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arts festival

14 - 17 June 2018

Flock to the Holme Valley for
a feast of creativity,
arts and entertainment

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Highlights



STOPGAP DANCE



WRONG 'UN



HOPE & SOCIAL



JOANNE HARRIS



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Welcome to Holmfirth Arts Festival 2018!

As the swallows return, so does one of Yorkshire's best small festivals, where you will find art nesting under the eaves and flocking to streets and squares. The programme kicks off with fabulous funk band **Huggy**, followed by a swoop of concerts, workshops, performances and installations throughout the weekend.



Bev Adams
Festival Director

There's more music in the guise of *Chocolat* author **Joanne Harris** and the **#Storytime Band** combining dark fairytales with original songs; the goose-bump inducing **Ubuye** jazz quartet; the delightful **Schwa** who set poetry to music; and bold and brassy **Hope & Social** who round off our festival.

Holmfirth will be chattering with theatre and performance, from Britain's leading radical theatre company **Red Ladder** recounting the adventures of suffragette, Annie Wilde; to quirky performance artist, **ICHI**, from Japan, taking us on a surreal flight of fancy; **Topsy Turvy Theatre Company** with their enchanting children's show, *Christopher's Caterpillars*; and an awe-inspiring murmuration of free street theatre throughout the weekend.

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Visit LOCALGIVING.COM and search for Holmfirth Arts Festival to donate. Thank you.

Look out for a giant **Heron**, take a ride in a **Flycycle**, get busy with **Bees!**, watch a **Flea Circus**, make music with **Funky Junk** and dance along with **The Firm Band Baja**. On Sunday, settle down in front of **Crow House**, a silent movie-inspired street theatre show, or celebrate a golden time of good old-fashioned dancing with **Bill and Bobby**. Plus walks and workshops to keep you busy.

Comedian **Tiff Stevenson**, star of *Mock the Week*, *Russell Howard's Good News* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* flies in from the O₂ in London to get us laughing on Saturday evening and on Sunday, **Spiltmilk Dance** invite you to a **Tea Dance** with a twist.

At 2pm on Saturday the **Follow the Swallow Parade** will set off through the town showcasing wild and wonderful winged creatures. At 3pm on Sunday, a massed choir will gather in Victoria Park for the spectacular **Sing Holmfirth!** revisiting the wonderful Holmfirth Feast Sings of the past. Throughout the Festival, a **River of Art** has come to rest in and around the picturesque River Holme, so make sure you take the time to visit this community co-created sculpture-trail.

Early Bird Tickets

Book before 8th June to receive a discount on full price and concession tickets.

And if all this leaves you a little peckish, pop over to **Lily Pickles Artisan Market** in the Market Hall to titillate your taste buds.

So, book your tickets, travel and accommodation and follow the swallow for a marvellous long weekend in June.



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Thursday 14 – Sunday 17 June

River of Art Installation along the River Holme

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Sunday 17 June

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Uncle Tacko's Flea Circus	Hollowgate	1pm, 2pm & 3:30pm	12
Bill & Bobby BY STOPGAP DANCE	Hollowgate	1:30pm & 4pm	20
A Lark BY SCHWA	Parish Church	2pm	20
Sing Holmfirth!	Victoria Park	3pm	21
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Hope & Social	Picturedrome	6pm	23



MUSIC

Valley Beats

Thursday
14 June
12:30pm

Victoria Street
Corner

FREE

Celebrating the start of the festival with rousing samba and beats inspired by reggae and funk, as well as originally composed rhythms. They are a supportive drumming group comprising adults from all walks of life, who enjoy music and the challenge of learning a new skill.



© Duncan Bradbury

MUSIC

Huggy

Thursday
14 June
8pm

Picturedrome

TICKETS:
£12.50/£10 conc.

EARLYBIRD:
£10.50/£8 conc.

The Godfathas and Godmuthas of original northern funk-driven 'British Urban Superfly Fusion' fire up the festival opening party with an extended line-up including an all-girl horn section. Big grooves, big beats, big bass, big horns and big tunes guaranteed to stir your soul and get you groovin'.

