

# What's On *festivals* Summer 2022





## Welcome to Leicester Festivals

Leicester is a unique city and a wonderful place to visit, with a superb range of visitor attractions and shopping that is second to none.

It's a city that combines the finest English traditions with multicultural activities and the cosmopolitan feel of city life. Throughout the year, our city buzzes with amazing festivals and fabulous events and this summer is no exception.

There's a chilled-out summer atmosphere at Riverside Festival, world-class graffiti at Bring The Paint, dance extravaganza at Dance for the Queen and cycling celebrations with Open Streets.

Enjoy live music at Ibiza Proms in the Park and Beyond Festival, all-day partying at Caribbean Carnival, flamboyant parade at Pride, international street arts at City Festival and ground-breaking arts sculptures at The World Reimagined...plus much more!

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## Festival highlight

### Leicester Riverside Festival

**Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June**

**12noon – 6pm & 12noon – 5pm**

**Bede Park, Mile Straight, Western Boulevard and Castle Gardens**

Leicester Riverside Festival returns on the first weekend in June. Spread over four areas this free two-day festival features fun on and off the water.

Bede Park features family activities including a fun fair, food stalls, arts & crafts, beer tent, acoustic music stage and lots of join in activities. Whilst on the Piazza area the large music stage will feature great live bands and music for all ages.

Western Boulevard sees the return of the hugely popular street market with arts, crafts, tasty street food plus the Ride Leicester cycling area.

River Soar & Mile Straight hosts the colourful narrow boat rally, boat trips, canoes, boat rides, demonstrations and the opportunity to view and buy work from local artists at Art on The River. Castle Gardens includes children's activities with an eco and environmental focus.

It's sure to be one of the best waterside festivals in the country and a fun-packed weekend not to be missed!

**W: [visitleicester.info](http://visitleicester.info)**





## Walk Leicester Festival

**Throughout May**

**Various locations**

The Walk Leicester Festival is the perfect opportunity to get out of your everyday routine and enjoy all that Leicester has to offer. Enjoy walks through the city, take in the fresh air, see beautiful sights and connect with your city community.

All ages and abilities are welcome to join to get physically and mentally active. Walk away with a newfound ambition for all things we can move, change and energize. Be part of the mission to encourage walking for health, transport, and wellbeing in Leicester and beyond!

**W: [choosehowyoumove.co.uk/walkleicester](https://choosehowyoumove.co.uk/walkleicester)**



## Tour De Moon

**Friday 13 – Monday 16 May**

**Various locations**

Tour de Moon is a cosmic festival bringing four days of vibrant and exciting moon related activities to the city. The festival offers a range of imaginative and immersive experiences for everyone from young people to clubbers to families.

From Moon Sport, where groups can take part in creating games in a giant inflatable landscape, to Moon Talks, Moon Music and Moon Cinema, there are endless options for being creative, finding your voice and engaging with outer space.

**W: [tourdemoon.com](https://tourdemoon.com)**



## Bring the Paint

**Monday 23 – Sunday 29 May**

**Various locations**

Award winning international graffiti festival, Bring the Paint returns to the streets of Leicester for the third time and it's even bigger than ever. The festival brings together international, national and local artists to transform the city with world-class street art and ground-breaking technology.

The 2022 event plays host to a huge array of incredible artists from across the globe creating 48 large scale murals, workshops for all to attend, skateboarding showcases, cycling tours, artist talks, music and great food, making for an incredible celebration of graffiti culture.

**W: [bringthepaint.co.uk](https://bringthepaint.co.uk)**

## Bike Fest

**Last Saturday of every month**

**From May – September**

**Leicester Cycle Circuit**

This free monthly event provides the chance to ride a dedicated cycle circuit as many times as you want at a pace that suits you. The event is open to all ages and abilities and includes British Cycling Go-Ride coaches to help improve your cycling skills along and adapted bikes for all the family.

