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# Basingstoke Festival

**OUTDOOR ARTS PROGRAMME**  
**DISCOVER ART IN**  
**UNUSUAL PLACES**  
**FRIDAY 23 JUNE TO**  
**SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023**  
[www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk)



# WELCOME

## Celebrating 12 years of Basingstoke Festival

This year's programme will delight your senses with street theatre, visual arts, circus, dance, music and film. Join us to explore the unexpected and take part in something different as you experience magical moments with your friends and family.

Use this guide to plan three weekends of free fabulous fun in Basingstoke town centre and across the borough. There are many other wonderful indoor and community events listed online at

**[www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk)**

This is a summer festival so remember to pack your suncream and waterproofs. Many of the town centre businesses are supporters of the festival, don't forget you can support local businesses too by purchasing coffee and a piece of cake to enjoy while you watch the performances.

The festival is produced by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and is funded by Without Walls. Basingstoke Festival is a partner in Without Walls, working with festivals and artists and bringing fantastic outdoor arts to people in towns and cities across the UK. Find out more at **[www.WithoutWalls.uk.com](http://www.WithoutWalls.uk.com)**

We also want to acknowledge public funding awarded to Basingstoke Festival from

Arts Council England by the National Lottery for this year's festival. This has helped fund some of this year's programme and many of the opportunities for residents to take part in workshops and perform alongside professional artists.

This year we are delighted to be working once again in partnership with Festival Place, check out the new Festival Hub on page five.

We are thrilled to welcome our new partner 'Village Hotel Basingstoke'. Make sure you visit them in Basing View, just a short walk over the bridge from Eastrop Park. There is a pool, gym, 153 bedrooms, a buzzing pub and grill with a big screen for live sport and VWorks co-working space.





**THREE POP-UP  
WEEKENDS OF MUSIC,  
ART AND FILM TO  
SATISFY YOUR SENSES!**

*festival*  
**PLACE**  
BASINGSTOKE



# THE FESTIVAL HUB

For the first time ever, Basingstoke Festival, in partnership with Festival Place, brings you indoors to The Festival Hub. Enjoy artist workshops, demonstrations, live music, film screenings and Q&A sessions over the three festival weekends.



## Weekend one: a music takeover by RB Music Management

Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 June  
11am to 4pm

RB Music Management will provide a mix of music, putting the spotlight on local bands and music artists. Look out for the Anvil Arts Musication Station to pick up an instrument and have a go at discovering your musicality.

Full list of bands will be available at [www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/the-festival-hub](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/the-festival-hub)

## Weekend two: an arts and craft weekend takeover by THAT Gallery

Saturday 1 to Sunday 2 July  
11am to 4pm

A hub of creativity with local artists from THAT Gallery. Take part in 'make your mark' drop-in workshops, learn a new technique, see demonstrations and live painting, join Q&A sessions led by local artists.

Find all the workshops at [www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/the-festival-hub-weekend-two](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/the-festival-hub-weekend-two)

## Weekend three: a film festival takeover weekend by Exit 6 Film Festival

Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 July  
11am to 4pm

Exit 6 Film Festival brings a packed cast of short films to its mini cinema and exhibition space for film-lovers and filmmakers. This is a taste of the main event on 23 September 2023. Find out more at [Exit6FilmFestival.com](http://Exit6FilmFestival.com)

For all timings visit [www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/the-festival-hub-weekend-three](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/the-festival-hub-weekend-three)

# GOOD TO KNOW

## Other events

There are many other wonderful indoor and community events taking place across the borough during Basingstoke Festival. Visit [www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk) to view full details, including prices, times and how to get involved.

## Support local

While you are in the town centre, please support the local businesses. Some shops, cafes and restaurants may be offering discounts during the festival. See our partners on the Love Basingstoke website for more details on places to eat, places to go and things to do during your visit to Basingstoke and Deane.

# WHAT TO EXPECT

Where available, easy read guides are available to download from [www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/access-at-basingstoke-festival](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/access-at-basingstoke-festival)

If you require further information before you travel, please e-mail [festival@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:festival@basingstoke.gov.uk)

We have introduced the below icons to offer guidance for each event.



