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HADE EDGE BAND



6 MILLION+ DEAR SUNFLOWERS



DANA ALI



KIERAN HODGSON



DARIA GOLOVCHENKO



EDGELANDS ARTS - HERON



KERRIN TATMAN - REQUIEM FOR A FADING WORLD

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FLOW

Nestled in the Holme Valley, surrounded by the glorious Pennine hills of West Yorkshire, Holmfirth Arts Festival celebrates creativity in the landscape and alternative venues from mid June to end September 2024.

This year's Festival theme of FLOW takes inspiration from the importance of the River Holme in Holmfirth and the Holme Valley. The river has been a lifeline for the valley, playing a fundamental role in the area's historical development, economic growth, and cultural identity. Today, the river is key to the area's tourism and recreation offer and is vitally important for maintaining biodiversity and the natural environment.

Using FLOW and our location in the Peak District National Park as inspiration, we have invited the best local, national and international artists to respond to the environment, our unique landscape and its wonderful people, in all their diversity.

The **outdoor programme** kicks off with an **Accessible Amble** for people with disabilities and their personal assistants and then we proceed directly into the **Big Weekend** – with outdoor entertainment and activities for families and people of all ages. The programme includes **workshops, exhibitions, the Dear Sunflowers Parade, live community performances, and world class street theatre** from **Circus Raj, Rogue Play, Edgelands Arts and Mind the Gap**. The outdoor programme continues into autumn with **The Garden of Kindness, Mikron Theatre**, a performative guided walk and, subject to funding, a **lantern parade**.

Our inspirational **indoor programme** continues from June to September with **New Mill Male Voice Choir**, soul/blues diva, **Dana Ali** and Ukrainian concert pianist, **Daria Golovchenko**. A new commission for chamber orchestra and choir, **Requiem for a Fading World** with a talented ensemble of local musicians and **Holmfirth Choral Society** forms part of a double bill with this year's **Steve Sykes Commission**. Song Cycle by **The Good Earth Collective** is not to be missed. To round up, sing along with **Social Singing** by Dan Price and split your sides laughing with new comedy by Edinburgh Festival favourite and former Holmfirth lad, **Kieran Hodgson**.

There are loads of opportunities to **bring your own creativity** to the Festival by **getting involved** in the parades, community performances, workshops, social singing and the Garden of Kindness.

If you already know Holmfirth and the Holme Valley, the Festival is an opportunity to see it a little differently. If you've not yet discovered this beautiful part of Yorkshire, now is the perfect time to visit.

Events – June to September 2024*

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Big Weekend

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15th–16th June 2024

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Participation

LET YOUR OWN CREATIVITY FLOW



Participation, access and inclusion help make Holmfirth Arts Festival truly unique. There is so much talent in the Holme Valley and we're keen to celebrate it. In addition to enjoying the vast range of events and activities on offer in the programme, many of which feature local talent, there are loads of opportunities to share your own creativity with the Festival and, this year, we are also bringing the Festival to local care homes. Join in parade making for the Dear Sunflowers parade at the Big Weekend, book an open mic slot in the town on Saturday 15 June, contribute to our Garden of Kindness

in New Mill in July, book a Social Singing for Wellbeing session for your group between May and September, or make a watery themed lantern for our autumn lantern parade in Honley (subject to funding).

Go to www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/participate for more information

We aim to make all our events accessible and inclusive. To discuss any access requirements which will enable you or your group to participate, please contact Jo at access@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk.

Holmfirth Arts Festival 2024

WALK

Wednesday
12th June
11:30am–
1:30pm

Meet at
Sands Car Park,
Huddersfield Rd
HD9 3JL

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Accessible Activities Amble

Amble along the riverside and enjoy music and creative activities inspired by the nature around you. Relax under a large gazebo with free cake and drinks. You might also like to bring your own packed lunch. There is no charge for this event but booking is essential as numbers are limited. This will be a fully accessible walk for people with mobility issues and/or disabilities and their assistants and families. Wheelchairs are welcome. For more information please contact access@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk



EXHIBITION

Friday
14th June
to Monday
30th September
During Co-op
Opening Hours

Co-op Cafe,
Market Street,
Holmfirth,
HD9 7AX

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DETAILS
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Welcome