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## Open Streets

**Last Sunday of every month**

**1pm – 4pm**

**City centre**

Leicester's Open Streets event is back with traffic free streets and public spaces for people to enjoy. Join in at Town Hall Square, Clock Tower and Churchgate for lots of fun activities. Enjoy crazy bikes, bike fix, arts, street games, guided walks and led rides, entertainment and much more.

**Bring the Paint, Sunday 29 May**

**Schools Ride, Sunday 26 June**

**Commonwealth Games, Sunday 31 July**

**Summer in the City, Sunday 28 August**

**Heritage, Sunday 25 September**

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## Dance for the Queen

**Wednesday 1 June**

**6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Jubilee Square**

The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen marks 70 years and seven decades of service from 1952 – 2022 and to celebrate this momentous occasion a spectacular dance extravaganza, featuring some of the best local dance performers, will take place from 19.52hrs – 20.22hrs (7.52pm – 8.22pm).

Seven dance groups will each perform a stunning dance routine to a medley of iconic music tracks from the seven decades of the Queen's reign. A variety show featuring a diverse mixture of musical talent including choirs, bands, singers and dancers from the wonderful mix of Leicester's ethnic cultures will provide a warmup to the main event.

**W: [danceforthequeen.com](http://danceforthequeen.com)**





## Ibiza Proms in the Park

**Friday 24 June**

**5pm – 10pm**

**Abbey Park**

Summer is getting a whole lot more exciting as Secret Symphony bring their Ibiza Proms in the Park to the city. Expect a two hour show of iconic Ibiza anthems with a house music soundtrack performed by a 50-piece orchestra. Secret Symphony, known for their experimental and immersive orchestral shows, have performed all over the UK in Symphony Halls, festival stages, stately homes, seaside piers, arenas, cathedrals and more.

**W: [skiddle.com](http://skiddle.com)**



## Armed Forces Day

**Saturday 25 June**

**from 9.30am**

**City centre**

The annual Armed Forces Day Service and Parade returns after an absence of two years including an outdoor service, parade of military personnel and a celebration of our armed forces. In addition, there will be a performance from the Military Wives Choir and military displays in Humberstone Gate.

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## Beyond Festival

**Saturday 25 June**

**11am – 10pm**

**Abbey Park**

Leicester's biggest ever dance music festival with everything from House to Drum and Brass, featuring three stages & over 30 artists.

The fantastic names announced so far include Wilkinson, the DJ behind hit tracks "Afterglow" and "Sweet Lies". Alongside him will be Bru-C, Flava-D, Bou, Culture Shock, Monroe, Dimension, Skream, Low Steppa, Pax, and Sammy Virji. Other huge artists that will be announced soon.

**W: [beyond-festival.co.uk](http://beyond-festival.co.uk)**

# Summer in the City

**Saturday 9 July – Sunday 28 August**

## **Various locations**

Renowned for world-class festivals and fantastic events, this summer we're celebrating everything we love about our city. There will be some awesome entertainment and events to enjoy while you're in Leicester. From a city-centre beach, funfair and crazy bikes and to a ground breaking sculpture trail.

Get on your marks to celebrate the Commonwealth Games, see a Spitfire up close and enjoy family-friendly activities, there's even a craft beer festival for the grown-ups.

So if you're planning on visiting the city centre to shop, meet friends or sample one of our fabulous cafés and restaurants make the most of your trip and enjoy a great event or two!

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# City Festival

**Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August**

## **City centre**

A finale to Summer in the City and Bank Holiday celebration, City Festival always puts on a show for the people of Leicester

With something to suit all ages enjoy a fun-packed free weekend of art, culture and fun right on your doorstep of the city.

Previously you may have seen the likes of giant elephants, stilt walking jugglers and stomping brass bands turning Leicester's streets into a stage, expect more top-quality activities you won't want to miss.

Past events have included live music, arts and crafts and street food. Keep an eye out for announcements on what exciting things City Festival will have in store for 2022.