BSL interpreted



Join in



Involves fire



On the move



Audio described\*



Great for young festival goers



Touch tour\*



Minimal speech



Easy read guide



Sensory spectacle



Involves water

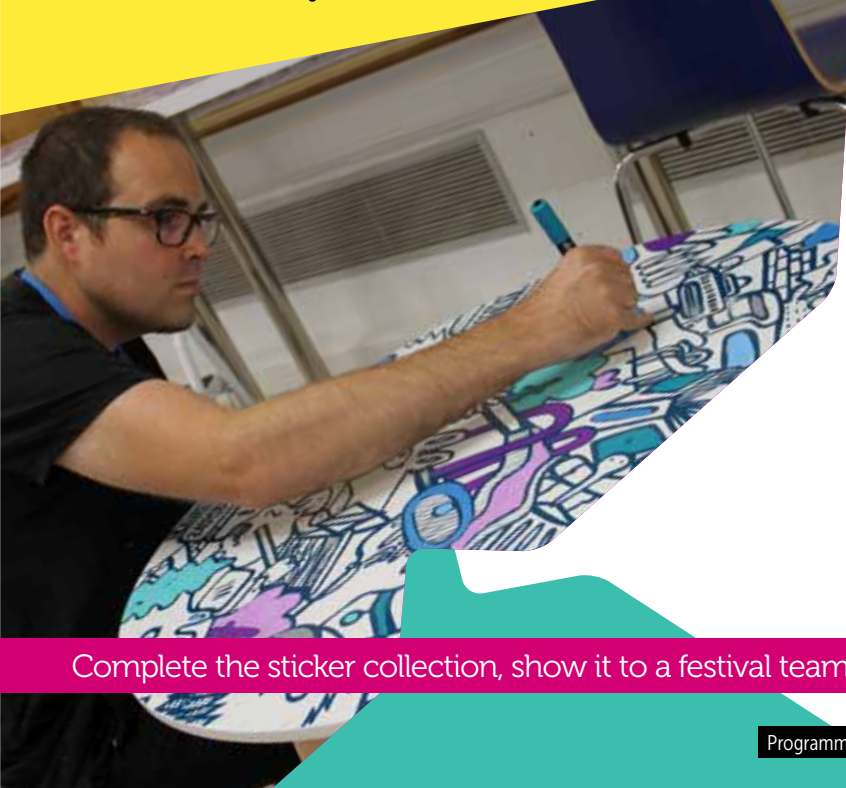


Loud noises

\*available to view online at [www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk)

# CAN YOU COLLECT THE FULL BASINGSTOKE FESTIVAL STICKER SET?

Head to the festival performance locations and the Festival Hub over the three festival weekends to collect all 12 stickers. Characters and illustrations created by local artist Kev Munday.



Complete the sticker collection, show it to a festival team member in The Festival Hub and receive a prize.

# FESTIVAL OPENING PARADE

FLOURISH,  
BY FLUID MOTION THEATRE



**WHEN** Friday 23 June

**TIME** 5.30pm



**WHERE** Cross Street, parading to the Amphitheatre  
by Festival Place (see route map on page 29).

Nothing kicks off the Basingstoke Festival quite like the opening parade and this year Fluid Motion Theatre is taking on the mantle to make sure it all goes off with a bang. Join in the celebrations and soak up the party atmosphere from 5.30pm at the Top of the Town, then follow the parade route down to the Amphitheatre for our big finale: a family friendly 'positivity rave'.

The parade theme is 'Flourish'. Schools and community groups across the borough have been exploring what gives them a happy brain by working together in creative workshops to make colourful parade items and objects that celebrate how the arts can make you feel good.



THE TEMPEST,  
BY THE PROTEANS

**WHEN** Friday 23 June, 7pm

Saturday 24 June, 2pm and 6pm

Sunday 25 June, 2pm

**WHERE** Walled Garden, Down Grange

This is a ticketed performance. The adult drama group at Proteus Theatre Company return with Summer Shakespeare: The Tempest. Bring a picnic to enjoy while you soak up the atmosphere and experience outdoor theatre!

