

Saturday 25 April 2026

Travel through time at
Leicester's Old Town Festival!

— 12noon – 5pm —



OLD
TOWN
FESTIVAL

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City Council

THE ROMANS



Our journey begins with the Romans!

JEWRY WALL MUSEUM

Discover Roman Leicester at Jewry Wall: a real Roman experience. Explore impressive Roman ruins, over 100 artefacts and interactive displays bringing Leicester's Roman past to life.

Old Town Festival Offer

***valid on 25 April 2026 only**

£20 family ticket / £5 adult ticket
£3 child ticket

Quote 'Old Town Festival 26'
to validate.

Plus free entry to activities for
Old Town Festival.

RATAE: BRINGING ROMAN LEICESTER TO LIFE AT BBC LEICESTER

Listen to a special series revealing
more about Roman life in
Leicester.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



EYES PEELED FOR DRAGONS!

stalking the grounds at:
**12.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.30pm
& 4.30pm**

MORRIS DANCING

**12noon, 1pm, 2.30pm
& 3.30pm**
various locations
From legendary sides Leicester
Morris & Black Annis Morris.

MAYPOLE DANCE

**12.30pm, 1.45pm, 3.15pm
& 4.45pm**
Cathedral Gardens

ST GEORGE ARTS & CRAFTS & FUNNY FRAMES

12noon – 5pm
Cathedral Gardens



MEDIEVAL



JUBILEE SQUARE

VIKINGS OF MIDDLE ENGLAND ENCAMPMENT & COMBAT DISPLAYS

12noon – 5pm

At 2pm & 4pm steel will clash and war cries will ring out as they go head-to-head in a display of combat!

TALES OF HEROES AND BEASTS from Quill & Inkling Theatre Company

12.30pm & 4.30pm Fafnir & Sigurd

1.15pm Beowulf & Grendel

3.15pm Beowulf & The Dragon

The 3.15pm story is
BSL interpreted



BRENDAN THE BOLD: ANGLO SAXON SHIP

12noon – 5pm

Learn about Saxon life, ship-building techniques, trade and how they were able to cross the sea.

CATHEDRAL GARDENS

CHEVALIERS DU LEON

12noon – 5pm

Meet folk from high medieval times.

MEDIEVAL MADNESS

12noon – 5pm

Juggling Jesters & Magical Wizard Circus School. Plus, roaming appearances from Guinebeard, Ladylot & the Jolly Jester at **1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm.**

RICHARD III TOURS

11.30am & 2.30pm

Leicester Cathedral

Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day dependant on availability
Adults £7 / Under 16s free
W: leicestercathedral.org/tours

KING RICHARD III VISITOR CENTRE

Explore King Richard III's story through interactive displays at the King Richard III Visitor Centre, where he was discovered and identified by DNA testing

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OLD TOWN FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

	JEWRY WALL MUSEUM	JUBILEE SQUARE	LEICESTER CATHEDRAL (INDOOR)
ALL DAY	Saturday opening hours 10am-5pm Special Old Town Festival Offer	Vikings of Middle England Encampment Brendan the Bold: Anglo Saxon Ship Heritage Hub Discovery Zone: Human Health & Creativity	Market
			Richard III Tour (11.30am)
12 noon - 1pm	Heritage Hub Discovery Zone: Archaeology Free Entry	Black Annis Morris (12pm - 12.25pm)	
1pm - 2pm		Quill & Inkling Theatre Company: Fafnir & Sigurd (12.30pm)	Leicester Morris & Black Annis Morris (1pm - 1.25pm)
2pm - 3pm	Black Annis Morris Free Entry (2.30pm - 2.55pm)	Vikings of Middle England: Combat Display (2pm)	Adam Weikert (1.45pm - 2.30pm)
3pm - 4pm		Quill & Inkling Touch Tour (2.30pm) 	Richard III Tour (2.30pm)
4pm - 5pm	Heritage Hub Discovery Zone: Archaeology Free Entry	Quill & Inkling Theatre Company: Beowulf & The Dragon - BSL interpreted (3.15pm) 	Leicester Morris & Black Annis Morris (3.30pm)
		Vikings of Middle England: Combat Display (4pm)	Musica Medievalis (4pm - 5pm)
		Quill & Inkling Theatre Company: Fafnir & Sigurd (4.30pm)	

Discover history brought to life at this year's Old Town Festival.
 Step into a living timeline as you journey from Roman Leicester to the world of Vikings,
 Anglo-Saxons and Medieval England with much more along the way.
 A fascinating and free family day out celebrating the best of Leicester's heritage!

