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The Festival Guide

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Hello from Newark Festival 2023

Over the August bank holiday weekend, a collaboration between Newark Town Council, Newark Town Board through their Newark Cultural Heart project, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Liz Hobbs Group and The Hustle Collective will see a vibrant and diverse spread of music, art, food and family entertainment filling the streets and venues of Newark.

The festival kicks off on Friday 25th August with a family-focused day of free events including a main stage in the Market Place, featuring magicians, choirs, music and dance from across the globe. Fairground games, circus skills, street performers, face painting, hula hoop workshops, stilt walkers, interactive workshops and parades will fill the streets, ensuring a fun day out for all the family.























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The family fun continues on Saturday 26th with the Market Place stage featuring the best young performers from across the county, whilst a free entry multi genre music festival takes over venues across Newark, including The Navigation, Fox & Crown and The Rutland Arms, Street art, food and entertainment will be spread throughout the town. On Sunday, a fantastic line-up of 80s icons make for an enchanting evening with legendary artists Nik Kershaw, Johnny Hates Jazz, Toyah, and Carol Decker of T'Pau gracing the stage for an unforgettable night of performances in the spectacular setting of Newark Castle grounds.

Bank Holiday Monday, also in the Castle grounds, sees the annual Brass Explosion and Family Fun Day, a packed programme including participatory workshops, performance artists and a series of brass band performances. The evening culminates in a stunning fireworks display to bring the curtain down on Newark Festival 2023. Why not come along, relax and enjoy a full day of free family entertainment in the fabulous Castle Gardens.

If you would like to get involved in the festival as a performer, business or volunteer, or would like further information, please contact hello@ newarkfestival.co.uk. Stay in touch via www.newarkfestival.co.uk



Friday 25th & Saturday 26th Market Place

Fun and festival vibes for all the family!

Across the weekend, the Market Place is the place to be for a thrilling and fun-packed day featuring heaps of street entertainment, circus performers and street food. We'll be handing over the Saturday Main Stage line up to the next generation of Newark's talented young people, from Boxing to Ballet, Beatbox to Blues.

Friday 25th

11:00am	Major Oak Chorus
11:30am	StoryTelling with Newark Creates' Nicky Rafferty
12:00pm	Gizmo's Lab Science Show
1:15pm	Alex Cadabra
2:00pm	Capoeira Workshop
2:30pm	Toumaranke UK Drumming Workshop
3:30pm	Sohan Kailey - Let's Dance Bhangra and Bollywood
4:30pm	Nic Harvey

Saturday 26th

11:00am	DJ New-Walk
11:30am	Charlotte Hudson School Of Dance
12:15pm	AJ School Of Dance
1:00pm	Suggys Gym
1:45pm	Inspire Music Collective
2:30pm	Studio29 Performing Arts Academy
3:00pm	HellCats Takeover
4:30pm	Inspire Youth Arts Showcase

Friday & Saturday. 10am - 4pm The Graffiti Challenge!

Come and try your hand at spray painting and help to create a collaborative piece of art that represents Newark and all of the lovely folk who live here.

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Saturday 26th The Buttermarket

Newark Buttermarket, First Floor, The Buttermarket, Middlegate

Join the Inspire Music and Buttermarket team for a day of musical adventures and fun. All ages and abilities are welcome and all activities are FREE with no need to book.

Sessions: 10:30am | 12:30pm | 2:30pm Samba Workshop

Interactive musical sessions where you can join a samba band for the day. There are structured sessions throughout the day, but feel free to drop in and see us anytime, there's a drum here with your name on it.

11am - 5pm The Instrument Playground

Drop in and try your hand at the musical instruments that we've discovered on our travels. Trumpets, trombones, horns, flutes, clarinets, saxophones, violins and guitars are all here waiting. Come and see us anytime during the day and enjoy our musical menagerie.

11am - 5pm Open Mic Stage

Live in the Buttermarket Mezzanine area and featuring performances from Inspire Music Ensemble and Learner Groups. Come and enjoy live music from Nottinghamshire's next generation of musical talent. Members of the Inspire Music Team will be at the venue throughout the day and will be available to talk to you about all things musical, including what local courses you can book onto. We look forward to seeing you there!



Friday 25th BeanBlock Café

Unit 24, St Marks Lane

11am - 5pm Lego Club

Pop in and let your imagination run wild at our free Lego workshops for all the family. Build big towers, cool cars, moon-based caves, or anything you feel like!