Book in advance at

**[www.ProteusTheatre.com](http://www.ProteusTheatre.com)**

Tickets £11 | £9 under 16s/  
concessions/unwaged

The price includes a booking fee. This performance is suitable for the whole family to enjoy.



## ***Home-grown talent***

Proteus is an award-winning theatre company based in Basingstoke that creates inspiring theatre experiences for all ages.



FALCONRY DISMAY,  
BY DIZZY O'DARE

**WHEN** Saturday 24 June

**TIME** 12.45pm and 3.30pm

**WHERE** Amphitheatre by Festival Place



Dizzy O'Dare ruffles feathers in this anarchic and wild flight into the world of falconry shows. Showcasing the extraordinary talents of three majestic birds of prey, their expert handler holds tight to the tethers to keep the show going. You will belly laugh through the raucous ride that is *Falconry Dismay*.

ROLL MODEL,  
BY SIMPLE CYPHER

**WHEN** Saturday 24 June at 1.45pm and 4.30pm,  
Sunday 25 June at 1pm and 3.15pm

**WHERE** Eastrop Park (bandstand)

Simple Cypher throws down its unique fusion of hip hop choreography and contemporary circus to create an uplifting experience about finding your troupe, fitting in and how we're shaped by the people we spend time with. A high energy, high impact experience scored with an explosive new hip hop soundtrack.

*This show is co-commissioned by Basingstoke Festival and was inspired by a series of workshops held in Basingstoke with local young people.*





THE WAGON OF DREAMS,  
BY JELLYFISH THEATRE



**WHEN** Saturday 24 June at 11.30am and 2.15pm

Sunday 25 June at 12noon and 2.30pm

**WHERE** Cross Street, Basingstoke town centre

Three best friends are going on an exciting ocean adventure. Come and meet the outrageous mermaids and fantastical sea creatures who live in the wonderful Wagon of Dreams. A playful, inventive family show, set on a retro caravan packed with puppetry, music and laughter.



STEP HOP HOUSE,  
BY FOLK DANCE REMIXED

**WHEN** Sunday 25 June

**TIME** 12noon and 3.30pm

**WHERE** Whitchurch Silk Mill,  
Whitchurch

Performance included with  
admission ticket.

*Step Hop House* is a feel good funky performance around a maypole. A fresh, quirky, colourful and magical collision of traditional hip hop and folk dance to a live soundtrack of fiddle and beat boxing – this is folk and street dance like you've never seen it before!

Performance included with your admission to Whitchurch Silk Mill, find out more about admission [here](http://www.WhitchurchSilkMill.org.uk/e-tickets)

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## Home-grown talent

Fluid Motion Theatre Company is based in Basingstoke and is nationally recognised for its work in arts wellbeing, which includes the annual All in the Mind Festival.



THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH,  
BY FLUID MOTION THEATRE COMPANY

**WHEN** Saturday 24 June

11am to 12.30pm, 1pm to 3pm  
and 3.45pm to 5.15pm

Sunday 25 June

10.30am to 12noon, 12.30pm to  
2.30pm and 3pm to 5pm

**WHERE** Eastrop Park (on the banks of the  
Loddon) *Performance lasts for 15 mins  
and takes place every 15 mins.*

What you are about to see will  
blow your mind.

This outdoor performance  
installation encourages us to  
look differently at the spaces  
around us, immerse ourselves in  
the natural world and improve  
our wellbeing. You need to see it!

## Home-grown talent

Scratchbuilt Productions is a Basingstoke-based theatre company producing work for young audiences regularly at Proteus Creation Space. A place they call home.

Scratchbuilt Productions are also taking performances into some Basingstoke communities, see the website for latest information.



FAIRY FINDERS TRAIL,  
BY SCRATCHBUILT PRODUCTIONS

**WHEN** Saturday 24 June  
10.30am, 1.15pm and 3pm  
Sunday 25 June  
11am, 12.15pm and 1.45pm

**WHERE** Starts at the Aviary in War Memorial Park and ends at Proteus Creation Space

Unbeknown to many, Basingstoke has a rich history of fairy folk from the famous 'Red Capped Elves of Kingsclere' to the 'Fire Winged Black Dam Imps'. For thousands of years fairies have been seen in this small market town. Can you help find them?