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## The Queen's Baton Relay

**Sunday 10 July**

**12noon – 4pm**

**City centre route, Green Dragon Square & Jubilee Square**

To commemorate the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay has followed an epic 294-day journey across the Commonwealth, visiting all 72 nations and territories and is passing through Leicester!

Join our local sports teams to mark the occasion with an afternoon of activities for all the family and help cheer on the baton bearers as they bring the baton through the city streets.

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## Leicester Caribbean Carnival

**Saturday 6 August**

**11am – 8pm**

**Carnival Village at Victoria Park from 11am and Street Parade from 1pm**

This year's theme 'Our Culture, Our Roots' begins with the official opening ceremony on Granville Road at 1pm followed by the annual street carnival parade. Victoria Park hosts a variety of activities including three music stages featuring a wide variety of performances from different parts of the country and beyond. Enjoy games, children's fun fair and sample the delicious food representing many countries around the world.

Admission: Children five and under free, 6 to 16 years of age £2 in advance, £5 at the gate. 17 to 65 £5 in advance and £8 at the gate. 66+ free with proof of age.

**W: [leicestercarnival.com](http://leicestercarnival.com)**



## Journeys Festival International

**Friday 12 – Sunday 14 August**

**City centre**

Journeys Festival International and LIBERTY EU brings a magnificent festival weekend, filling the streets of Leicester with curious characters and superb street shows. The festival features large and small performances from the UK and across Europe with the opportunity to get involved in one of the most explosive performances the city has ever seen

**W: [journeysfestival.com](http://journeysfestival.com)**



# The World Reimagined

**August – October**

**City centre**

The World Reimagined a ground-breaking, UK art education project aims to transform understanding of the Transatlantic slave trade and its impact making racial justice a reality, together. Supported by official presenting partner SKY, a trail of large Globe sculptures representing an element of historic slavery will be displayed across Leicester and six other cities.

The sculpture trails are at the centre of learning, community and heritage programmes that invite everyone to take part. The World Reimagined is a vibrant project that will inspire pride in what it means to be Black and British and help us all better understand what it means to be British.

**W: [theworldreimagined.org](http://theworldreimagined.org)**



# Leicester Pride

**Saturday 3 September**

**12noon – 8pm**

**Victoria Park**

Leicester Pride returns this summer with the Parade starting from Curve at noon. It will make its way through the city to Victoria Park for 1pm where the main festival starts.

Featuring a main stage, DJ tent, Billy Bates Fair, market area and community area plus much more to be confirmed.

**W: [leicesterpride.com](http://leicesterpride.com)**



# Heritage Open Days

**Friday 9 September – Sunday 18 September**

**Various locations**

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and history by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

During the ten days discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture. As well as old favourites there are plenty of new events to be enjoyed showcasing the fact that Leicester has so many hidden historical gems and stories to discover.