"Huggy manage to fuse funk, soul, hip hop, acid jazz and top tunes into one original massive supercharged disco ball. Kick ass grooves for a new generation!"

Steve Lamacq, BBC 6 Music



MUSIC

Amazing Acapella

Friday
15 June
10:30am &
12:30pm

Parish Church
Courtyard

FREE

Led by local singer and teacher Jenny Goodman, Amazing Acapella, who are all about fun, enjoyment and feeling good, will be hitting the streets to share some of their favourite songs - expect the unexpected! They love songs from around the world and across genres, songs that make them smile, and you too!



THEATRE

Wrong 'Un

BY RED LADDER THEATRE COMPANY

Friday
15 June
6:30pm

Parish Church

TICKETS:
£10/£8 conc.

EARLYBIRD:
£8/£6 conc.

Britain's leading radical theatre company tells of the adventures of Annie Wilde, a Lancashire mill-girl galvanised by a rousing mixture of injustice, conviction, self-doubt and fear on her journey from the school room to prison cell and beyond. Set in 1918, and after several decades of protest and four years of bloody war, Parliament is poised to grant what the suffragettes have demanded and fought for - votes for all women.

A punchy one-woman musical drama, *Wrong 'Un*, written by Boff Whalley and directed by Red Ladder's Artistic Director Rod Dixon, draws on class, privilege, hope and disappointment in wartime England.

"...warm, likable and subversive... One hundred years on, the suffragette movement is still relevant"
The Stage



MUSIC

Ubunye

**Friday
15 June
8pm**

Picturedome

TICKETS:
£14.50/£12.50
conc.

EARLYBIRD:
£12.50/£10 conc.

A jazz quartet comprising piano, bass, drums and guitar accompanied by a close three-part African vocal harmony. Ubunye, meaning Oneness, perform a unique and unified blend of accomplished contemporary jazz, traditional Zulu music and Afro-pop. It's soulful and goose-bump inducing.



A Northern Line Ambassador Artist concert
Sponsored by Jazz North

MUSIC

ICHI

**Friday
15 June
10:15pm**

Parish Church

TICKETS:
£10/£8 conc.

EARLYBIRD:
£8/£6 conc.

ICHI, from Nagoya in Japan, takes the notion of a one-man band to new limits, combining his quirky handmade instrument inventions with steel-drum, ping-pong balls, typewriter, toys and everyday objects. His live shows are playful, unusual and make you feel like you're experiencing something entirely new. It's fun, it's danceable, it's exciting...

"Hilarious and bonkers and brilliant"

Lauren Laverne, *BBC 6 Music*



INSTALLATION

Funky Junk

BY THE SATELLITES & MICK KIRKBY-GEDES

**Saturday
16 June
12-2pm &
3-5pm**

**Sunday
17 June
12-3pm &
4-5pm**

Holmside
Gardens

FREE

Funky Junk is a wonderful musical sculpture made of tuned drainpipes, large wooden xylophones, metal chimes, spanners and water drums, created by musician Andy Burton and metal sculptor Mick Kirkby-Geddes. Perfect for families of all ages, come and make a tune or join in one of the musical games and comic songs led by Andy.



PRE-FESTIVAL

SCRAPtastic Swallows

by fairandfunky

**Saturday
2 June
11am & 2pm**

Holmside
Gardens

**Saturday
9 June
2pm**

Upper
Market Hall

FREE

An opportunity to join fairandfunky to create beautiful swallows from recycled materials ready to flock together for this year's festival. With schools and community groups fairandfunky will create SCRAPtastic swallows to display around Holmfirth during the festival, and to swoop around the festival parade.

Watch out for a SCRAPtastic Swallows tutorial on social media so that you can make your own and join the flight, the gulp, the richness of swallows taking over our town.