11am

Alex Cadabra

Prepare to be wowed by award-winning magician Alex, one of the UK's top children's entertainers. Come along for a fun and interactive magic show for little kids and big kids alike!

12:30pm

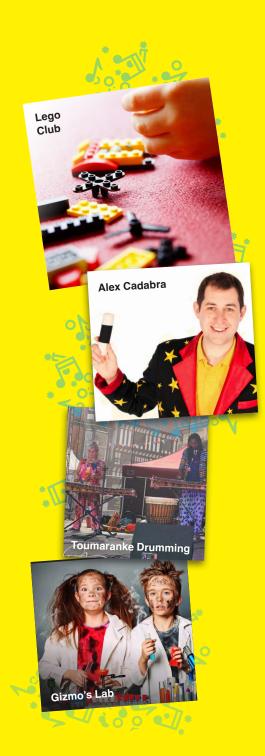
Toumaranke Drumming Workshop

African Drumming for all. A fun and family friendly drumming workshop exploring West African rhythms with djembes and log drums. Toumaranke perform West African grooves using the beautiful balafon (West African xylophone) as lead instruments. This will be a fun one.

2:30pm

Gizmo's Lab Science Show

Gizmo's Lab has been formulating science parties and explosive chemistry events for over a decade. Pop by and make your very own slime, create your own sweets, and marvel at the wonders of science.



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11:30am McMagic

Chaos, confusion and curiosity with a good helping of humour. Kid's magic for adults & adult's magic for kids!

Experience the mischief, mayhem and mystery of 'Kidulting' Magician, McMagic.

1:30pm

Djembe Drumming with Biant Singh

Come and join percussionist and New Art Exchange regular Biant Singh in discovering the positive power of music through interactive rhythm. You'll learn how to bash the djembe drum and feel the unity of making music with other people. Not one to be missed.







10am - 3pm Bee Nature Trail

Family arts, crafts and nature spotting trail starting at the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden - can you spot seven insects hiding in the windows of Newark? Find all of them to claim your free nature cupcake at BeanBlock cafe.



Friday 25th Newark Library

Beaumond Gardens, Balderton Gate

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1pm - 2pm Let's Dance with Sohan

Let's Dance (Let's Naach) with Sohan Kailey. Don't miss these family fun Bhangra and Bollywood dance workshops. Enjoy a wonderful stage show with music, dancing, Bhangra, beats, and Bollywood. Fun, enjoyable, colourful. Get involved.

3pm - 4:30pm

Poetry workshop with Cara Thompson

Cara is an award winning writer, activist and creative programmer born and raised in Nottingham. Whether you're a poetry pro or a curious beginner, join Cara for a fun, relaxed introduction into the wonderful world of poetry!



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2pm - 3pm Samba Dancing Workshop with The Brazilian Cultural Centre

Samba, the fantastic iconic dance of Brazilian Carnival! Come and learn the basics of Samba with Tatiana from the Brazilian Cultural Centre, Nottingham.

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Friday 25th Beaumond Gardens

Beaumond Gardens, Balderton Gate



10am - 10:45am Peaceful Possums Yoga Session Under The Trees

Peaceful Possums Yoga will be running a Family Yoga session and all ages are welcome. Expect songs, dancing, playful yoga poses, games and relaxation. Come and join in the fun!



11am - 12pm Mandala Art Workshop

Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Newark. A captivating event where families can create breathtaking nature mandalas. Delight in the vibrant colours, fragrant blooms and intricate designs that harmoniously blend art and nature. Unleash your creativity, make lasting memories, and embrace the magic of Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden.



12pm - 2pm Newark Community Soup

Newark Community Soup will be serving up delicious homemade soups and very tasty artisan bread, for free. If you can donate, please do. All contributions will be given to children's charities. Go and say hello, and discover some of the souper stuff they get up to.



Beaumond Gardens, Balderton Gate



Musical Theatre workshops for children... and their adults. The sessions are age specific. They will run for 30 minutes and be filled with dancing, singing, drama and most of all, FUN!



welcomes young people aged 3-7.

11am - 11:30am

is for ages 7 and above.



Come and meet the Friends of the garden and make some seed bombs to take away and sow. You can then go hunting for some juicy bugs throughout the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden. They're a good bunch, go and say hello!



Studio29

2pm - 4pm Bee-themed crafts & bloc-printing T-shirts

Buzz along for some bee themed craft activities and hear all about the wonderful world of bees.



Friday 25th

Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden

Beaumond Gardens, Balderton Gate



12pm - 1pm Nature Art Workshop

Newark Art Gallery delivers an exploratory workshop with interactive collage, stencil printing & crayoning taking centre stage, and drawing on influences from around the globe.



