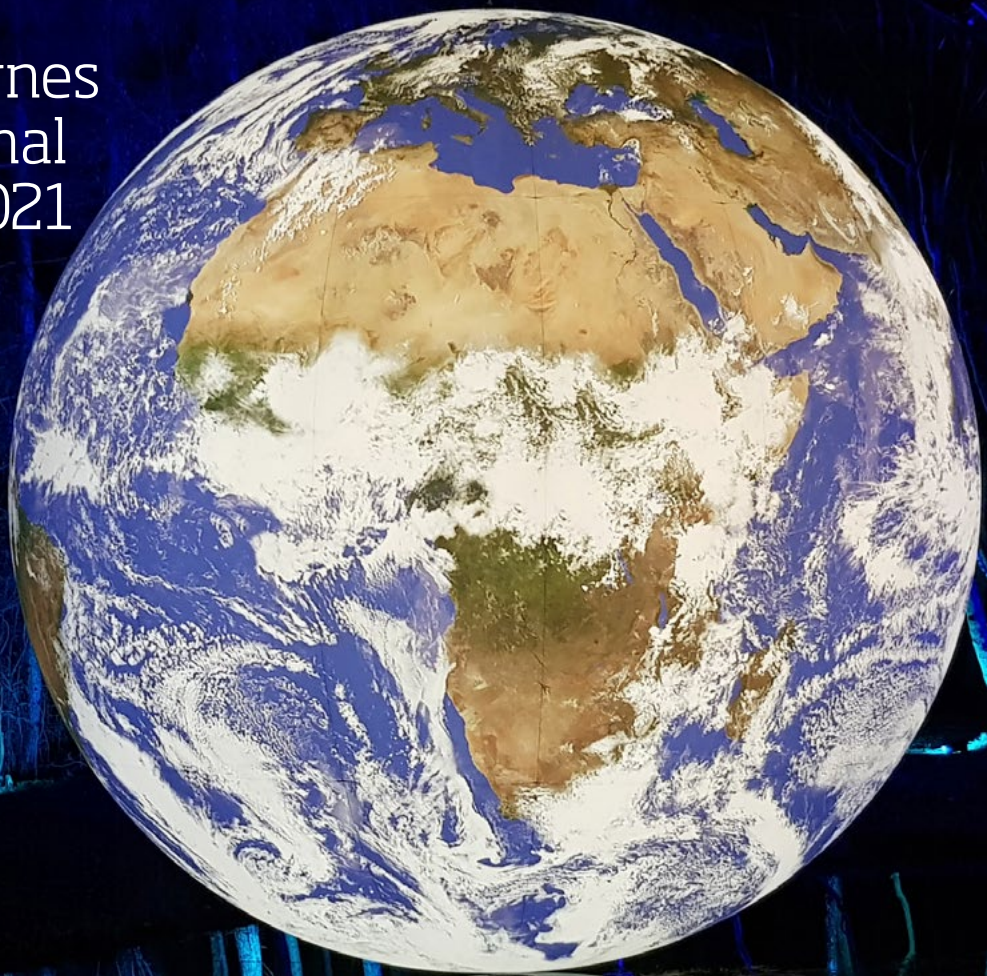




Milton Keynes  
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Festival 2021



10-30 July

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CENTRE:MK AND CITY CENTRE



**Gaia by Luke Jerram**  
Saturday 10 – Friday 30 July, 10.30am – 5.30pm  
Please check website as daily times may vary  
Middleton Hall, centre:mk MK9 3EP  
**FREE**  
A stunning replica of our planet, measuring 7-metres, and featuring 120dpi detailed NASA imagery and an accompanying soundscape.



**Anna Berry: Breathing Room**  
Saturday 10 – Friday 30 July, 10.30am – 5.30pm  
Queen's Court in centre:mk MK9 3ES  
Relaxed sessions available: see website  
**FREE**  
An installation that people can move within, with paper-like cones lining the structure that are powered by mechanics to move as if breathing.