#SCRAPtasticSwallows
@fair_funky facebook.com/fairandfunky



WALKABOUT

Heron BY EDGELANDS ARTS

Saturday
16 June
12pm, 2pm
 (parade) & **4pm**

Sunday
17 June
12pm, 1:30pm &
3:30pm

See them in
 the parade and
 around town

FREE

The Heron is a friendly, gracious, eye-catching bird that towers above the crowds and reaches down to create wonderful intimate interactions. Like many water birds, our Heron is on a hunt for food and pokes its beak in a whole manner of places hoping that the next shiny thing will be a fish, although it rarely is. The knowledgeable Ornithologist remains at hand to keep the playful Heron in check.



WALKABOUT

Flycycle BY PIF PAF

Saturday
16 June
12:30pm, 2pm
 (parade) &
3:30pm

Sunday
17 June
12:30pm, 2pm &
4pm

See them in
 the parade and
 around town

FREE

Lucky passengers reach the front of the boarding queue and step into the VIP departure lounge where Valerian, your air host, meets you. He will search your imagination for a dream trip and robe you in appropriately glamorous attire for your chosen journey! As you fly to dizzy heights, Captain Bigshot's stories of travel and geography will amaze you. Be prepared for the occasional pocket of turbulence and enjoy the ride of your life on this flight of fancy for two!



WALKABOUT

The Firm Band Baja

Saturday
16 June
1pm, 2pm
 (parade) & **3pm**

See them in
 the parade and
 around town

FREE

An exuberant performance recreating some of Bollywood's and Bhangra's biggest and best songs. The Firm Band Baja infuses the traditional sounds of Dhol with saxophone, trumpet and a custom-made marching snare to create an uplifting, energetic and unique sound.



PARADE

Carnival Parade

Saturday
16 June
2pm

Departs from
 Hollowgate and
 processes to the
 Methodist Church

FREE

#HAF18parade

Working with the highly regarded Handmade Parade, Children's Art School, Callaloo Carnival Arts and people from across the Holme Valley, we bring you a magical and mythical carnival parade, inspired by our 'Follow the Swallow' theme of winged creatures, flight and journeys.

To participate drop in to some of our free workshops in June at the Upper Market Hall or contact:

manager@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk

- Weds 6 3:30-6pm
- Thurs 7 3:30-6pm & 7-9pm
- Sat 9 2:30- 5pm
- Sun 10 10:30am-1pm & 2-4:30pm
- Mon 11 3:30-6pm
- Tues 12 3:30-6pm & 7-9pm
- Weds 13 3:30-6pm



WORKSHOP

Saturday 16 June
12-1pm &
2:30-3:30pm

Library

FREE

Ideal for children under 9 years

The Graffiti Web: STORYTELLING & BOOKMARK MAKING WITH CLAIRE WALKER

Yorkshire-based artist and author, Claire, lives on a canal boat, where she was inspired to write and illustrate her children's book *The Graffiti Web*. She will bring the story to life with the help of the children and adults in the audience. There is also an opportunity to make your very own bookmark and buy a book signed by Claire.

WORKSHOP

Saturday
16 June
1-2pm
 (children 8yrs+/
 families) & **3-5pm**
 (adults 16yrs+)

Library

FREE

Holmfirth Writers' Group

Fancy yourself as a bit of a poet – although you didn't know it? Or are you just inspired to put pen to paper and see where it takes you? Members of Holmfirth Writers' Group will help to give your imagination free rein in a supportive and structured environment. For children the theme will be flight and we will create a parliament of fantastical birds, using only words and coloured paper! Adults please bring a pen and paper, or laptop/tablet.

THEATRE

Saturday 16 June
1:30pm, 2:30pm &
4:30pm

Sunday 17 June
1pm, 2pm &
3:30pm

Hollowgate

FREE

Uncle Tacko's Flea Circus

Uncle Tacko is itching to show you his international troupe of personally trained fleas. Gasp in amazement as mighty Hercu-Fleas pulls a golden chariot around the circus ring, gaze in wonder at Madam Flea-Flea's daring leaps on her flying trapeze and watch out for the smouldering sensuality of the Russian acrobat – Olga Ivanitch. Plus many more tiny feats of astonishment.