3pm - 4:30pm A Little Bit Wilder -Forest School Session

Bees are great. Celebrate some of our smaller but critically important British species through some buzzin' outdoor nature-based crafts and activities.



8pm - 10pm Nighttime Bat Walk with The Phantom Batter of St. George's Trust

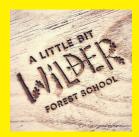
Explore The Secret Life of Bats with the 'Phantom Batter' of St. George's Trust. Wrap up tight and peel those eyes for a night-time bat walk, discovering the great and the small of the bat world.

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Saturday 26th

Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden

Beaumond Gardens, Balderton Gate



10:30am - 12pm A Little Bit Wilder -Hedgehog Themed Forest School Session

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1pm - 2pm
"The Whale Who Disappeared"
Reading and Craft with Emma Oldham

Join Emma Oldham, author of 'The Whale Who Disappeared', a heartwarming story of Arry, a young girl on a mission to save the sperm whale and protect the ocean. This workshop for all ages will include a reading of the book and have you crafting a habitat for our underwater friends.



3:30pm - 5pm Community Art Therapy Session with Aisling Fegan

Bring along art materials of your choice, whether pencils, pastels, or some watercolour paints. Please also bring a picnic blanket or a chair on which to relax and create. This gathering is happening outside, so please bring sun cream, a cool drink and some waterproof clothing just in case.

Friday 25th & Saturday 26th

Tree

25 Stodman Street

1pm and 3pm

BaBas Musical Kitchen

Iryna Muha is a Ukrainian-born singer, musician, songwriter and explorer of the BaBas. Whether it's your mum, granny, brother, aunty, dad or sister, everyone has their own loved ones, their own 'BaBa'. Specialising in working with bilingual communities, Iryna and friends will host a heart-warming session which explores identity through storytelling, music and games, helping you and your BaBas take centre stage.

11pm - 4pm Pop up Community Garden and Eco Activities

Nottingham Growing Network will be outside of Tree with their Pop Up Community Garden. Get involved with interactive eco activities and get your hands on some delicious and locally grown produce.

St Mary Magdalene Church Gardens

Church Walk

11am - 4pm Be a Headliner!

Be the main attraction by joining artist Kerry O'Brien to create your very own 'Festival Headdress'. Using paper, card and plenty of imagination, you can design and make a headdress that will turn heads all across Newark.



Friday 25th

Kingsman Interiors

The Old Christ Church, Lombard St

2pm - 3pm (ages 6+). The Storyteller's Kitchen, in collaboration with Newark Creates

Come join Nicky for storytime! What's cooking in the kitchen? Who's stirring up the pot? Then sprinkling in some mischief and serving up the lot.

Newark School of Violin Making

43 Kirk Gate

11am - 2pm

Newark School of Violin Making: Open Day

Head on down to the internationally renowned Newark School of Violin Making to see some of the wonderful work they do making and repairing a wide range of violins, violas and cellos.

Saturday 26th

Café Nineteen20

Palace Theatre, Appleton Gate

3pm - 4:30pm. The Storyteller's Kitchen, in collaboration with Newark Creates

Afternoon tea and entertainment for care home residents and people with assisted living. To express your interest, please email sara.bullimore@inspireculture.org.uk

Nicky Rafferty is an experienced and versatile storyteller who has created story walks for Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, The Canal and River Trust and many bespoke storytelling events.

Newark School of Violin Making

43 Kirk Gate

2pm - 3.30pm Introduction to Viola de Gamba

Interested in early music? Keen to try your hand at a viola da gamba? Come and join members of Arculo Consort of Viols for a taster session at the Newark School of Violin Making.

Saturday 26th Newark Hustle

Hockley Hustle has been a staple in Nottingham's musical calendar since 2006, filling the streets and venues of the city with fantastic music and a carnival atmosphere - all while raising over £200,000 for local charities. The Hustle Collective, alongside promoters 'I'm Not From London', have handpicked some of the finest bands and artists for a day and night of festival fun.

All events are free entry, but as ever The Hustle has a charitable focus and donations are encouraged to the Newark Mayor's chosen charities. Beaumond House Community Hospice promotes the welfare of people with a life-limiting or terminal illness and provides respite for their carers. Newark Mencap provides social and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, offering support for parents and carers. Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust works to protect and enhance the wildlife and habitats of Nottinghamshire by managing nature reserves, engaging, advising, inspiring and educating people to create a richer natural world for present and future generations.