Graveship of Holme BY HOLME VALLEY USA DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

This exhibition represents modern day images from the seven townships that make up the The Graveship of Holme – Austonley, Cartworth, Fulstone, Hepworth, Holme, Upperthong and Wooldale. The Graveship dates back to Saxon times, but under the Norman feudal system, it became one of the areas that made up the Manor of Wakefield. In recent times, administration of the Graveship was in the hands of the Constable, whose current interests, in addition to maintaining over 1000 years of history, relate to springs, roads, quarries and peatpits. Arthur Quarmby of Holme held the position for many years. After his retirement and the subsequent election, Jimmy Dickinson of Longley Farm took his place, along with the oversight of England's last active turbary – a peat digging area – at Cook's Study, just above Cartworth Moor.



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Big Weekend

MUSIC

Saturday
15th June
12 noon–5:30pm

Holmside
Gardens,
Town Gate,
Holmfirth
HD9 1AB

Norridge
Bottom,
Holmfirth,
HD9 7BB

Parish
Churchyard,
Town Gate,
Holmfirth
HD9 1HA

Methodist
Church Gardens,
104 School St.,
Holmfirth,
HD9 7EQ

**ACCESS
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Valley Voices

FEATURING HADE EDGE BAND, HD9 COMMUNITY MUSIC, BANDA NA RUA, VOCAL EXPRESSIONS, CAFE ORCHESTRA, FRET MATES, FISHING4COMPLIMENTS AND MASON WHITTLE

Valley Voices is the title for this year's series of musical performances showcasing the great talent of the Holme Valley's homegrown musicians across four sites. We will have a marquee in Holmside Gardens, we will run open mic slots in Norridge Bottom throughout the day and we will round off with the Dear Sunflowers parade and performance.

Be sure to bring your inner artist and explorer to **River Holme Connections'** gazebo where you can get creative and learn about the biodiversity of our beautiful River Holme, and, just across the river, bring your inner Shrek to the **Moors for the Future Partnership's Bogtastic Van**, where you can delve into the important ecosystems of our blanket bogs.



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Holmfirth Arts Festival 2024

PARADE

**Saturday
15th June
From 4pm**

Departs from Methodist Church Gardens, 104 School St., Holmfirth, HD9 7EQ

**ACCESS
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Dear Sunflowers parade

**дорогі соняшники
BY 6 MILLION+**

Inspired by Ukrainian folk artist Maria Prymachenko's vivid, colourful depictions of animals, plants and people, the Dear Sunflowers parade combines music, puppetry, masks, banners, embroidery and printmaking by local people into a vibrant celebration of cultures from around the world. The parade features music from **Banda Na Rua** and **Hade**

Edge Band alongside parade making by **The Children's Art School, Square Peg Activities, Ability Options, Sharing Memories, Netherthong Brownies** and many other local schools, groups and families from the Holme Valley who participated in parade making after this programme went to print.



THEATRE

**Saturday
15th June
5pm**

Holmside Gardens, Town Gate, Holmfirth, HD9 1AB

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Dear Sunflowers

**дорогі соняшники
BY 6 MILLION+**

As a finale to the Valley Voices day, creative arts charity, 6 Million+, celebrate their 10th anniversary with a special performance again based on the folk art of Maria Prymachenko which brings together together artists, volunteers, refugees and members of the Ukrainian community in a spectacular musical performance.

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Big Weekend

CIRCUS

Sunday
16th June
12 noon, 2:15pm
& 4:30pm

Holmside
Gardens,
Holmfirth
HD9 1AB

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Circus Raj

Rajasthan's elite street circus present the best of India's performers from the legendary entertainment communities. Featuring Iran, the incredible gravity-defying acrobat and Govinda, the fakir with his jaw-dropping skills, both of whom can be seen in Disney's live-action remake of *Dumbo* – released in 2019. A colourful, vibrant, fast-moving extravaganza of intrigue, drama, feats of daring, music, laughter and surprise.



