

# Creativity in the Landscape

May to September 2025

holmfirth  
arts festival



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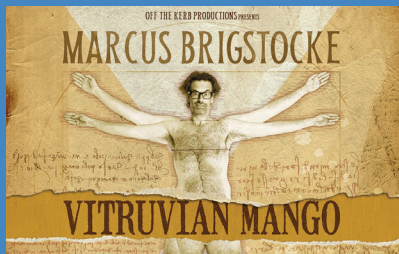
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# Welcome

We are beyond excited to welcome you to our annual Festival, inspired by our beautiful Holme Valley landscape, its heritage and a need to care for our environment.

We promise to bring you a vibrant multi-arts Festival that celebrates our communities, local creatives as well as professional artists from further afield.

Join us for an exciting few months of music, comedy, theatre, film, dance, walks, installations and participatory events for all ages and abilities.

Take part in one of our creative sessions in your neighbourhood, community group or school, join us for the Big Weekend on 14th and 15th June for FREE fun for people and families of all ages, and/or book yourself on a walk or a seat at one of our ticketed events from May through to September.

Our extensive participatory arts programme includes a community co-created River of Art trail, a celebration of seven townships of the Graveship of Holme,

outreach to care homes and walks in the landscape.

This year we are especially excited to welcome our two new patrons, actors Jessica Gunning and Kieran Hodgson; both born and educated here in Holmfirth. We are delighted to have them on board and thank them both for being part of our festival family. It's good to have you in the Holme.

If you already know Holmfirth and the Holme Valley, this is your chance to see it in a new light. If you've not yet discovered this beautiful part of Yorkshire, now is the perfect time to visit.

The Festival is great for families and individuals alike, so don yer walking boots and meander the winding streets of this wonderfully vibrant town.

Bev Adams, *Festival Director*

## We'll see you there!



Bev Adams



Jessica Gunning



Kieran Hodgson

# PARTICIPATION



## River of Art

A visual arts project that teams up local artists with schools and community groups to co-create an art trail along the banks of the River Holme in Holmfirth – see p6.

## The Graveship of Holme Project

A creative exploration of the ancient Graveship of Holme constabulary (that remains today) with local events in seven communities – see p5, and a **pageant** on Saturday 14th June – see p9.

## Festival in your Home

Bringing festive activities to local care homes. *If you would like craft, singing and musical activities in your care home, please contact [access@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:access@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk)*

## Walks

Activity walks exploring nature, history and landscape – see pages 16, 17 and 18.





**THEATRE, MUSIC, POETRY,  
VISUAL ART & STORYTELLING**

## Graveship of Holme Project

**ALL EVENTS FREE donations welcome**

The Graveship of Holme refers to an historic administrative district within the Manor of Wakefield, where the area is governed by a “grave” or constable. The current Grave is Jimmy Dickinson. The Graveship of Holme project is a creative community engagement activity celebrating the townships of Austonley, Cartworth, Fulstone, Hepworth, Holme, Upperthong and Wooldale. These communities have worked with The Children’s Arts School to share their ideas, stories, creativity, memories and passions at seven Township events.

## Township Events

### Austonley Celebrates Textiles

**Saturday 31st May 2pm-4pm**  
Holme Sunday School, HD9 2QG

Art, crafts and singing from Common Threads, Monkey Business and Vocal Expressions Ladies Choir.

### Fulstone Celebrates Singing

**Sunday 1st June 10am-12noon**  
Earthworks New Mill  
Community Garden, HD9 7BL

A family bird making workshop and singing with New Mill Male Voice Choir.

### Upperthong Celebrates The Luddites

**Sunday 1st June 2pm-4pm**  
The Tech, HD9 3AR

A launch of David Hinchliffe’s new book, *A Dark And Cheerless Time: The Upperthong Shooting of 1812* and extracts from *The Red Shed Players* new play *AI vs The Luddites*.