There will also be family activities, buskers and street entertainment scattered throughout the town.

Every venue is free entry, get stuck in. thehustlecollective.com



Ann Et Vin

23-25 Castle Gate Gypsy Jazz | Soul | Blues

An award-winning independent wine shop and wine merchants overlooking Newark Castle. Sip a glass or two of delicious wine and enjoy the tunes and showmanship from rising soul star Veeuda, and The Swing Zippers, a scintillating gypsy jazz trio guaranteed to get your feet moving.

5:30pm - 7:30pm	Veeuda *
8:30pm - 10pm	The Swing Zippers

Organ Grinder o

21 Portland Street Acoustic

With up to seven cask ales and a variety of beers on the bar, as well as a changing selection of ciders and perries, drop by for a drink, some delicious pork pies (the Stilton topped ones are particularly awesome!), and enjoy beautiful acoustic noises from this lovely lot.

1:00pm	Dorothy Ella
2:00pm	Josie Beth
3:00pm	Andy Crowe & the Eisen Family
4:00pm	Sea Snakes
5:00pm	K.A.P
6:00pm	Chai Larden
7:00pm	Remy CB
8:00pm	Bara
9:00pm	Katie Keddie



The Rutland Arms

3-15 Barnby Gate
Rock | Funk | Soul | Indie

A welcoming environment that treats everyone in an open and ethical manner, the Rutland Arms team is actively involved in supporting communities through social and charitable activities. They're fuelled by a passion to provide their guests with genuine hospitality and exciting entertainment.

2pm	First Tuesday
3pm	Stinkin Rita
4pm	Inward Strange
5pm	Grain
6pm	Joel Black and The Hallelujahs
7pm	Amy DX
8pm	Jahrel
9pm	Express Office Portico
10pm	Unified Roots

The Castle and Falcon

10 London Road Indie I Blues I Hip Hop I Folk

The Castle and Falcon will host some of the finest and loudest makers of noise in the county. Head on down for excellent, intricate, experimental music, at one of the friendliest venues in town.

1:30pm	The Idolins
2:30pm	Jonny Olley
3:30pm	Cheap Dirty Horse
4:30pm	Luna & The Limeslice
5:30pm	Fan Rights
6:30pm	The Noise
7:30pm	Jordan The Ego
8:30pm	Howlin Bones
9:30pm	Stuart Pearce



The Duck

17 Castle Gate DJ's I 2pm - 12am

A unique bar in the centre of Newark offering a great atmosphere, drinks and music. Free memberships are available unlocking exclusive discounts and offers. For 2023 they've launched their new outdoor stage which features various live performances and late night DJ sets. Over the bank holiday, The Duck will celebrate their first birthday with events happening all weekend. Please check their social media for further information @ducknewark

For Newark Festival, The Duck presents an afternoon and evening of House music supplied by top local and guest DJ's on Newark's only beer garden stage.

Featuring...

Mister Pinks, Aaron M, Cozen Mantha, Zofia (Capital Dance DJ) [Headliner TBC]



Saturday 26th Newark Hustle

The Flying Circus

53 Castle Gate

The Flying Circus cares about great beer, great music, and the atmosphere when you combine the two together! Swing on by, they really have got it spot on.

James Oliver, known as master of the Telecaster, is one of the busiest Blues acts around with 300 plus gigs a year across the UK, Europe and USA. Having performed over 3000 gigs and sharing the stage with many legendary artists including Albert Lee, Bill Kirchen, Dr Feelgood, Geraint Watkins, Billy Bremner and Walter Trout, James is a fantastic performer, and a formidable guitarist. Having won the 2020 UK Blues award for Emerging Act Of The Year, he has since been nominated a further 3 times. Enjoy, you are in for a treat.

8pm The James Oliver Band

Fox and Crown

4-6 Appleton Gate
Acoustic Pop I Punk

The Fox and Crown is a traditional and homely pub, long renowned for its welcoming atmosphere and selection of top quality beer. Beer lovers will find refuge in the Fox, which now doubles up as Yupp Beers' headquarters and includes a craft beer and bottle shop and 10 cask and 10 keg lines. Also available, a carefully curated menu of wines, spirits and soft drinks. Finally, if you're looking for the perfect accompaniment to their fine ale and beer selection, food courtesy of the wonderful Holy Moly is available daily, serving up the best of traditional and fusion Mexican food.