WALKABOUT

Saturday
15th June
12 noon, 2pm
& 4pm (parade)
and Sunday
16th June
12 noon,
2pm & 4pm

Departing
Methodist
Church Gardens
(roaming)
104 School St.,
Holmfirth
HD9 7EQ

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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Heron BY EDGELANDS ARTS

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 fish and pokes its beak in a whole manner of places. The knowledgeable wildlife expert is fortunately always at hand to keep the playful heron in check.



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THEATRE

**Sunday
16th June
12:45 & 3pm**

Holmside
Gardens,
Holmfirth
HD9 1AB

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Birdie BY MIND THE GAP

Birdie is a beautiful show set in a mesmerising upcycled mobile home where actors fight climate change. Homie meets Birdie, who's struggling to navigate a world filled with plastics, but with Homie's help, Birdie embarks on a journey towards freedom, inspiring everyone.



DANCE/ THEATRE

**Sunday
16th June
1:15pm &
3:30pm**

Town Gate
Car Park,
Holmfirth
HD9 1HA

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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Forests BY ROGUE PLAY

A willow tree, fiery acrobatics and dance feature in this highly visual family-friendly show. Forests packs a powerful punch, challenging forestry practices, our over-consumption of timber, the destruction of rainforests, and the displacement of indigenous peoples. Performers climb and manipulate the tree, the acrobatic dance sees them throwing, clambering and trampling one another, whilst ropes entangle and bind, before the tree is finally felled amid an explosion of tree-less origami birds. Forests confronts the systemic racism driving the creation of treeless land, whilst striving to inspire a future of courageous, strong young people.



Forests is presented in collaboration with Rainforest Foundation UK

Big Weekend



FILM

Sunday
16th June
10am-4pm

Upstairs at
Nowhere,
Norridge Bottom,
Holmfirth,
HD9 7BB

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DETAILS**
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Wordflow BY HOLMFIRTH WRITERS' GROUP

A film by John Coombes with a soundtrack of stories and poems by Holmfirth Writers' Group in a continuous showing from 10am-4pm.

Drop in for a drink, a tasty snack and about 30 relaxing minutes of delightful words and images.



MUSIC

Sunday
16th June
12:30pm,
2:30pm &
3:30pm

Departing
Methodist
Church Gardens
(roaming)
104 School St.,
Holmfirth
HD9 7EQ

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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Water Music BY BEES KNEES

Acoustic trio, The Bees Knees, will be letting the music flow with tunes and songs which explore flowing water. The music, ranging between folk, pop and good old singalongs, will bring smiles and get toes tapping as it weaves through the Holmfirth streets.

Musicians:

Eddie Armitage (*The Swing of Things, Three Wise Men*) – fiddle/mandolin

Andy Burton (*Satellite Arts, FEB, The Remnants*) – accordion/fiddle

Chris Deering (*FEB, The Remnants*) – guitar



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Holmfirth Arts Festival 2024

MUSIC

Saturday
22nd June
3pm

Holmfirth
Parish Church

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£10/U16 £5

Let the River Run! BY NEW MILL MALE VOICE CHOIR

Local to the Holme Valley, New Mill Male Voice Choir performs traditional and contemporary songs which celebrate the flow of life: of hope and expectation, love and belonging, sadness and yearning, triumph in



adversity, the journey and its destinations. The Choir, in partnership with Holy Trinity Church, is delighted to celebrate these themes as part of Holmfirth Arts Festival, and many of the songs will evoke images of flowing water to bring them to life.

Performing locally and across the country, NMMVC comes from New Mill and beyond and welcomes members of all backgrounds – no previous musical training required. For more info on joining the choir go to <https://newmillmvc.org.uk>

INSTALLATION

Friday
5th July to
Sunday
7th July
12 noon – 4pm

Earthworks
New Mill
Community
Gardens

**ACCESS
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Flow of Words BY SARAH BRANSON

Explore the gardens to discover the community crafted bird trail based on an old folk tale about kindness. Join in and make a bird to add to the ever growing flock.

Lose yourself in the words of the garden library and enjoy a handmade herbal tea.