### Cartworth Celebrates Water and Wool

**Friday 6th June 3:15-4pm**  
Hinchcliffe Mill School, HD9 2PF

A sharing of art work and singing from children of Hinchcliffe Mill School.

### Holme Celebrates Victorian Children

**Saturday 7th June 1:15am-2pm**

Meet at children’s Playground, HD9 2QQ

Join Holmfirth Writers’ Group and Holme School for a story walk with music, poetry and dancing, then head to Mackie’s Barn for the Holme Garden Party from 2pm-4pm.

### Hepworth Celebrates Hepworth

**Sunday 8th June 10am-12 noon**  
Hepworth Church, HD9 1TR

Take part in craft activities and see a display of art created by Hepworth Art Group and Hepworth School.

### Wooldale Celebrates Music

**Sunday 8th June 4.30pm-7pm**  
Holmfirth Parish Church, HD9 1HA

A talk by Tony Johnson about his craft of making lutes, a display of photos of lute making taken by Adrian James and music on lutes played by Tony and by Dr. Sara Saloum.



# BIG FREE WEEKEND



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## **INSTALLATION (COMMISSION)**

### **River of Art**

**CURATED BY SARAH BRANSON**

**Friday 13th June to Monday 16th June**

**Throughout the day**

River Holme, Holmfirth

## **FREE donations welcome**

A community co-created art trail along the banks of the River Holme in Holmfirth made Holme Valley schools and community groups working with local artists. Take a wander along the river in any direction from Crown Bottom to see how many installations you can spot, or ask a volunteer for a trail map and tick them all off.





## FILM

### **Word Weave**

**BY HOLMFIRTH WRITERS' GROUP**

**Saturday 14th June 12noon–5pm**

Upstairs at the Magic Rock Tap, HD9 7DE

**FREE Donations Welcome**

A half-hour film by video-artist John Coombes with a soundtrack of writing by Holmfirth Writers' Group. This eclectic mix of poetry and prose takes the theme of Weave from fashion and fleas, to Luddites and love, families, grief and tapestries. The film will run continuously from 12pm-5pm. Anthologies of Weave will be on sale. Do drop in!



## ACTIVITY

### **Creative Activity Gazebo**

**BY RIVER HOLME CONNECTIONS**

**Saturday 14th June 12noon–5pm**

Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Get creative and explore the biodiversity of the River Holme.

## CONSULTATION

### **Mural Consultation Gazebo**

**BY GRAVESHIP OF HOLME**

Share your ideas for a mural to welcome visitors to Holmfirth planned for Linley & Simpson's exterior wall on Huddersfield Road.



## MUSIC

### **Valley Beats**

**BY RHYTHM STICK**

**Saturday 14th June 12noon & 1:30pm**

Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Enjoy infectious percussive rhythms from this friendly, local samba band comprising adults of all ages and from all walks of life.

**All events during the Big Weekend are supported by British Sign Language interpretation**





**ACTIVITY**  
**SCRAPtastic Gazebo**  
 BY FAIRANDFUNKY

**Saturday 14th June**  
 12 noon-1:30pm & 2pm-4pm  
 Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Learn how to turn recycled materials into beautiful works of art to take away.

**Access the Outdoors**  
 BY EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY

**Saturday 14th June 12 noon-5pm**  
 Methodist Church Gardens, HD9 7EQ

Explore Experience Community's equipment for inclusive and accessible outdoor experiences.



**ACTIVITY**  
**Fairy Bubbles**  
 BY POPPINS PRESENTS

**Saturday 14th June**  
 12:30, 2pm & 3:15pm  
 Methodist Church Gardens, HD9 7EQ

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Have a wash in the Fairy Garden! Use all kinds of wands to make magical bubbles! You can even stand inside them, learn a fairy dance and of course everyone's favourite... pop the bubbles with Fairy Poppy!



