folk event.

Councillors will discuss on Monday whether or not to slash funding at the festival, which was founded by Ken and Sue Bradburn in 1995.

The proposed budget cuts would deprive the event of £10,000 in 2008 and £18,000 in each of the next two years.

Singer Billy Bragg said: "Brampton is the only gig that keeps me coming back to Cumbria.

"It brings the cream of the folk acts to the region and has a great reputation as a festival. Let's not lose it."

Folk musician Maddy Prior, who sings with group Steeleye Span, said: "The most prestigious cultural event in the north west needs to be supported.

"It's the one musical occasion that draws performers and audiences worldwide.

"It would be a tragedy to lose it."

Singers like Boo Hewardine, Scottish singer Eddi Reader, formerly of Fairground Attraction, and Olly Alcock have also signed the petition.

Eddi Reader MBE said: "Brampton Live is a fantastic festival and the highlight of the folk/roots calendar in the UK, second only to Cambridge folk festival.

"The city council would be insane to get rid of it.

"Brampton gets bigger every year, please continue to give your young musicians a place to see incredible music and somewhere to aim for to perform at."

Sean McGhee, who organises the music festival Solfest, said: "As editor of Rock 'n' Reel music magazine I can confirm that readers from all corners of the world enthuse about Brampton Live, a festival that has for many years been putting Cumbria on the musical map. To reduce funding on this worldwide event would not just be a tragedy but also a crime against the arts and culture."

Organisers have warned that the festival might close.

But council leader Mike Mitchelson has pledged that it will not be allowed to fold. A report to the executive puts the case for handing over the festival to volunteers.

To sign the petition visit [www.petitiononline.com/Brampton](http://www.petitiononline.com/Brampton) or see [www.bramptonlive.net](http://www.bramptonlive.net).



Star support: Billy Bragg, left, and Eddi Reader, right, pictured performing at Brampton Live, are among 1,300 people to put their names to a petition calling on Carlisle City Council not to cut funding from the successful festival. PICTURES: Charles Devlin  
 1 of 2 [Prev](#) | [Next](#)

findi  
 CUM

Business

e.g plum