Settle down for Fireside Tales from 6pm on Friday evening and stay on Saturday evening to delight in a new theatre performance Common Ground by Mikron Theatre at 7pm – see page 14

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Events

WALK

**Saturday
6th July
10am**

Meet outside Holmfirth Library by the vegetable patch. Holmfirth, HD9 3JH

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DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£10/U16 Free

When Holmfirth Flooded

2024 is the 80th anniversary of the Whit Monday flood. This walk takes in some of the river route and includes many stories from the day itself and those following, including acts of heroism, how people got back home and the clean up. It concludes with a photo exhibition from the 1944



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floods. Expect music and surprises.

This walk is steep in places. Wear suitable footwear. Dogs on short leads accepted, but not in the indoor venue we visit at the end of the walk.

OUTDOOR THEATRE

**Saturday
6th July
7pm**

Earthworks
New Mill
Community
Gardens,
Sude Hill,
New Mill,
Holmfirth
HD9 7ER

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Common Ground BY MIKRON

Join Mikron for a theatre show which takes us on a 'hill-arious' ramble through the history of land access in England, as they explore rambling and our rights of way from ze Norman Conquest to loitering in lockdown, via The Mass Trespass at Kinder Scout.

The Pendale and District Ramblers are looking forward to celebrating 'in stile' on their 50th anniversary walk, but the path has been blocked by the landowner. How will they find their way through?

Their quest for freedom and fresh air won't be easy, as they navigate bulls, beavers, and wandering sheep. Grab your boots and waterproof for a meander with Mikron on a hike through history.

This play has integrated audio description. Touch tours are available – just ask a member of the team when you arrive. Bring a picnic, a chair and blanket. Refreshments available.



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MUSIC

**Saturday
27th July
7pm**

St David's
Church Hall,
Woodhead Rd,
Holmbridge,
Holmfirth,
HD9 2NQ

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£17/£15 conc./
U16 £8.50

Dana Ali Band

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Dana is an African American powerhouse singer and songwriter whose music blends Soul, Jazz, Blues, R&B and Funk into a mesmerising fusion which has captivated audiences worldwide. Collaborating with Emmy award winner and Grammy-nominated bassist Dave Hewitt, Dana crafts soulful masterpieces which draw inspiration from icons like Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, and Aretha Franklin. Join us for an unforgettable experience – you won't want to miss it!



PLUS SUPPORT Little and Often

With a prestigious background in musical theatre and rock n roll, this Huddersfield based duo have worked alongside many legendary artists such as Jim Steinman, Kenny Everett, Antonio Banderas, Gareth Gates, The Bachelors, The Osmonds, Terry & June, Keith Harris and Orville, They have worked in some amazing settings such as Hyde Park and the Albert Hall.

Fun is Little and Often's priority, presenting an energetic set of motown hits performed and delivered with loving care.



Events

MUSIC

Saturday
3rd August
7pm

The Civic
Holmfirth,
HD9 3AS

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£20/£18 conc./
U16 £9

SPECIAL FESTIVAL DOUBLE BILL

The River Flows (HOLMFIRTH SONG CYCLE) BY THE GOOD EARTH COLLECTIVE AND FRIENDS

Presented by Screaming Media Productions and created by Good Earth Collective's songwriter Steve and artist Jan Ansell, *The River Flows* is a musical journey about Holmfirth and the river that created it. From the Bronze age to the present day *The River Flows* is an audiovisual experience that explores the landscape, industry, work lives, and the human stories of Holmfirth through its residents and the ongoing relationship with the river that gave the town its name.

Steve Sykes Commission

Requiem for a Fading World BY KERRIN TATMAN

A live music performance that tells a fantastical, post-apocalyptic tale for modern times. The secular, narrative piece blends contemporary classical, choral and folk influences and turns the traditional Requiem structure on its head.



Set in a landscape of perpetual winter, where all modern fuel resources have nearly run out, we follow two solo singers – a Mother (alto Jacqui Wicks) and her Daughter (soprano Emily Brown Gibson) – on their separate journeys to navigate this harsh terrain.

This ambitious work by award-winning composer Kerrin Tatman, which premiered in 2023 at The Glasshouse International Centre for Music (previously Sage Gateshead) is written for choir, solo singers and a chamber ensemble featuring English lyrics by songwriter Rosie Bristow. This commission by Holmfirth Festival features the Holmfirth Choral Society rehearsed by Geoffrey Lockwood, and a specially assembled orchestra of talented local musicians.