Join Ray and Beverly Eagle on a guided tour of all things mythical and magical as you hunt for fairies.



PARADE: THE GIANT WHEEL,  
BY AUTIN DANCE THEATRE



**WHEN** Saturday 1 July

**TIME** 11am and 2.30pm

**WHERE** Parade starts at London Street, the Top of the Town and ends at Cross Street

Inspired by the beauty, power and impact of people coming together from different walks of life. See the spectacle of The 12-foot-tall Giant Wheel powered by five street artists and a choreographed procession on the streets of Basingstoke, by local performers of all generations.



RUSH,  
BY JOSS ARNOTT DANCE

**WHEN** Saturday 1 July

**TIME** 12noon and 2pm

**WHERE** Amphitheatre by Festival Place

World premiere at Basingstoke Festival. A new fast-paced, athletic and physically charged dance experience created for the streets.

Exploring the power of connection, *RUSH* creates an electrifying atmosphere to excite and entertain the whole family.





## THE PRECIOUS THING, BY INVERTED THEATRE

**WHEN** Saturday 1 July  
1pm and 4.15pm

Sunday 2 July at 12.45pm and 3pm

**WHERE** London Street, the Top of  
the Town

A fun and moving outdoor  
show with juggling, hand  
balancing, contortion,  
clowning and puppetry

Two playful characters have  
two things to do: fish for food  
and look after and nurture  
their one treasured possession.



BOOKS!,  
BY TIT FOR TAT

**WHEN** Saturday 1 July  
12noon and 3.30pm

Sunday 2 July  
11.45am and 2.15pm

**WHERE** Cross Street, the Top of the  
Town

Without new members, the  
book club might close for  
good. Libraries, along with  
their precious volumes, may  
disappear forever! These  
hardback heroes can't let  
such a tragic epilogue come  
to pass. But they need your  
help. Expect absurdity,  
eccentricity, and a whole  
lot of fire in this mad-cap  
circus theatre show.



THE LOST FEATHER: A SENSORY  
STORYTELLING ADVENTURE,  
BY OILY CART

**WHEN** Saturday 1 July

10am and 1.35pm

**WHERE** Outside the Wote Street Club,  
Basingstoke town centre

**WHEN** Sunday 2 July

11.45am and 3pm

**WHERE** Outside the Overton  
Library, High Street

An interactive, accessible  
storytelling session where  
everyone is part of the action!  
All together you will open the  
cart – bursting with colours  
textures, music and puppets  
– to discover the story of  
*The Lost Feather*.



## Home-grown talent

Junk Jodie is an award winning visual artist, crafter, performer, storyteller, environmentalist and workshop leader based in Overton near Basingstoke.

SEA-TACULAR,  
BY JUNK JODIE

**WHEN** Saturday 1 July at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm

**WHERE** Winklebury Gala,  
Winklebury Playing Fields, RG23 8QB.

**WHEN** Sunday 2 July at 11am and 1.30pm

**WHERE** Cross Street, the Top of the Town

Join Junk Jodie, an award-winning Basingstoke artist and environmentalist, on a new journey into the sea. Follow Wanda Whale on an adventure through the ocean meeting lots of recycled underwater creatures on the way including Olly Octopus, Pursy Puffer fish and Sharon Shark.

Educational, fun and sparkly. This show also includes songs, rhymes and ends in a short craft activity.





## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC AND STORYTELLING, BY PUMPKIN PANTOS

**WHEN** Saturday 8 July  
from 10.30am to 12.30pm

**WHERE** Eastrop Park  
(the banks of the Loddon)

**WHEN** Sunday 9 July  
from 10.30am to 12.30pm

**WHERE:** Tadley Community Centre,  
The Link, Newchurch Road, Tadley,  
RG26 4HN

Be transported to a world of imagination as you fall down the rabbit hole with Alice, climb the beanstalk with Jack and explore the woods with Little Red Riding Hood. The live, interactive storytelling sessions will be told by well-known characters, so grab a picnic, a blanket and dress up as your favourite storybook character!

### ***Home-grown talent***

Pumpkin Pantos is a Hampshire-based performance company specialising in pantomimes and storytelling for families.