**Yara + Davina: Arrivals + Departures**  
Saturday 10 – Friday 30 July, 10.30am – 5pm  
City Square, junction of Silbury Blvd & Saxon Gate  
**FREE**  
A public artwork about birth, death and the journey in between, displaying names, submitted by the public in-person or online.



**Earth Music Series: Ninebarrow**  
Friday 16 July, 7.30pm  
Under Gaia, Middleton Hall, centre:mk, MK9 3EP  
Tickets £12.50  
Award-winning folk duo with breathtaking vocal harmonies and melodies, and an innovative take on the folk tradition.



**Earth Music Series: Baluji Shrivastav OBE**  
Wednesday 21 July, 7.30pm  
Under Gaia, Middleton Hall, centre:mk, MK9 3EP  
Tickets £12.50  
Virtuoso Baluji Shrivastav performs Moon-inspired ragas on sitar, with Nafees Irfan on tablas. Guest vocalist Linda Shanovitch.



**Earth Music Series: Maya Youssef**  
Thursday 29 July, 7.30pm  
Under Gaia, Middleton Hall, centre:mk, MK9 3EP  
Tickets £12.50  
This renowned Syrian musician is hailed as 'queen of the qanun' – the 78-stringed Middle Eastern plucked zither.



**Marco Barotti: The Woodpeckers**  
Saturday 10 – Friday 30 July  
Pop-Ups across Milton Keynes City Centre  
**FREE**  
See if you can spot these charming robotic woodpeckers who transform invisible signals from our phones and wireless technology into rhythmic beats, tapped out on urban architecture.



**Requardt & Rosenberg: Future Cargo**  
Friday 23 and Saturday 24 July, 5pm and 9pm  
The Point Car Park (next to The Point, MK9 3NB)  
Tickets £5, Under 16s £3,  
Family Ticket (4 people, max 2 adults) £12  
A truck arrives, loaded with a mystery shipment that reveals an other-worldly dance show, with a soundtrack heard through headphones.



**IF: Online**  
Saturday 10 – Friday 30 July  
Join in and find out more at ifmiltonkeynes.org  
**FREE**  
Write a Letter to the Earth, enjoy artist talks, panel discussions, short films, podcasts, audio trails and more online, to accompany events and artwork installations.

CAMPBELL PARK: AMPHITHEATRE



**Slapstick Picnic: The Importance of Being Earnest**  
Saturday 17 July, 1.30pm and 5pm  
Campbell Park: Amphitheatre  
Tickets £10, Age guide: 8+  
Marvellous feats of performance and culinary capers await in this adaptation of Oscar Wilde's classic comedic play.



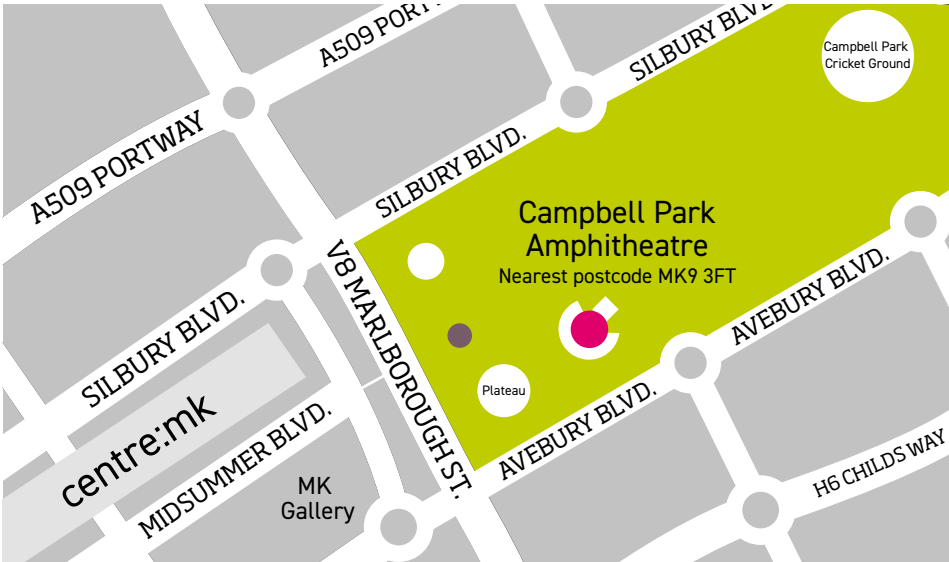
**Gandini Juggling: Smashed2**  
Sunday 18 July, 2.15pm and 4pm  
Campbell Park: Amphitheatre  
Tickets: Adults £5, Under 16s £3,  
Family x 4 (max 2 adults) £12  
80 oranges, 7 watermelons and 9 performers feature in this inventive show, combining juggling, dance-theatre and comedy with split-second timing. Children 8+ and families.