INSTALLATION

Saturday
16 June
12:30-13:30pm

Sunday
17 June
12:30-2pm &
3-4:30pm

Parish Church
 Courtyard

FREE

Bees! BY ARTIZANI & AVANTI DISPLAY

A multi-sensory experience in which audiences get close-up and personal with some rather deluxe and sumptuous beehives. Wander amongst the colony, occasionally cloaked in smoke, whilst you view and interact with the contents. In each hive, there is a surprising conceptual twist, which challenges, charms and confounds expectations – you may find yourself looking into the vastness of space or teased by a telescopic hive soaring into the air.

WORKSHOP

Saturday
16 June
2:30pm

Parish Church
 (Gallery Room)

FREE

Sticklebacks & Swingboats

Immerse yourself in a drama and theatre-making workshop and explore the unique heritage of the Holme Valley. Director Joe Gilmour-Rees will lead participants in a creative, interactive session which re-enacts some of the post-war stories of Hope Bank Pleasure Grounds. Find out about how you can take part in a large-scale performance, called Sticklebacks and Swingboats, at Honley Feast in September.

Suitable for aged 18 and upwards – in association with Holme Valley Sharing Memories and Chol Theatre.





INSTALLATION

River of Art

**Thursday 14 –
Sunday 17 June**

Continuous from
Hollowgate to
Bridge Lane

FREE

**#HAF18
RiverofArt**

This year's Festival brings you an outdoor Sculpture Trail with a twist. Sponsored by Longley Farm and co-created by the community, the River of Art runs through the very centre of the Arts Festival and our town.

Artists, schools and community groups have worked together to explore and highlight the River Holme, showcasing the talents of collaborative work. Embracing this year's festival theme of 'Follow the Swallow' ideas of flight, journeys, rhythm and recycling have all been indulged to create these eye-catching, thought-provoking artworks. A Sculpture Trail that can be enjoyed for free encouraging you to seek out the river and celebrate your community.

ARTIST COLLABORATIONS INCLUDE:

1. Wooldale Junior School Nurture Group - *'One Fish, Two Fish, Old Fish, New Fish'*
2. Mick Kirkby-Geddes in collaboration with Hepworth J&I School - *'Watching & Waiting'*
3. Newsome Junior School - *'Plastic Paradise?'*
4. Hade Edge J&I School - *'Holme Life'*
5. Elle Caldicott in collaboration with Scholes J&I School - *'Plastic Fantastic?'*
6. HOOT Creative Arts: Breathing Space - *'Reflections: A Walk through Water'*
7. Lindsey Piper in collaboration with Holmfirth Transition Town (HoTT) - *'HoTT Wind, Clean Water'*
8. Judith Brown in collaboration with New Mill Community Garden - *'Gardening your Imagination'*
9. North Light Potters - *'Summer's Here'*
10. Holmfirth Camera Club - *'Abstract Photography'*
11. Sue Clay in collaboration with ex Hope Bank Textile Group - *'Swallows over Flanders'*
12. Holme Valley Wellbeing Centre - *'Just to BE'*
13. Mark Harrison in collaboration with Café 100 - *'Graffiti Bridge'*
14. fairandfuncky - *'Litter Ducks'*



WALK

Saturday
16 June
5-7pm

Sunday
17 June
12-2pm

Meet at the
Parish Church

TICKETS:
£5/£3 conc.

Take Your Camera For A Walk

Explore some of Holmfirth's nooks, crannies and gritty countryside with Holmfirth photographer Andy Leader. Tune into the changing landscape, light and atmosphere as you walk. Andy will explain his approach to photography, offering some simple techniques to let your eyes absorb the environment and inspire some creative clicking!



Distance 3 miles over 2 hours – please wear suitable footwear, bring waterproof clothing, a snack, a drink and your camera or smartphone.