LOOK MUM, NO HANDS!,  
BY DARYL & CO. AND  
MIMBRE



**WHEN** Saturday 8 July and  
Sunday 9 July

**TIME** 11am and 1.30pm

**WHERE** Cross Street, the Top of  
the Town

*Look Mum, No Hands!* is  
a tender tale of friendship  
and growing up. It explores a  
coming-of-age story about  
two friends testing their own  
boundaries.

Together they explore  
freedom, taking risks and  
independence. They see  
how those things change,  
depending on whether  
you're disabled, or not.



THE ALBUM: SKOOL EDITION,  
BY SAY

**WHEN** Saturday 8 July and  
Sunday 9 July

**TIME** 11.45am and 2.15pm

**WHERE** Saturday - Amphitheatre by  
Festival Place  
Sunday - Cross Street, the Top of the  
Town

Celebrate the joy and  
innocence of making up  
dances to exciting new music  
in this interactive outdoor  
dance show for kids and  
their families. SAY's energy  
is infectious and will inspire  
you to get creative with  
movement too! Produced by  
The Place, London.



EAU DE MEMOIRE,  
BY MISS HIGH LEG KICK

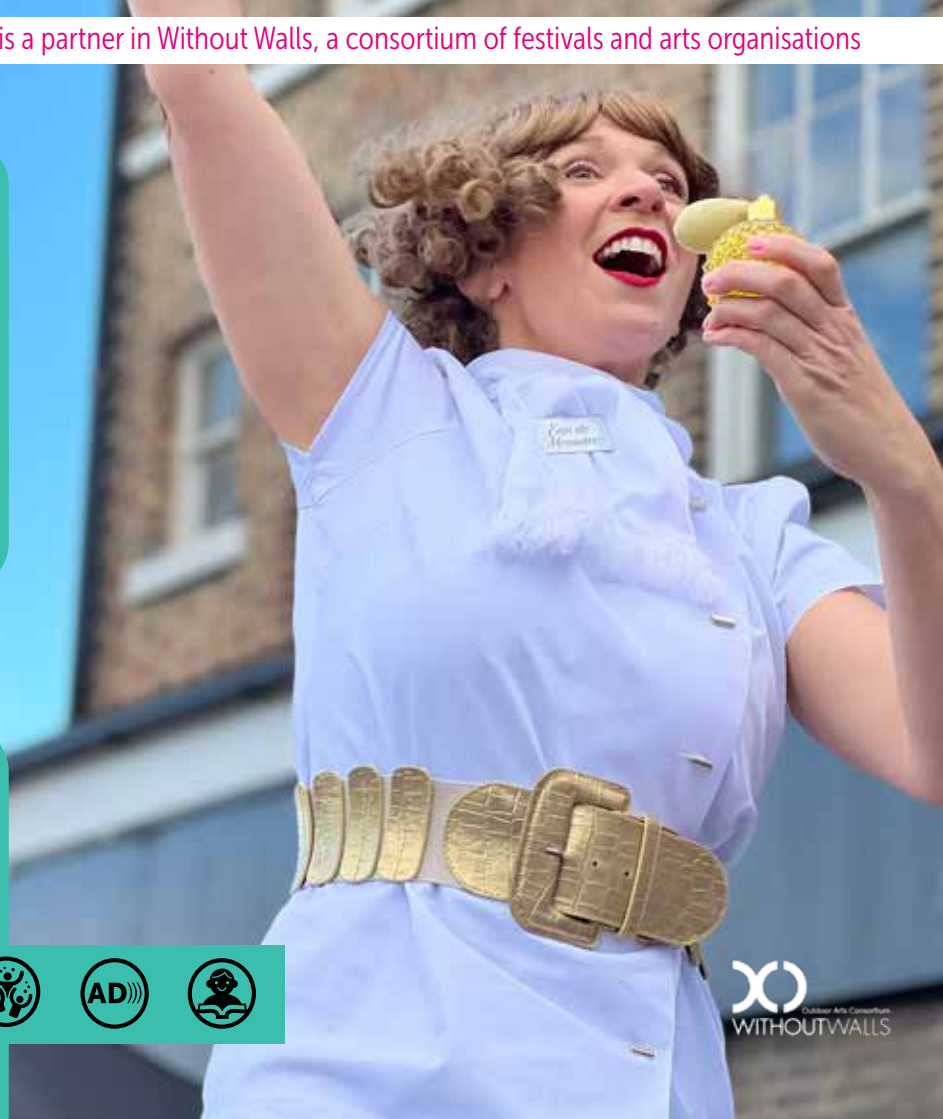
**WHEN** Saturday 8 and  
Sunday 9 July

**TIME** 12.30pm and 3pm

**WHERE** London Street, the Top of the  
Town

Fun, quirky and approachable...  
and smells amazing! Eau de  
Memoire celebrates the rich  
experiences and memories  
evoked by our sense of smell.

Artists present live  
'perfumances' with  
accompanying fragrances  
which represent memories of  
a particular place and moment  
in time. Experience the scents  
of Funfair 1978, Leisure Centre  
1992, School Dance 1988, Squat  
Party 2002 and more, in a  
journey for your nose.



FLOOD,  
BY THEATRE TÉMOIN

**WHEN** Saturday 8 July

**TIME** 12.30pm and 3pm

**WHERE** Eastrop Park (Bandstand)

*FLOOD* is a new, interactive outdoor spectacle, highlighting the health of the world's ocean. It is a family friendly immersive water show that makes a splash... literally!

See the health of the world's ocean through the eyes of Britain's coastal communities. Using circus, music and acrobatics, you'll go on an epic adventure to understand how our coastline has become 'seasick'.

Standing under your own personalised sound umbrella, *FLOOD* will take you into the eye of the storm.