**Stand Up In The Park: Russell Kane, Rich Hall and Angela Barnes**  
Friday 23 July, 7.30pm (Gates 6.30pm)  
Campbell Park: Amphitheatre  
Tickets: £27.50, Ages 16+  
TV comedy regular, presenter, author and scriptwriter Russell Kane is joined by quick-fire comic Rich Hall, and the wonderfully down-to-earth Angela Barnes.



**Orchestra for the Earth: For the Trees**  
Saturday 24 July, 8pm (Gates 6.30pm)  
Campbell Park: Amphitheatre  
Tickets: £22.50, Under 24 years £11  
Nature and music come together for this glorious outdoor concert accompanied by film and visuals. Bring a picnic and enjoy a repertoire that includes Elgar's much-loved Cello Concerto.



**Food & Drink**  
Street food, coffee, ice cream, prosecco, craft beer...  
Food and drink will be available at the Festival over the weekend of 17/18 July, at Amphitheatre events on 23/24 July, plus light refreshments at the Tree Cathedral.



**Outdoor Events: Campbell Park**  
Please dress for the weather. Registered Assistance Dogs are welcome, no pets please. So that everyone can view performances, we ask that you don't bring tents, gazebos, windbreaks and large umbrellas. Please do not bring glass or bottles into the Park.



**Campbell Park Amphitheatre**  
Off Avebury Boulevard, near Campbell Heights  
Nearest postcode MK9 3FT  
Bring your picnic (with no glass or bottles, please) and a chair or blanket, and spend a summer's evening in the sweeping green Amphitheatre.



CAMPBELL PARK: FAMILY FOCUS EVENTS



**Drake Music: Planted Symphony**  
Wednesday 14 – Sunday 18 July, 11am – 5pm  
Experience lasts 20 – 30 minutes  
Campbell Park: Canalside  
FREE: No need to book  
A music and nature audio trail, using an app to guide you to installations. Includes BSL, audio description and resting points. Subpacs available.



**MK Mandalas: Kinetika Flags**  
Friday 16 – Sunday 18 July and Friday 23 – Sunday 25 July  
The Milton Keynes Rose, Campbell Park  
FREE  
UK company Kinetika has worked with over 150 people from across Milton Keynes to create 30 large-scale, hand-painted silk flags.



**Flag Making Workshops**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July, 11am – 4pm  
Every 30 minutes, last session at 3.30pm  
Campbell Park: By The Milton Keynes Rose  
FREE: Book a Place. Please wear an apron.  
Workshops for children and adults inspired by the Festival's MK Mandalas flag project. Facemasks to be worn by all aged 11+ (unless exempt).



**Theatre of Widdershins: Treasure Chest Tales**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July, from 11.15am  
Each Tale lasts approx 40 minutes  
Campbell Park: Labyrinth  
FREE: Book a ticket  
Music, puppets and audience interaction bring magical and enchanting stories to life for all ages.



**Mimbre: Lifted**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July  
11.15am and 2.30pm  
Approximately 35 minutes  
Campbell Park: Embankment Stage  
FREE: Book a ticket  
This cast of three strong women move, lift and balance each other in a celebration of dance, theatre and circus.