**ACTIVITY**  
**Bollywood Dance Along**  
 WITH SALMA'S BOLLYWOOD  
 ACADEMY

**Saturday 14th June**  
 12:30pm & 2:00pm  
 Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Get ready to move, dazzle, and celebrate in vibrant Bollywood style with dance sessions perfect for all ages and abilities – henna, bindis and costumes provided. Stick around to show off your moves in the pageant at 4pm.





**MUSIC**

**Valley Voices  
BY VOCAL EXPRESSIONS  
LADIES CHOIR**

**Saturday 14th June 3:30pm**  
Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE donations welcome**

Accompanied by Lloyd Buck, Vocal Expressions sing a range of from the classics to the musicals, many with a theme of nature and landscape.



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**PAGEANT**

**The Thread That Binds Us  
BY THE GRAVESHIP OF HOLME  
(A STEVE SYKES COMMISSION)**

**Saturday 14th June 4pm**  
Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE donations welcome**

A pageant that weaves together the stories and imagery of the seven townships of The Graveship of Holme into a colourful performance. Pageant makers, who have worked with The Childrens' Art School, Charlie Wells. Holmfirth Writers' Group, Caroline Devenport and Nick Wells include: Common Threads, Families at Coopers Yard and Earthworks New Mill Community Garden, David Hinchliffe,

Dave Hanvey, Hepworth J&I School, Hinchliffe Mill J&I School, Holme J&I School, New Mill Male Voice Choir, Monkey Business Playgroup, Square Peg Activities, Upperthong J&I School, Vocal Expressions Ladies Choir and Wooldale Rainbows.





**MUSIC**

**Pop Up Opera**

BY NICOLA MILLS

**Saturday 14th June 12:45pm**  
Holmfirth Parish Churchyard, HD9 1HA

**Saturday 14th June 2:30pm & 3:15pm**  
Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE donations welcome**

A chance to hear world-class opera in the most unexpected of places! Offering a fresh take on the art form, Nicola's enchanting, powerful voice will fill the streets of Holmfirth with beautiful arias and classic opera hits.



**LOCAL HERITAGE, MUSIC**

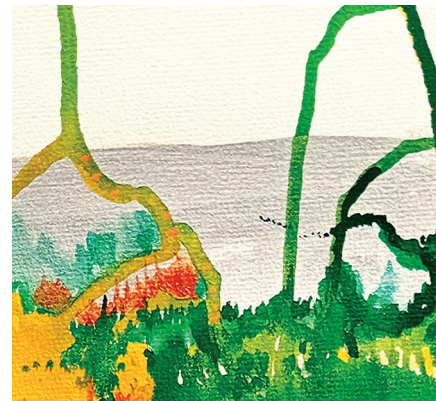
**The 1812 Upperrthong Incident**

BY DAVID HINCHLIFFE & DAVE HANVEY

**Saturday 14th June 1pm**  
Holmside Gardens HD9 1AB

**FREE donations welcome**

A brief site-specific walk of Holmside Gardens telling the story of the 1812 Upperrthong Incident with music and song.



**STORYTELLING/POETRY/MUSIC**

**Stories from Word Weave**

BY HOLMFIRTH WRITERS' GROUP

**Saturday 14th June 2:45pm**  
Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE donations welcome**

Spoken excerpts from Holmfirth Writers' new anthology of poetry and prose set to music and song.



# ECO EXPO

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th 12noon-5pm Methodist Church, HD9 7EQ

Yorkshire-based artists, activists and scientists present a range of models, interactive artworks, performances, games, and activities in an exploration of climate sustainability and our shared journey towards a more eco-conscious future – all events are free.