## STREETS ALIVE LIVE PAINTING

### **WHEN** Across all festival weekends

Join a new cohort of visual artists and calligraphers as they update the bench art live in the Top of the Town over the festival weekends. Artists including Fatima Pantoja, Rachel Ellen, Samantha Emmons and Corinne Marsh from local wellbeing charity ArtWell. Artists will be available to answer your questions about their designs and painting styles whilst painting live in the street.

Find out more about Streets Alive and the artists commissioned to paint the street furniture at **[www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/StreetsAlive](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/StreetsAlive)**



BASINGSTOKE HISTORY ON FOOT,  
BY BASINGSTOKE HERITAGE  
SOCIETY



**WHEN** Sunday 9 July

**TIME:** 10.30am to 12.30pm

**WHERE** Starts at Willis Museum,  
tour ends at Holy Ghost Cemetery

Enjoy a historic walking  
tour through Basingstoke  
town centre led by Debbie  
Reavell of the Basingstoke  
Heritage Society.

Places are limited, please  
book your space online at  
**www.BasingstokeFestival.  
co.uk/basingstoke-  
history-on-foot**



POETIC BASINGSTOKE,  
AN OVERHEAR.APP PROJECT



**WHEN** Across all festival dates

**WHERE:** Check the app for locations

Download the Overhear app  
to explore the poetic side  
of Basingstoke. Tune in to  
the words of local poet and  
playwright Rebecca Lyon, read  
by local voice artist Naomi  
Escott. Walk to the locations  
pinned on the app to unlock  
the recording. Listen to the  
perspective of a poet at a unique  
point in time in a specially  
selected place. What does it  
mean to be you, here, now?

Download the Overhear app  
from the Google Play Store or  
Apple App Store.



ALEBRIJE,  
BY HIGH STREET SAFARI



**WHEN** Across all festival  
dates



**WHERE** Check the website  
for locations

Scan the QR codes to  
start this interactive family  
outdoor geogame.

Help Violet go on a journey  
of rediscovery as she visits  
Alebrije. Take special selfies,  
solve riddles and reveal  
characters in augmented  
reality to complete the  
journey. Download a free  
digital storybook at the end  
of the trail.

See the full list of trail  
locations at **www.  
BasingstokeFestival.co.uk**



## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS



Your feedback is so important to us.

It helps us to continue to deliver a fantastic programme of outdoor arts across Basingstoke and Deane and helps to shape the programmes of future events.