**Gobbledegook Theatre: Cloudscapes**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm  
Each session is approximately 40 minutes  
Campbell Park: The Glade  
FREE: Book a ticket  
A wonderfully calming and restful outdoor cloud-gazing experience that combines calm clouds, mindful moments and words.



**Dizzy O'Dare: The Giant Red Balloon Show**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July  
12.15pm and 2.15pm  
Approximately 45 minutes  
Campbell Park: Labyrinth  
FREE: Book a ticket  
This hilarious family show features balloon sculptures, high-energy comedic performance and a homage to the iconic MK red balloon!

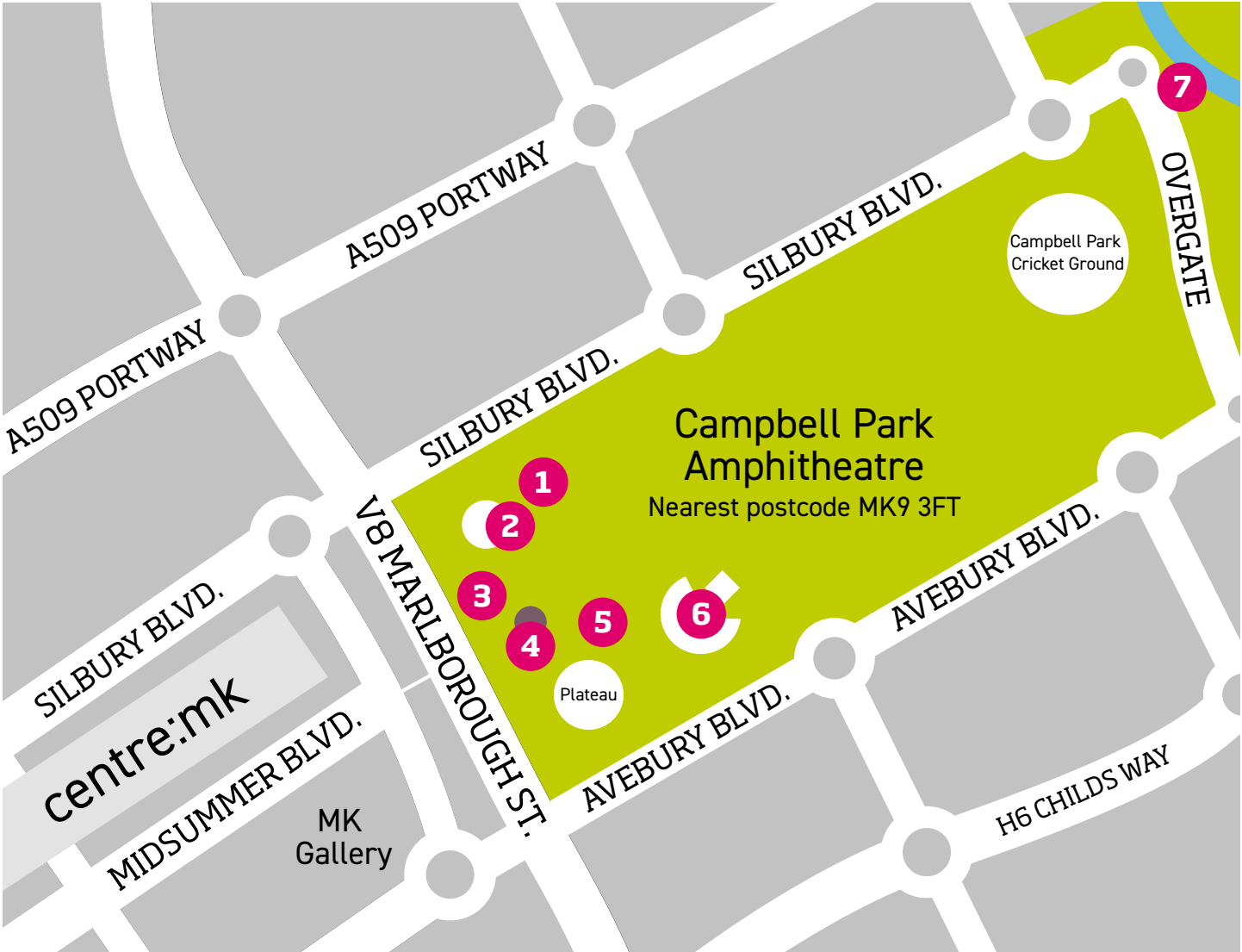


**Kapow: Grow**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July  
12.20pm and 3.35pm  
Approximately 25 minutes  
Campbell Park: Embankment Stage  
FREE: Book a ticket  
An energetic and vibrant dance-theatre show that is a playful, comedic and touching celebration of nature's power to rejuvenate itself.



**2Faced Dance Company: Power**  
Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July  
1.30pm and 4.30pm  
Approximately 30 minutes  
Campbell Park: Embankment Stage  
FREE: Book a ticket  
Striking, physically impressive and performed by three explosive dancers, this fearless show explores authority and control.

MAP: EVENT LOCATIONS IN CAMPBELL PARK



- 1 The Glade: Gobbledegook Theatre
- 2 The Labyrinth: Theatre of Widdershins and Dizzy O'Dare
- 3 Embankment Stage: Mimbre, Kapow and 2Faced Dance Company
- 4 The Milton Keynes Rose: MK Mandalas: Kinetika Flags and Flag Making Workshops
- 5 Bulbfield Stage: The Stables Sessions Live
- 6 Amphitheatre: Slapstick Picnic, Gandini Juggling, Stand Up in The Park, Orchestra for the Earth
- 7 Canalside: Drake Music

**World Picnic 2021:** Sunday 25 July, 1pm – 6pm in Campbell Park. Free, please book: [theparkstrust.com](http://theparkstrust.com)  
Enjoy music, dance acts and food from around the world. Organised by The Parks Trust