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Holmfirth Arts Festival 2024

MUSIC

Saturday
17th August
7pm

Holmfirth
High School,
Heys Road,
Holmfirth
HD9 7SE

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£17/£15 conc./
U16 £8.50



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Daria Golovchenko PLUS SUPPORT

Daria Golovchenko was born and raised in Kherson, Ukraine, where she started playing the piano at the age of five. She later joined the Kharkiv National Conservatory and played in the orchestra of the Kharkiv Theater of Musical Comedy. Daria has played across the Ukraine, UAE and South Korea. The war found her in her home town of Kherson, so Daria is now resident in the Holme Valley with her young daughter. She continues to give concerts across the UK and recently played the Eurovision 2023 festival in Halifax.



MUSIC

Friday
30th August
7pm

Upperthong
Village Hall,
Wicken's Lane,
Upperthong,
Holmfirth
HD9 3RB

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£10/U16 £5

Social Sing BY SOUL CHOIR

An evening of song where you, the audience, are the performers.

No audition, no sheet music, just turn up, learn and perform some great Soul Music in a relaxed, social setting. Let Your Soul Sing!



Events

COMEDY

Saturday
7th September
7pm

The Civic,
Holmfirth
HD9 3AS

**ACCESS
DETAILS**
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TICKETS
£17/£15 conc./
U16 £8.50



Big in Scotland BY KIERAN HODGSON **PLUS SUPPORT**

In 2020, the world changed forever, as Kieran Hodgson moved to Scotland. Now he's bringing his fourth Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominated show to his hometown of Holmfirth to give you an idea of what it's like living as a lapsed Yorkshireman in a Scotsman's world. (Mostly fine, actually.) Fresh from sold out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe and Soho Theatre, and from a 40-date national tour.

As seen on *Two Doors Down* and *Prince Andrew The Musical*.

One of Telegraph's 50 funniest comedians of the 21st Century.

Finisher, Holme Valley Mountain Bike Challenge 2003-2007

****** The Guardian, Telegraph, The Times, Time Out*

Holmfirth Arts Festival 2024

PARADE

Friday
27th September
6pm

Departs Honley Junior and Infant School, Jaggars Lane, Honley HD9 6BT

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FREE
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Light Up Honley BY STAR IN THE SKY CEREMONIES

Join in the fun by making a lantern. Parade to music with local school children and their families through the streets of Honley in a watery flowing themed lantern procession. Linger in the serene lantern trail installation in Honley People's Park/Jaggars Lane Recreation Ground or head to the Honley Community Centre for a hot drink and a jig.

We are still raising money to realise this final community event in our programme. Please go to www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/supportus to donate what you can.

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About Us



Holmfirth Arts Festival

ONE OF YORKSHIRE'S BEST SMALL FESTIVALS

Holmfirth Arts Festival envisions an extraordinary creative future for the Holme Valley by programming life enhancing events, inspired by the landscape, for everyone to participate in and enjoy.

Holmfirth Arts Festival celebrates creativity in the landscape by:

- **Commissioning new work and supporting diverse artists**
- **Inspiring all communities to engage with the arts and their heritage**
- **Caring for the environment**
- **Connecting locally, regionally and internationally**

Our **values** underpin how we work across all aspects of our organisation

including programming and how we work with each other.

- **Nurturing CREATIVITY across all art forms**
- **CELEBRATING people and place**
- **CARING for each other and our environment**
- **CONNECTING people to each other and to the places they live**

The Festival has an extensive community engagement programme and is committed to access and inclusion. It kicks off with the main free to access festival weekend in mid June and then continues with a programme of events from July to September in rural venues and outdoor spaces across the Holme Valley.

Involvement & Support

Get involved...

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 of Supporters, who help the festival all year round. Whatever your availability, skills and interests we can offer you a rewarding and fun experience. Email manager@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk for more information.

There are also opportunities to join our Board of Trustees, who are also Festival Supporters but take responsibility for managing the organisation. Email grant@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk for more information.

PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN...