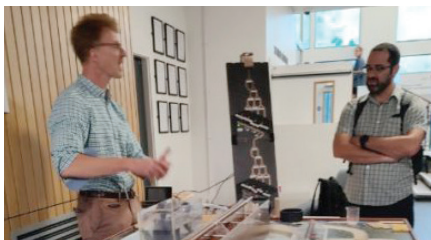
## INSTALLATION

### ResonaTree BY SUZIE CROSS

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June  
12noon-5pm

Methodist Church, HD9 7EQ

Experience a unique blend of art, nature, and sound, with this interactive sound sculpture which uses recordings from Suzie's Holme Valley walks to imagine the sensory life of trees. Join Suzie for a "deep listening" walk along the river at 2pm each day.



## ACTIVITY

### Wetropolis Flood Investigator

BY PROFESSOR ONNO BOKHOVE,  
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June  
12noon-5pm

Methodist Church, HD9 7EQ

An engaging model from Leeds Institute of Fluid Dynamics that shows how rainfall affects a river-catchment landscape giving a visual representation of urban flooding and the unpredictable nature of extreme weather.



## ACTIVITY

### Feel for Food BY DR BEN KEW, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June  
12noon-5pm

Methodist Church, HD9 7EQ

Explore the exciting world of food and sustainability. Discover how we can make alternative proteins more enjoyable to eat by playing a fun curling-inspired game that helps explain the textures and qualities of plant-based foods and investigate the textures of a 3D printed tongue.

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partnership

**ACTIVITY**

**Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership**

**Saturday 14th June**

**12noon–5pm**

Methodist Church, HD9 7EQ

**FREE Donations Welcome**

How certain are you about recycling? Come and play our recycling game to help build your confidence. There's a small plant prize for all winners. HVCAP is a friendly group of volunteers, aiming to build a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley such as encouraging 'grow your own food' initiatives and providing eco help in the winter months for food bank recipients. We'd like to hear your ideas about how we can build an eco future. Maybe you'd like to join us? Come and say hello.



**THEATRE**

**Who Ya Gonna Call?**  
**(IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY)**  
**BY VESPER HILL**

**Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June**  
**2-3pm**

Methodist Church, HD9 7EQ

**FREE Donations Welcome**

We've known about climate change for years... so why are we badly prepared? With the help of some buckets, some sand, a few old vinyl records and a dash of black humour, this solo performance explores some difficult questions and presents some modest proposals for positive change.



**THEATRE, MUSIC, ACTIVITY**

**Urban Oasis**  
**BY PLANET ACTION STREET ARTS**

**Sunday 15th June 12noon–5pm**

Holmfirth Methodist Church Gardens,  
HD9 7EQ

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Award winning Urban Oasis combines street theatre and science to show how much insects do for us, how much we need them, and what we can all do to help reverse the very worrying loss of insects in due to the use of toxic chemicals. Come and meet our giant bees, butterflies and musical ant, do our painted lady jigsaw and help us plant for pollinators.





## MUSIC

### **Banda Na Rua** BY RHYTHM STICK

**Sunday 15th June 12noon & 2:45pm**  
Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**Sunday 15th June 2pm**  
Town Gate Car Park, HD9 1HA

#### **FREE Donations Welcome**

A passionate blend of Brazilian beats with modern British style, Banda Na Rua are a mass of percussion energy with a head-turning, foot-tapping sound that just makes you want to dance! This “Band on the Street” is more than just a samba band, blending

world music with funk and drum n bass – all arranged by experienced band leader Katie Mallard.



## MUSIC

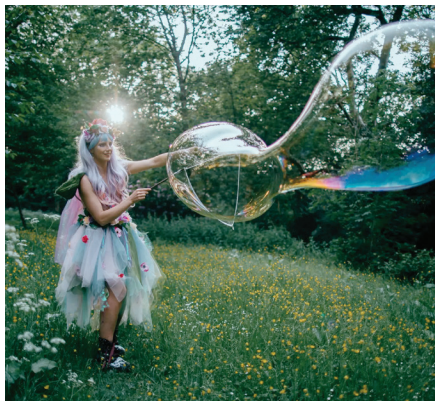
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**THEATRE**  
**Hanging by a Thread**  
 BY DIY THEATRE COMPANY

**Sunday 15th June 12:30pm & 3pm**  
 Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Created by a skilled company of artists with learning disabilities, this multi-sensory show invites audiences to connect with, and care about, our natural world. Interactive theatre, songs, live music, puppets and sensory props made from repurposed and recycled materials are combined to create a magical experience.