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL GARDENS	LEICESTER GUILDHALL	ST NICHOLAS CHURCH	OTHER
Chevaliers du Leon Juggling Jesters & Magical Wizard Circus School Cabinet of Curiosity Leicester Libraries BookBus Back to Books St Georges Day Crafts & Funny Frames	Open from 12noon - 5pm	Open from 11am - 4pm	<p>KRIII VISITOR CENTRE: Saturday opening hours 10am - 5pm Special Old Town Festival Offer</p> <p>VISIT LEICESTER Information Centre ACCESS SUPPORT HUB: Leicester Cathedral, (12.30pm - 5pm)</p> <p>BILL BROOKMAN & FRIENDS Roaming</p> <p>OLD TOWN FESTIVAL TRAIL</p>
Leicester Morris (12pm - 12.25pm)			Dragons! (12.15pm - 12.35pm)
Maypole (12.30pm - 12.45pm)	Market		<p>BSL interpreted tour </p> meeting 12.30pm
Maypole (1.45pm - 2pm)			Guinebeard, Ladylot & Jolly Jester (1pm - 1.30pm) Dragons! (1.15pm - 1.35pm)
Leicester Morris (2.30pm - 2.55pm)	The Riverside Collective: Courtyard Sessions	Friends of Jewry Wall present Iron Age to Medieval reenactment including replica artifacts, dressing up opportunities & crafts!	Dragons! (2.15pm - 2.35pm) Guinebeard, Ladylot & Jolly Jester (2.30pm - 3pm)
Maypole (3.15pm - 3.30pm)	Heritage Hub Discovery Zone: Family & Local History		Dragons! (3.30pm - 3.50pm)
Maypole (4.45pm - 5pm)			Guinebeard, Ladylot & Jolly Jester (4pm - 4.30pm) Dragons! (4.30pm - 4.50pm)



MODERN DAY CRAFT MARKET

12noon – 5pm

Inside at Leicester Guildhall & Leicester Cathedral

Artisan market stalls trading goods from local independent crafters. Featuring arts, crafts, textiles, food goods and bakes.

MUSIC AT OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

THE RIVERSIDE COLLECTIVE: Courtyard Sessions

12noon – 5pm
Leicester Guildhall Courtyard

ADAM WEIKERT
1.45pm – 2.30pm
Leicester Cathedral

MUSICA MEDIEVALIS
4pm – 5pm
Leicester Cathedral

BILL BROOKMAN & FRIENDS
Roaming

LEICESTER LIBRARIES

Cathedral Gardens

Storytelling & fun activities hosted in the Children's BookBus supporting the National Year of Reading.



HERITAGE HUB DISCOVERY ZONES

12noon – 5pm

Our Discovery Zones will showcase the knowledge and research of community groups, universities, museums and heritage organisations at three amazing venues across the Old Town. Heritage Hub Student Ambassadors will be available to guide visitors between zones, where a range of engaging, hands-on activities suitable for all ages will be on offer.

Zone 1: Archaeology Discovery Zone
Jewry Wall Museum & St Nicholas Church

Zone 2: Human Health & Creativity Discovery Zone
Jubilee Square

Zone 3: Family & Local History Discover Zone
Leicester Guildhall



Heritage Hub

CABINET OF CURIOSITY

12noon – 5pm

Cathedral Gardens

A travelling pop-up museum, designed to spark curiosity and conversation wherever it lands!

BACK TO BOOKS presented by Pedestrian

12noon – 5pm

Cathedral Gardens

Join Pedestrian for a free session creating ceramic book covers.

OLD TOWN FESTIVAL TRAIL

Pick up your trail map from the Visit Leicester Information Centre during Old Town Festival. Complete the trail and return this to Visit Leicester to be in with a chance to win a prize!



ACCESSIBILITY AT OLD TOWN FESTIVAL

ACCESS SUPPORT HUB

12.30pm – 5pm

Leicester Cathedral, National Lottery Heritage Fund Learning Space

A quiet space to reflect and get information about the event. Lendable ear defenders and fidget toys are available.

BSL TOUR from Sam Perkins

12.30pm – 3pm

Meet at: Access Support Hub, Leicester Cathedral



The tour will start from here visiting different areas of the festival, led by local BSL user. There will be walking involved.

TOUCH TOUR with Quill & Inkling Theatre Company

2.30pm

Jubilee Square 'Tales of Heros & Beasts' area



Ahead of their 3.15pm show, Quill & Inkling present a tactile experience designed for blind or partially sighted audience members as a chance to feel props, weapons and puppets from the story. No need to book.

BEOWULF & THE DRAGON: BSL interpreted story

3.15pm

Jubilee Square



This epic tale from Quill & Inkling Theatre Company will be BSL interpreted.

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS & CHANGING PLACES

Accessible Toilets are available in: Leicester Guildhall, Leicester Cathedral, Jewry Wall Museum. There are also changing places facilities at Jewry Wall Museum.



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Leicester Buses supply frequent services to connect you straight to the city at a great value rate.

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Cycling

FREE Cycle Hub Membership for anyone using the Town Hall Bike Park open 8.30am - 6pm.

FREE Bike-fix & Cycle Security Marking at Town Hall Bike Park.

Car Park

There are a number of car parks in the city centre which are a short walk from the festival.

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