We work hard to raise funds to bring the best arts events and activities to the Holme Valley, many of which are free of charge, so please donate as much as you can using the donate QR code on the back of this brochure or go to www.holmfirthartsfestival/supportus.

A BIG THANK YOU!

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 missed off this list:

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Venue & Access Information

ACCESS & INCLUSION

Holmfirth Arts Festival aims to challenge discrimination and dismantle barriers to participation in the arts by ensuring that all artists, contributors, audiences, and participants can access what they need to take part. We are committed to access and inclusion and have a designated member of staff to help with all your access and inclusion requirements.

Holmfirth has some narrow streets, steps and cobbles in places and it can be difficult for people with limited mobility to get around. Most of the venues for outdoor arts events are accessible by wheelchair. We are engaging a British sign language interpreter for the Big Weekend and will have accessible viewing areas in each outdoor venue. Common Ground by Mikron Theatre is also audio described. Free tickets are available for personal assistants to accompany and assist ticket holders with access requirements.

A Large Print version and a Word version of this programme are available.

Comprehensive access information, including a video of a walk around the town is available on our website: <https://www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/your-visit>. Or click on the QR Code below.

To discuss your access requirements, please email Jo ahead of the festival at access@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk



ARRIVAL & PARKING

The Bus Station is central – a 10 minute walk to most town centre venues. It is just off the A635 with regular buses from across the Holme Valley, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Ashton under Lyne, Glossop, Penistone and Barnsley.

Long Stay Parking is at Crown Bottom car park at HD9 3HW, which costs £4 a day Monday to Sunday 8am–4pm. Parking is free for Blue Badge holders. Short Stay parking at Town Gate is closed for the Festival on Sunday.

HOLMFIRTH TOWN CENTRE VENUES

1 Holmfirth Co-Op Coffee Shop

Market Street, HD9 7AX

Disabled parking, long stay parking. Accessible toilet

2 Methodist Church Gardens

104 School St, Holmfirth, HD9 7EQ

Accessible toilet inside the church

3 The Civic Holmfirth

Huddersfield Road, HD9 3AS

Disabled drop off, parking at Crown Bottom, ramped access. Accessible toilet

4 Holmfirth Parish Churchyard

Town Gate, HD9 1HA

Parking at Crown Bottom, steep ramped access. Accessible toilets on Town Gate and The Old Bridge Hotel

5 Town Gate Car Park

Town Gate, HD9 1HA

Parking at Crown Bottom. Accessible toilets on Town Gate and The Old Bridge Hotel

6 Holmside Gardens

New Mill Road, HD9 1AB

Parking at Crown Bottom, steep ramped access. Accessible toilets on Town Gate, The Old Bridge Hotel and the Co-op

7 Nowhere/Norridge Bottom

Holmfirth, HD9 7BB

Parking at Crown Bottom, steep ramped access. Exhibition is upstairs, toilets downstairs in Nowhere, accessible toilets on Town Gate and The Old Bridge Hotel

8 Sands Recreation Grounds

Thongsbridge, HD9 3JL

Free Parking. Accessible toilets in Leisure Centre

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9 Holmfirth Library

47 Huddersfield Rd, Holmfirth, HD9 3JH
 Disabled parking and limited long stay parking next to the library. Accessible toilets on Town Gate and Old Bridge Hotel

HOLME VALLEY VENUES

Holmfirth High School

Heys Road, HD9 7SE
 Parking, ramped access, accessible toilets

St David's Hall, Holmbridge Church

Woodhead Rd, Holmbridge, HD9 2NQ
 Parking. Accessible toilet

Upperthong Village Hall

Wickens Lane, Upperthong, HD9 3RB
 Parking adjacent to the building on the roadside. Steps to access the building.
 No accessible toilets

Honley Junior Infant School

Jaggar Lane, Honley, HD9 6BT
 Roadside parking, accessible toilets in school (parade start) or village hall (parade end) – ramped access

Earthworks Community Garden

Sude Hill, New Mill, HD9 7BL
 Roadside parking Christ Church, New Mill, HD9 7ER or Fulstone Hall Lane. Accessible toilets at Christ Church, steep inclines, wheel/pushchair access easier from Fulstone Hall Lane.

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