Pre and post show workshops explore the themes of nature, connectedness and environment through the senses.







## THEATRE

### **Seed** BY PIFPAF

**Sunday 15th June 1:30pm & 3:45pm**

Holmside Gardens, HD9 1AB

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Join rockabilly tree-planting anarcho-nomad, Wilford, planting trees where he shouldn't, living in his shed and on the run from his past and his arch-enemies, SLUGS! They are out to get him for his contraband seeds. *Seed* is a wild Rock and Roll journey into nature fighting back.



## THEATRE

### **Accelerate**

**BY HIGHLY SPRUNG PERFORMANCE**

**Sunday 15th June 2:15pm & 4:30pm**

Town Gate Car Park, HD9 1HA

**FREE Donations Welcome**

Returning to Holmfirth with their brand-new show, *Accelerate* from Highly Sprung is a daring physical spectacle. Combining dark humour, bold movement, aerial performance and conveyor belt dance, the show exposes the flaws of our relationship with energy. When it comes to the environment, are we really ready for change? *Accelerate* explores how

'dirty' energy fuels us and climate change is running out of steam. As the performers' energy reserves begin to run low, there's no choice – they must look for alternatives.





# TICKETED EVENTS



## WALK

**Sonic Ramble** WITH SUZIE CROSS  
Sunday 25th May 9:50 for 10am start  
Meet outside Holmfirth Co-op, HD9 7AX

**Booking a FREE ticket is essential**

A meditative, gentle walk through nature in Holmfirth. Through the practice of deep listening, you'll attune your ears to the rich tapestry of sounds around you, both audible and hidden. This immersive journey will transform the way you listen, inviting you to slow down and connect deeply with nature's unseen symphony.

*A gentle to moderate two hour walk with steps, tree roots, stiles and gradients. Boots are recommended.*

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## WALK/ACTIVITY

### Accessible Amble

Wednesday 25th June

11:30am–1:30pm

Sands Leisure Centre Car Park, HD9 3JL

#### Booking a FREE ticket is essential

Join us for an accessible wander, designed for everyone, including those with access needs, their families, and carers. Take a peaceful stroll beside the river, enjoy live music, singing, dancing, and creative activities. Relax in a comfortable undercover area, where we will provide drinks and homemade cakes. Feel free to bring your own packed lunch!



## MUSIC

### Opera for the People

BY NICOLA MILLS PLUS OPENING  
ACT BY MADDIE CLARE

Saturday 5th July 7:30pm

Christ Church, New Mill, HD9 7BL

**Tickets £17/£15 conc./£8.50 U16**

Victoria Wood meets Pavarotti in an evening of popular opera and songs from the shows. Taking the ‘posh’ out of opera, Nicola’s stories tell of working-class life and singing in some of Europe’s finest opera houses. And it’s not just opera, the audience chooses the songs from her Song Menu (Mozart to musicals, to Elvis). It’s like nothing you’ve seen before.



## MUSIC

### Spafford + Campbell PLUS OPENING ACT DOOGLE

Saturday 12th July 7:30pm

Hepworth Holy Trinity Church, HD9 1TR

**Tickets £17/£15 conc./£8.50 U16**

This fiddle player and guitarist bring together English traditional and contemporary experimental music in visceral and disarmingly emotional performances which have rapidly made these instrumentalists the talk of the folk scene. Each musical piece tells a different tale through a unique musical language the pair have created together which manages to orbit many different sound worlds.