MUSIC/WORD

Saturday
16 June
7pm

Parish Church

TICKETS:
£14.50/
£12.50 conc./
£30 (Family
of four)

EARLYBIRD:
£12.50/
£10.50 conc./
£25 (Family
of four)

Joanne Harris & The #Storytime Band

FOLLOWED BY A BOOK SIGNING

World-renowned author of *Chocolat* Joanne Harris, together with her band of fellow musicians from college Kevin Harris, Paul Marshall and Matt Cundy, present *#Storytime*, a live show featuring tales in segments of 140 characters from Joanne's soon to be released book *Honeycomb*. With projections, original music and songs, *#Storytime* is intimate, engaging, quirky and darkly magical, appealing to audiences of all ages, but especially lovers of folklore, fantasy and fairytale.



"The effect is utterly magical – it's as intimate as sitting in your living room" Chris Nickson, Writer



COMEDY

Saturday
16 June
9:15pm

Civic Hall
(upstairs)

TICKETS:
£12.50/£10 conc.

EARLYBIRD:
£10.50/£8 conc.



Tiff Stevenson: Bombshell

Critically acclaimed stand-up comedian Tiff Stevenson, star of *Mock the Week*, Russell Howard's *Good News* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, brings her politically switched on brand of humour to Holmfirth. Oscillating wildly between Sylvia Plath and Beyonce she tackles everything from subway man-spreading to inept politicians - expect smart, witty and culturally acute material.

"Incisive, intelligent political comedy from an engaging voice – barbed and bolshie" The Wee Review

"Switched on and opinionated" Chortle

"Brilliant show" Edinburgh Festivals Magazine



MARKET

Sunday
17 June
10am-4pm
 Market Hall,
 (lower floor)
FREE



Lily Pickles Artisan Market

A speciality market showcasing some of the best local artisan producers of food (including vegetarian and vegan food) and quality crafts, with an opportunity to talk to local producers and makers about their products and methods.

GUIDED WALK

Sunday
17 June
10am-12pm
 Meet at Victoria
 Park Arena
TICKETS:
 £5/£3 conc.

Tales From Holmfirth

Walk with us around the atmospheric back streets and alleyways of Holmfirth. Hear about memorable events that have etched its colourful past. We draw on photographic images of streetscapes and shops long gone, including poignant details of local floods, fascinating stories of Fenella the Holmfirth tiger and much more.

The walk lasts one and a half to two hours and will include some steep walkways and steps. Please wear suitable footwear.



THEATRE

Sunday
17 June
12pm
 Civic Hall
 (upstairs)
TICKETS:
 £5 children/
 £7.50 adults/
 £20 (Family
 of four)
EARLYBIRD:
 £4 children/
 £6.50 adults/
 £18 (Family
 of four)

Christopher's Caterpillars

BY TOPSY TURVY THEATRE COMPANY

Christopher Nibble and his best friend Posie have been busy growing plants and food in their garden whilst taking care of their six hairy pet caterpillars. But when their crawly comrades disappear without a trace the gardening guinea pigs swap their trowels for magnifying glasses and turn detective! Will Christopher and Posie crack the case and bring their caterpillars home to Dandeville... or have they vanished forever?



Written especially for children aged 2-7, Christopher's Caterpillars is a bright and beautiful tale of minibeasts and mystery!

THEATRE

Sunday
17 June
12pm & 2:30pm
 Hollowgate
FREE

Crow House BY CIRCO RUM BABA

A derelict house appears in the middle of the street. A furious bird has taken up residency in the chimney and squawks territorially when anyone comes near. In silent movie style, there's a battle of wills and skills, ducking and diving, wheeling and dealing and the hatching of ingenious plans in this fast-paced show using an eclectic mix of circus, puppetry, musical saw, harp and audience participation.



Events

THEATRE

Sunday
17 June
1:30pm & 4pm
Hollowgate
FREE

Bill & Bobby BY STOPGAP DANCE

After a night on the town, two revellers awake to find themselves in a bath... Convinced that the party is not over, the two friends play a tipsy tribute to the dancing partnerships of the silver screen. Bill & Bobby celebrates a golden time of good old-fashioned entertainment, when dancing together and 'happily ever after' went hand in hand.