Please dress for the weather. Registered Assistance Dogs are welcome, though no pets please. So that everyone can view performances, we also ask that you don't bring tents, gazebos, windbreaks and large umbrellas. Please do not bring glass or bottles into the Park. Thank you.

If tickets are showing as Sold Out on the Festival's website, please check back again as standby tickets may be released prior to the date of the event.



# CAMPBELL PARK: THE STABLES SESSIONS

**The Stables Sessions:  
Live On The Bulbfield Stage**  
**Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July**  
**From 12noon each day**  
Each Session lasts approximately 45 minutes  
**Campbell Park: Bulbfield Stage**  
**FREE: Book a ticket**

Open-air live music performances in Campbell Park that place a spotlight on new sounds, emerging talent and unsigned artists.

Customers will be asked to exit the area between each Session, to allow for cleaning and the admission of ticket holders for the next Session.



**Lizzy Hardingham**  
**Saturday 17 July, 12noon**  
Folk musician and songstress.



**Anna Hester**  
**Saturday 17 July, 1.15pm**  
A powerful and confident voice.



**Candi's Dog**  
**Saturday 17 July, 2.30pm**  
Upbeat melodies and warming harmonies.



**Manny & The Coloured Sky**  
**Saturday 17 July, 3.45pm**  
Richly melodic alt soul.



**4th Labyrinth**  
**Saturday 17 July, 5pm**  
Sounds influenced by Queen, ELO and Deep Purple.



**Hannah Scott**  
**Sunday 18 July, 12noon**  
Powerful and personal songs.



**Smith and Brewer**  
**Sunday 18 July, 1.15pm**  
Close harmony singing and guitar.



**Joe Miles**  
**Sunday 18 July, 2.30pm**  
Jazz influenced singer-songwriter.



**Inlak'esh**  
**Sunday 18 July, 3.45pm**  
Spanish-Arabian influenced melodies.



**Fred's House**  
**Sunday 18 July, 5pm**  
Summery 1970's West Coast folk-rock.



Online screenings of intimate live concerts and interviews with Emma McGrath, Jally Kebba Susso, Hope in High Water, Steve Winch & The Inception, Joe Miles, Hannah Scott, Manny & The Coloured Sky, Smith and Brewer, Fred's House, Roses and Pirates.