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Event	Date	Time	Venue
<b>May</b>			
Walk Leicester Festival	May	Various	Various
Tour De Moon	Friday 13 – Monday 16 May	Various	Various
Loughborough Concert Band	Sunday 22 May	3pm – 4pm	Abbey Park
Bring the Paint	Monday 23 – Sunday 29 May	Various	Various
Dino Kingdom	Friday 27 May – Sunday 12 June	10am – 6pm	Abbey Park
Bike Fest	Saturday 28 May	1pm – 4pm	Leicester Cycle Circuit
LOROS Twilight Walk	Saturday 28 May	5pm – 9pm	Various
Open Streets	Sunday 29 May	1pm – 4pm	City Centre
Bands on Parks	Sunday 29 May	3pm – 4pm	Knighton Park
<b>June</b>			
Dance for the Queen	Wednesday 1 June	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Jubilee Square
Riverside Festival	Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 June	From 12noon	Bede Park
Bands on Parks	Sunday 5 June	3pm – 4pm	Abbey Park, Evington Park, Knighton Park, Western Park, Victoria Park
Clarendon Park Summer Fair	Sunday 19 June	11am – 5pm	Clarendon Park
Ibiza Proms in the Park	Friday 24 June	5pm – 10pm	Abbey Park
Armed Forces Day	Saturday 25 June	From 9.30am	City Centre
Beyond Festival	Saturday 25 June	11am – 10pm	Abbey Park
Bike Fest	Saturday 25 June	1pm – 4pm	Leicester Cycle Circuit
The Halal Food Festival	Sunday 26 June	12noon – 7pm	Morningside Arena
Open Streets	Sunday 26 June	1pm – 4pm	City Centre
Bands on Parks	Sunday 26 June	3pm – 4pm	Western Park
<b>July</b>			
Jazz Festival	Saturday 2 July	12noon – 8pm	Jubilee Square
Bands on Parks	Sunday 3 July	3pm – 4pm	Humberstone Park
Billy Bates Funfair	Friday 8 July – Tuesday 30 August		Abbey Park
Summer in the City	Friday 8 July – Sunday 28 August		Various
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City Centre Beach	July - August		Humberstone Gate West

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Bands on Parks	Sunday 10 July	3pm – 4pm	Spinney Hill Park
Queen's Baton Relay	Sunday 10 July		City Centre
Darbar Fringe	Friday 15 – Sunday 17 July	Various	Curve Theatre
Royal Airforce Museum Spitfire Display	Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July	Various	Jubilee Square
Bands on Parks	Sunday 17 July	3pm – 4pm	Evington Park
Bands on Parks	Sunday 24 July	3pm – 4pm	Aylestone Hall Gardens
Uganda 50 Mela	Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 July		Abbey Park
Bike Fest	Saturday 30 July	1pm – 4pm	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Open Streets	Sunday 31 July	1pm – 4pm	City Centre
Bands on Parks	Sunday 31 July	3pm – 4pm	Victoria Park
Rathyatra	Sunday 31 July	9am - 6pm	Various
<b>August</b>			
Play Day	Wednesday 3 August	11am – 3pm	Town Hall Square
Caribbean Carnival	Saturday 6 August	11am – 8pm	Victoria Park and City
Bands on Parks	Sunday 7 August	3pm – 4pm	Western Park & Evington Park
Journeys Festival International	Friday 12 – Sunday 14 August	Various	Various
The World Reimagined	August – October	Various	Various
Bands on Parks	Sunday 14 August	3pm – 4pm	Monks Rest Gardens
Bands on Parks	Sunday 21 August	3pm – 4pm	Abbey Park
City Festival	Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 August		City Centre
Bike Fest	Saturday 27 August	1pm – 4pm	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Open Streets	Sunday 28 August	1pm – 4pm	City Centre
Bands on Parks	Sunday 28 August	3pm – 4pm	Aylestone Hall Gardens
<b>September</b>			
Brew Beat	Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 September		Green Dragon Square
Pride	Saturday 3 September	12noon – 8pm	Victoria Park
Bands on Parks	Sunday 4 September	3pm – 4pm	Knighton Park
Heritage Open Days	Friday 9 – Sunday 18 September	Various	Various
UK Science Festival	Tuesday 13 – Saturday 17 September	Various	Various
Bike Fest	Saturday 24 September	1pm – 4pm	Leicester Cycle Circuit
Open Streets	Sunday 25 September	1pm – 4pm	City Centre



Find out more about these exciting festivals and so much more happening in the city at Visit Leicester. The centre is the hub for information located at 4A St. Martins, Leicester LE1 5DB or call us on +44(0)116 299 4444.

Our friendly, helpful staff are on-hand to ensure you make the most of your time in the city.

Stop by the information centre for maps, travel information and a personalised service based on your interests.

Browse through the many brochures on display, giving you information about everything that's happening in the city.

**Find out more at: [visitleicester.info](http://visitleicester.info)**

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