## MUSIC

**Rachel Modest**  
PLUS OPENING ACT  
**AJAY B.BOP**



**Sunday 26th July 7:30pm**  
Holmfirth Parish Church, HD9 1HA

**Tickets £17/£15 conc./£8.50 U16**

Rachel Modest has been brought up in the Gospel tradition, she cut her musical stripes singing in church and various choirs. In this one woman show you can expect powerful heartfelt, upbeat original and familiar blues, jazz, pop and gospel songs. Rachel is currently signed to Numen Records as a solo artist and was a semi-finalist on *The Voice UK* (2022).



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## WALK

**Graveship of Holme Walk**  
BY HOLMFIRTH ARTS FESTIVAL

**Saturday 2nd August**  
**9:50am for 10am start**  
Park close to junction of Cartworth Moor Rd and White Gate Rd, HD9 2TH

**Booking a FREE ticket is essential**

Enjoy a three mile, three hour walk with moorland views of the Graveship's seven townships, including England's last active turbarry at Cooke's Study, overseen by Constable (Grave), Jimmy Dickinson.

**Sturdy boots essential for rough terrain. Dogs are not permitted on the grouse moor.**



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## MUSIC

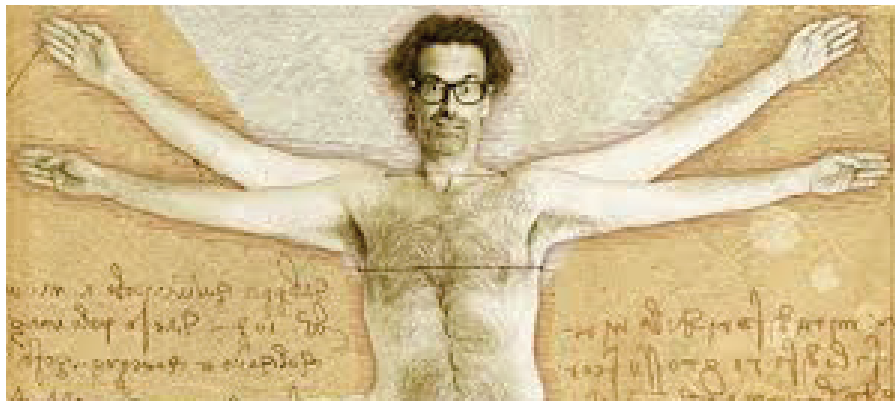
**Love Is Not All** BY SCHWA  
PLUS OPENING ACT **BEE'S KNEES**

**Saturday 16th August 7:30pm**  
Hade Edge Band Building, HD9 2AQ

**Tickets £17/£15 conc./£8.50 U16**

Peter Spafford and Richard Ormrod of Schwa, supported by a trio on guitar, bass and drums, use their thirteen original songs to tell the story of 1930s Edna St. Vincent Millay, a radical, bisexual poet inspired by nature, and the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.





## COMEDY

### **Vitruvian Mango** BY MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE

**Friday 12th September 7:30pm**  
The Civic, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS

**Tickets £20/£18 conc.**

What are men for? Most heavy things can be lifted by machines and most problems can be solved by computers and most puddles can be crossed without us gallantly draping our capes over them – so are we fellas of any use at all? Award winning MAN Marcus Brigstocke thinks we might still serve some useful function. But what is

it? This new tour show will resolve the entire issue once and for all (in a non-patriarchal, open minded, progressive sort of way).

*'...charming, hilarious and utterly refreshing...'* *The Sunday Mirror*

*'Sharpest one-liner merchant'*  
*The Sunday Times*

*'If you haven't seen him live, then you haven't seen him at his very best'* *The Mirror*



## MUSIC

### **Ceitidh Mac Trio** WITH OPENING ACT VANJA

**Saturday 20th September 7:30pm**  
Hade Edge Band Building, HD9 2AQ

**Tickets £17/£15 conc./£8.50 U16**

Absorbing in its originality and with a progressive twist to her music, Ceitidh Mac is an alt.folk singing cellist inspired by the natural world. Accompanied by vibraphone and drums, Ceitidh creates songs that soar with contemporary arrangements and instrumentation playing with live and electronic elements.