See the Festival's website for more information about each artist or band, and where to buy their music!

# NEWLANDS AND NORTH WILLEN



**Black Victorians created by Jeanefer Jean-Charles**  
**Saturday 24 July, 3pm and 7pm**  
**Sunday 25 July, 12noon and 3pm**  
Approximately 40 minutes  
**Peace Pagoda, North Willen Lake**  
**FREE: Book a ticket**  
A dance performance with African, hip-hop and contemporary styles, inspired by hundreds of studio photographs of black people from the Victorian era.



**Museum of the Moon by Luke Jerram**  
**Thursday 22 July, 10am - 9pm**  
**Friday 23 July, 10am - 11pm**  
**Sat 24 July, Afternoon/Eve only 4.30pm - 11pm**  
**Sunday 25 July, 10am - 9pm**  
**Tree Cathedral, Newlands MK15 0DT**  
**FREE: Please book a 30-minute time-slot**  
Set in the spectacular Tree Cathedral and accompanied by a soundtrack, this replica of the Moon measures 7-metres and features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface.



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# ONLINE EVENTS: AVAILABLE AT IFMILTONKEYNES.ORG

For more artist talks, panel discussions, podcasts and concerts, please visit the website



**Dan Davies:**  
**Truth, Beauty and Goodness**  
**On demand: Saturday 10 - Friday 30 July**  
A new soundscape trail, taking in 15 pieces of public art from Middleton Hall, through Campbell Park, and ending at the Tree Cathedral.



**M6 Theatre Company:**  
**When We Started Singing**  
**Tuesday 13 and Tuesday 27 July**  
**Available on demand from 12.15pm each day**  
An uplifting and joyful short film featuring BSL, storytelling and song for ages 5+ and families.



**Richard Durrant: Rewilding**  
**Thursday 22 July, 7pm**  
**Live performance online**  
Live from his studio in Sussex, guitarist Richard Durrant presents a concert of ecologically inspired music, musings and film.



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Online booking: [ifmiltonkeynes.org](http://ifmiltonkeynes.org)

Box Office: 01908 280800

**Middleton Hall Box Office:** In-person on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 10am – 5.45pm

## COVID-19 SAFETY

The safety of our audiences, artists, volunteers and staff is our highest priority. We are pleased to reassure visitors that all Festival events have been organised in line with the government's Covid-19 Step 3 guidelines, and can be attended as planned.

**We ask that you please follow this guidance:**

Remember: Hands – Face – Space.

If you or anyone you live with displays symptoms of Covid-19, please do not attend Festival events, and please take a test if in doubt.

You will be asked to maintain social distancing, sanitise hands, and wear face masks (indoors or when in close contact) for the duration of the Festival, even if restrictions are lifted.

**Please help us to keep the rest of the audience, our staff and artists safe, by co-operating with the Festival Stewards about this.**

## ACCESS ENQUIRIES

**IF: Milton Keynes International Festival welcomes everyone, and is working towards making the Festival accessible to all.**

Our Box Office staff are happy to help with any enquiries regarding your ticketing and access requirements.

**Telephone:** 01908 280800

**Middleton Hall Box Office:** In-person on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 10am – 5.45pm

**Email:** Contact the Box Office: [access@stables.org](mailto:access@stables.org)

**Wheelchair, companion and personal assistant seats:**

Please contact the Box Office by email: [access@stables.org](mailto:access@stables.org) or on 01908 280800.

**Signage:** Event location signage will guide you to Viewing Areas, Parking, Toilets and other facilities.

**Assistance Dogs are welcome.**

**Accessing Festival Locations:** Please see each event on our website for Access Information. Access Guides are also available to download from our website.