Access the survey on our website at:

**[www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/ShareYourThoughts](http://www.BasingstokeFestival.co.uk/ShareYourThoughts)**

## Fri-YAY: COMING SOON

Friday 4 August, Friday 11 August, Friday 18 August and Friday 25 August.

Pop the dates in your diary for free family fun during the school holidays running across the Top of the Town and War Memorial Park. Have a go at a new sporting activity, take part in some arts and crafts or try something totally different.

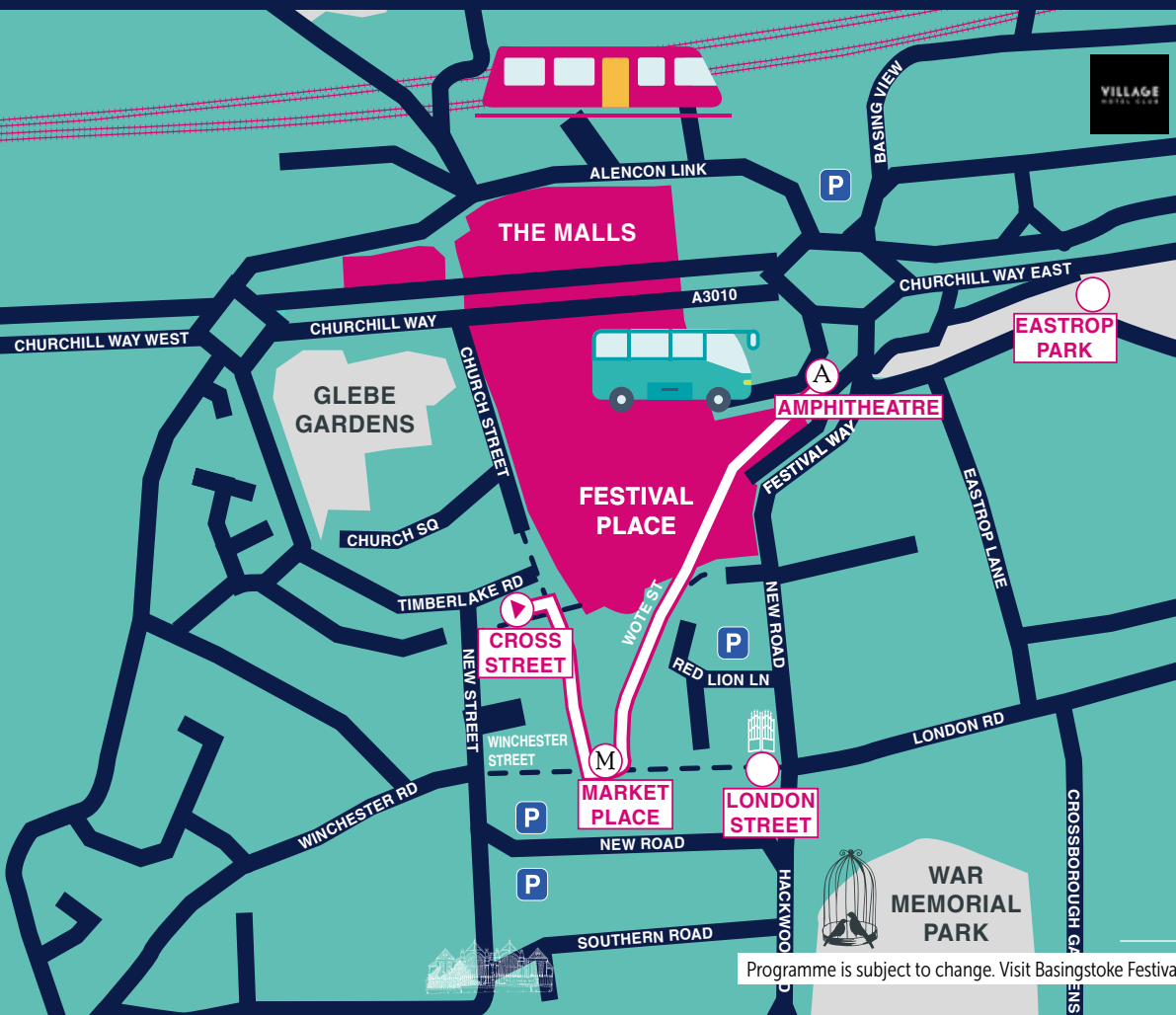
Running from 11am to 4pm on the last Friday of every week in August, there are activities designed for children aged 3 to 16 and what's more... parents are invited to take part too!