2:30pm	Shepherds Of The Nation
3:30pm	Steve McGill
4:30pm	Ricky Jamaraz
5:30pm	Daniel Ison
6:30pm	Jason Rungapadiachy
7:30pm	Jack Brett
8:30pm	Dogtricks
9:30pm	Warren Ireland
10:30pm	Ffion Rebecca







St.Mary Magdalene Church

Church Walk Classical

Come and join the Arculo Consort of Viols for a concert of two halves, where we will celebrate the work of one of England's finest composers, William Byrd, to mark the 400th year since his death, and explore music written in the era of the English Civil War, culminating in John Jenkins' incredible depiction of the Siege Of Newark.

6pm - 8pm Arculo Consort
Of Viols Concert

The Navigation

48 Mill Gate

Indie I Rock | Blues | Punk

Converted from an old grain store by the River Trent, The Navigation has established itself as one of Newark's most loved bars. For over 30 years, live music has always been at the heart of The Navigation and will bring an eclectic mix of sounds to Newark Festival. Come along and see exciting original music, have a drink, try their street food and, most importantly, have a great time!

12:30pm	Charlotte Moon
1:30pm	Raging Clue
2:30pm	Penny Moon
3:30pm	Tokeo
4:30pm	Yuke
5:30pm	The Mono Grande
6:30pm	Catmilk
7:30pm	Whisky Stain
8:30pm	Palava
9:30pm	LOIS

Celestines

10:30pm

Not My Monkey

The Wharf

Jazz | Swing | Gypsy Jazz | Funk 'n Soul

A coffee house by day, a sophisticated wine lounge by night. For Newark Festival, a trio of artists will have you singing and dancing throughout the day and into the night, with globetrotting era defining music ending with a good old Funk 'n Soul disco.

3pm - 5pm	Veeuda
6pm - 8pm	Swing Gitan
9pm - 11pm	Ex-Friendly

The Prince Rupert

46 Stodman Street

Acoustic | Soul | Hip Hop

A higgledy-piggledy medieval pub, full to the brim with history. Originally built in 1452, The Prince Rupert is a true historical gem, lovingly restored and now a fantastic pub with a terraced beer garden, conservatory, enchanting dining rooms and a hidden upstairs venue.

5pm	Nic Harvey
6pm	Gordon Parma
7pm	Leah Wilcox
8pm	Betsey
9pm	Alfie Sharp
10pm	JayaHadADream



Sunday 27th Newark Castle

Price: From £32.50 + booking fee

Music enthusiasts! Come and have a dance and sing along to a fantastic line up of 80s icons. Legendary artists Nik Kershaw, Johnny Hates Jazz, Toyah, and Carol Decker of T'Pau grace the stage for an unforgettable night of performances.

Renowned singer-songwriter Nik Kershaw, known for his chart-topping hits and timeless melodies, such as 'Wouldn't It Be Good' and 'The Riddle', will join the party, captivating the audience with his soulful vocals and magnetic stage presence. Kershaw's profound influence on the music industry, coupled with his remarkable talent, promises to deliver an electrifying performance that will leave a lasting impression.

Joining the line-up is the iconic band Johnny Hates Jazz, whose unique blend of pop and soul has captured the hearts of music lovers worldwide. Their infectious energy and unforgettable 80s hits will create an electric atmosphere, inviting the audience to dance and sing along to beloved classics such as 'Shattered Dreams', 'I Don't Want To Be A Hero' and 'Turn Back The Clock'.

Adding to the excitement, the enigmatic Toyah will take the stage, bringing her powerful vocals and dynamic stage presence to Concert in the Castle. Toyah's eclectic style and captivating performances have made her an enduring figure in the music industry, and her show promises to be an experience filled with energy and passion.

Completing the line-up is the talented Carol Decker of T'Pau, renowned for her distinctive voice and unforgettable songs such as 'China in Your Hand'. With her emotive performances and undeniable stage presence, Decker will deliver a show-stopping performance, transporting the audience back to the golden era of 80s music.



2:30pm	On-site box office opens
4:30pm	Gates open
5:30pm	T'Pau with Carol Decker
6:30pm	Toyah
7:30pm	Johnny Hates Jazz
9:00pm	Nik Kershaw
10:30pm	Show closes





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gardens of Newark Castle.

4:30pm Lincolnshire Hospitals Band 6pm Newark & Sherwood Concert Band 7:30pm Newark Town Band 9pm Chapeltown Silver Prize Band (including fireworks finale at 9:55pm)

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Thank you!

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Newark Town Mayor's Charities

The 2023 Newark Festival will raise money for three invaluable charities.

There will be opportunities to donate throughout the festival, please give generously if you can. Anything you donate will make a difference.

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