MUSIC

Sunday
17 June
2pm
Parish Church
TICKETS:
£12.50/£10 conc.
EARLYBIRD:
£10.50/£8 conc.

A Lark BY SCHWA

Schwa is Peter Spafford on piano and vocals, Richard Ormrod on too many instruments to mention and chanteuse Jacqui Wicks. The group takes poems by a range of poets, dead and alive, and sets them to intelligent, emotive music. *A Lark* offers a glimpse into the world beyond our doorsteps and, along with some old favourites, the group will preview a performance piece entitled Bird Songs, about the wonder and mystery of feathered creatures.

"Vivid lyricism and authentic vocals blended with fantastic, eclectic arrangements" Testament



Holmfirth Arts Festival

MUSIC

Sunday
17 June
3pm
Victoria Park
FREE

To share your memories please contact hello@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk #HAF18Sing!

Why not drop into the Library to see the display or visit the *Sing Holmfirth!* page on our website here:
www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/SingHolmfirth



Sing Holmfirth!

BY BARRY RUSSELL & JAMES MORGAN



Did you know that the choral tradition of the Holmfirth Feast Sings dates back to 1882 where, every year, people from the town and valley would put on their Sunday best and head to Victoria Park for a big sing – right up until the 1990s?

We felt the need to revive it. So this year, thanks to funding from Heritage Lottery Fund, we commissioned composer, Barry Russell and James Morgan, conductor of Holme Valley Orchestra, to take the bird's eye view of the swallow, witnessing the changes in the Valley over the centuries. This is their starting point for new songs about Holmfirth co-created with Holme Valley communities including Holmfirth Writers' Group, Wooldale Junior School, Holmfirth Choral Society and Holmfirth Parish Church, culminating in a massed choir for the present day accompanied by the Holme Valley Orchestra.

In addition, to some fantastic music, look out for three beautiful banners, painted by U3A, 101st Huddersfield Guides, Holmfirth Festival Supporters and community. Take an opportunity to share images and artefacts of former Feast Sings with archivist Heather Norris Nicholson, and share oral histories with Charlie Wells and some of our festival supporters.



DANCE

Spiltmilk Dance

Sunday 17 June
4pm

Civic Hall
(upstairs)

TICKETS INCL.

REFRESHMENTS:
£12.50/£10 conc./
£25 (Family
of four)

EARLYBIRD:

£10.50/£8 conc./
£20 (Family
of four)

Push back the chairs, grab your dancing shoes and abandon yourself to the world of Spiltmilk Dance – with members of the company mingling to make sure that you’re, hopefully, all moving in the same direction. You’ll get to have a go at long-forgotten folk dances, daft novelty dances you only do at weddings and elegant ballroom moves, all set to some rather unexpected, if well-known, tunes.

The afternoon’s activity will be fuelled by tea and cake – so sit it out, or join in the fun. It’s over to you!

“Sticking a big fat ray of sunshine into the world of dance” Reviews Hub



MUSIC

Hope & Social

Sunday 17 June
6pm

Picturedrome

TICKETS:

£14.50/
£12.50 conc./
£30 (Family
of four)

EARLYBIRD:

£12.50/
£10.50 conc./
£25 (Family
of four)

Hope & Social round off a wonderful weekend at our Festival Closing Party. In the tradition of travelling bands, Hope & Social are a bit like a Yorkshire E-Street Band... meets Arcade Fire... meets The Faces... meets Dexys Midnight Runners... meets Prefab Sprout... at a party! With their energetic, joyful, dance-along music and impeccable showmanship, Hope & Social create a truly unmissable experience.

“One of the UK’s top five live bands” The Independent





Get involved with the Festival

If you would like to get involved with the festival as a volunteer we would love to hear from you! There are opportunities to join the friendly festival team, who help all year round with events and fundraising, or to volunteer to work on specific events.