## Get Involved...

### VOLUNTEER...

If you would like to get involved with our 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 and interests, we can offer you a rewarding and fun experience. Email [manager@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:manager@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk) for more information or speak to one of our team at an event.

### DONATE AS MUCH AS 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 donate as much as you can in our collection buckets at events, or online using the DONATE QR Code on the back of this brochure. More information on our website [www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/supportus](http://www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/supportus)

### A BIG THANK YOU!

Many people gift their time and talent to make this festival happen and we are indebted to every single one of you. Thanks to all who came to help after the programme went to print and apologies in advance if we missed anyone in this list.

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## 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 and free tickets are available for personal assistants to assist ticket holders.**

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. We are offering a quiet zone designed to provide a peaceful retreat for festival goers at the Big Weekend. The Nurture Tent will be a safe, calming space for neurodiverse attendees to take a break from the hustle and bustle. Providing a comfortable ambience and soothing background music, it's the perfect spot to recharge, relax, and regulate in a tranquil environment. Whether you need a moment of calm or a peaceful space to unwind, the Nurture Tent is for you.

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

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

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To discuss your access requirements,

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## TRAVEL & PARKING

Please leave your car at home if you can and explore eco-friendly transport options like cycling, walking, or public transport to help protect our planet.

The Bus Station is central – a ten 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.

Stotts Coach Services are running free buses on Saturday on the H1, H2, H3, H5, H6, H7 and 335 bus routes. For more information go to [www.wymetro.com/plan-a-journey](http://www.wymetro.com/plan-a-journey).

If you do need to bring your car, Long Stay Parking is at Crown Bottom car park at HD9 3HW, which costs £3.30 for up to five hours or £6.50 for all 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**

Market Street, HD9 7AX

*Parking at Crown Bottom. Accessible toilets during opening hours*

**2 Methodist Church and Gardens**

104 School St, HD9 7EQ

*Parking at Crown Bottom, 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 Church and 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 The Tech**

140 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 3AR

*Disabled access at the rear, Accessible toilets, free parking off Huddersfield Road*

**8 Magic Rock Tap**

28 Victoria St, HD9 7DE

*Parking at Crown Bottom, accessible toilets downstairs. The event is upstairs, no lift*

**HOLME VALLEY VENUES**

**Sands Recreation Ground**

Thongsbridge, HD9 3JL

*Free parking, accessible toilets in the Leisure Centre*

**Holme Sunday School**

Fieldhead Lane, Holme, HD9 2QG

*Stepped access with handrail, downstairs toilet, three spaces outside church prioritised for people with access needs, plus roadside parking*

**Hinchliffe Mill School**

Waterside Lane, Holmbridge,

Holmfirth HD9 2PF

*Roadside parking, accessible toilet*

**Holme Village Play Area**

Meal Hill Road, Holme, HD9 2QQ

*Roadside parking, Outdoor space with uneven surfaces and cobbles, Accessible toilets on Woodhead Rd*

**Hepworth Holy Trinity Church**

Dean Bridge Lane, Hepworth, HD9 1TR

*Accessible toilet, disabled drop-off, roadside parking, hearing loop, ramped access*

**Hade Edge Band Building**

56 Greave Rd, Hade Edge, HD9 2AQ

*Accessible toilet, disabled parking, parking, ramped access*

**Christ Church**

Sude Hill, New Mill, HD9 7BL

*Accessible toilets, ramped access, roadside parking*

**Earthworks Community Garden**

Sude Hill, New Mill, HD9 7BL

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



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We nurture CREATIVITY, CELEBRATE people and place, CARE for each other and our environment and CONNECT people to each other and where they live.

Surrounded by the glorious Pennine Hills of West Yorkshire, 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**

**Fostering Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access**

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