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PRESENTS**



# FESTIVAL MAP AND PARADE ROUTE



Start point for procession



Parade route



Triumphal Gates



Willis Museum



Amphitheatre



Train station



Bus station



Parking



Festival locations



Proteus Creation Space



War Memorial Park Aviary

# HOW TO SEE EVERYTHING IN BASINGSTOKE TOWN CENTRE IN ONE DAY

## SATURDAY 24 JUNE

### Option one

**11.30am** The Wagon of Dreams

**12.45pm** Falconry Dismay

**1.45pm** Roll Model

**2.30pm** The Greatest Show on Earth

**3pm** Fairy Finders Trail

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### Option two

**1.15pm** Fairy Finders Trail

**2.15pm** The Wagon of Dreams

**3.30pm** Falconry Dismay

**4.15pm** The Greatest Show on Earth

**4.30pm** Roll Model

Top tip: Head over to the Walled Garden in the evening to see Summer Shakespeare The Tempest at 6pm. Don't forget your picnic!

## SUNDAY 25 JUNE

### Option one

**11am** Fairy Finders Trail

**12.30pm** The Greatest Show on Earth

**1pm** Roll Model

**2.30pm** The Wagon of Dreams

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### Option two

**12.30pm** The Greatest Show on Earth

**1pm** Roll Model

**1.45pm** Fairy Finders Trail

**2.30pm** The Wagon of Dreams

Top tip: If you managed to catch all the shows on Saturday, take a trip to Whitchurch Silk Mill to see Step Hop House at 12noon or 3.30pm.

## SATURDAY 1 JULY

### Option one

**10am** The Lost Feather

**11am** Parade: The Giant Wheel

**12noon** Books!

**1pm** The Precious Thing

**2pm** Rush

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### Option two

**12noon** Rush

**1.35pm** The Lost Feather

**2.30pm** Parade: The Giant Wheel

**3:30pm** Books!

**4:15pm** The Precious Thing

Top tip: Worried about missing Junk Jodie at the Winklebury Gala? Make a splash to see Junk Jodie tomorrow in the town centre.



## SUNDAY 2 JULY

### Option one

**11am** Sea-TACULAR

**11:45am** Books!

**12.45pm** The Precious Thing

**1.30pm** Fuel up at the Vegan Food Fiesta at the Amphitheatre by Festival Place

### Option two

Fuel up before at the Vegan Food Fiesta at the Amphitheatre by Festival Place

**1.30pm** Sea-TACULAR

**2.15pm** Books!

**3pm** The Precious Thing



Top tip: If you didn't see The Lost Feather yesterday, then head out to Overton to catch it there at 11.45am and 3pm.

## SATURDAY 8 JULY

### Option one

**10.30am** Teddy Bears Picnic

**11.45am** The Album: Skool Edition

**12.30pm** Eau Du Memoire

**1.30pm** Look Mum, No Hands!

**3pm** Flood

### Option two

**10.30am** Teddy Bears Picnic

**12.30pm** Flood

**1.30pm** Look Mum, No Hands!

**2.15pm** The Album: Skool Edition

**3pm** Eau Du Memoire



Top tip: If you missed Teddy Bears picnic, catch them on Sunday 9 July in Tadley.

## SUNDAY 9 JULY

### Option one

**11am** Look Mum, No Hands!

**11.45pm** The Album: Skool Edition

**12.30pm** Eau Du Memoire

### Option two

**1.30pm** Look Mum, No Hands!

**2.15pm** The Album: Skool Edition

**3pm** Eau Du Memoire

Top tip: If you caught most shows on Saturday then check our Facebook page to see if there are any spaces available for today's tour – Basingstoke History on Foot. The walk begins at 10.30am and starts at the Willis Museum.

Find out more at  
**[www.WithoutWalls.uk.com](http://www.WithoutWalls.uk.com)**



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on our website



## Basingstoke and Deane

Artwork created by local artist Kev Munday