Whatever your availability and interests we can offer you a rewarding and fun experience. Email hello@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk to find out how you can get involved, or speak to one of our volunteers during the festival.

A big thank you!

Many, many people give their time and talent to make this festival happen and we are indebted to every single one of them. Thanks to all those who came to help after the programme went to print and apologies in advance to anyone we may have accidentally missed off this list:

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Roz Garthwaite, Sandy Goler,
Phil Hack, Beverley Haynes,
Liz Heywood, Isobel Holland,
Matthew Holland, Jenny Holmes,
Barbara Lawson, Chris Long,
Jane Madine, Heidi Ottiger,
Lesley Sykes.*

Venue, Access & Booking Information

Holmfirth has some narrow streets, steps and cobbles in places and it can be difficult for people with limited mobility to get around. If you have any particular needs please email hello@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk and we'll do our best to help.

1 CIVIC HALL

Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3AS

Fully accessible

2 HOLMSIDE GARDENS

Behind Wagstaff Shoes,
off Station Road, Holmfirth HD9 4AA

Some cobbles and uneven surfaces

3 LIBRARY

Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3JH

Fully accessible

4 MARKET HALL

Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3JH

Fully accessible

5 METHODIST CHURCH

104 School Street, Holmfirth HD9 7EQ

Fully accessible

6 PARISH CHURCH & COURTYARD

Towngate, Holmfirth HD9 1HA

There are two steps into courtyard and further steps into church a ramp is available at the side entrance.

7 PICTUREDROME

Market Walk, Holmfirth HD9 7DA

Fully accessible

8 VICTORIA PARK

Off Huddersfield Road
(behind the Library),
Holmfirth HD9 3JH

Accessible, but a steep climb is required through the park or up Cooper Lane

How to Book

ONLINE

www.ticketsource.co.uk or
www.kirkleestownhalls.co.uk

IN PERSON

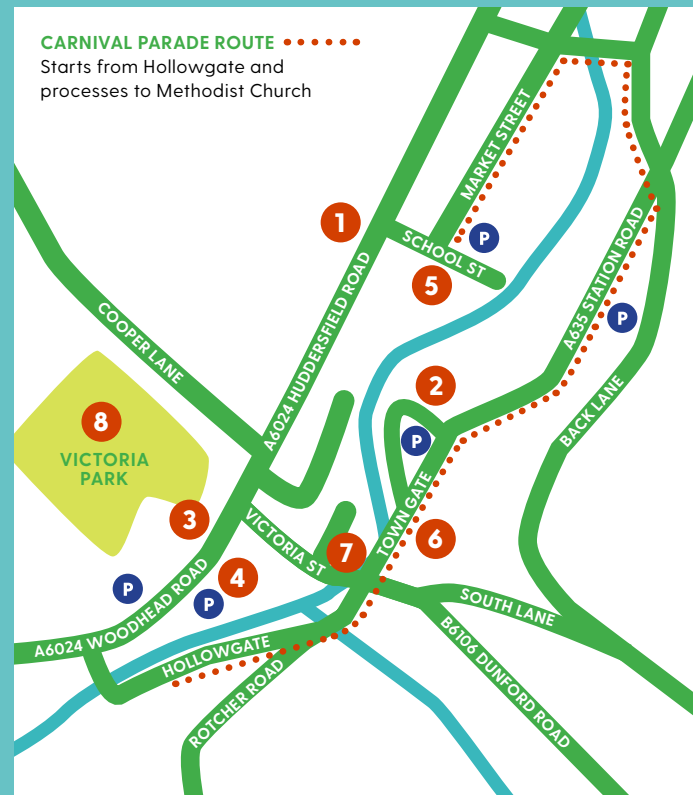
From Holmfirth Library or any other Kirklees venue or box office outlet

BY PHONE

Kirklees ticket line 01484 225755



Map of Holmfirth



CARNIVAL PARADE ROUTE
Starts from Hollowgate and
processes to Methodist Church





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