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Tackling climate change now

As a city our track record on cutting carbon emissions is better than most. Yes, we have lots more to do, but there are many projects underway that are making a difference. In the coming months we will be setting out an updated strategy on addressing climate change, and we'll be seeking the views of all age groups in the city to help us shape a plan that we hope will lead to us to becoming net carbon zero in future years.

Elsewhere in this issue of Citivision we'll be telling you about the new GoCV discount card. This will mean reduced price attractions and activities that people can enjoy in the city. It will only be available for local people, and with The Wave set to open up its health and fitness suite soon, there will be plenty of venues that you can make the most of.

You'll also have no doubt noticed that the walkway between Hertford Street and Broadgate is now open for the first time in 50 years. This is one of a number of further improvements planned for city centre visitors, which also include removing the escalator in the Upper Precinct.

We've also made some changes to the Godiva Festival. Most importantly a £2 fee is being introduced to cover the cost of ticketing. Visitors will be able to get them in advance and it will enable the police and organisers to safely manage the numbers of people attending the event. I'm sure that, once again, it will be a great festival for all the family to enjoy

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Angel sculpture legacy for community

The huge Knife Angel sculpture, made of 100,000 confiscated knives, and now in place in Birmingham will have an impact on Coventry people for the months ahead according to **West Midlands Police** and other agencies.

The 27-foot high Knife Angel, was created by artist Alfie Bradley as employed and commissioned by the British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry, Shropshire.

While the sculpture was on display in Coventry, organisations took the opportunity to hold wider engagement to tackle violent crime, and build on educational schemes already in place. Around 40,000 people visited the Knife Angel.

Rashid Bhavat, of the Positive Youth Foundation said: "We supported an event

at the Cathedral involving dozens of community members to help equip them to better understand working with young people in their communities.



Pictured: Southfields Primary School pupils were among hundreds of visitors to the Knife Angel sculpture.

"The Knife Angel has been a great way of focussing our attention on safeguarding younger people."

A community event and a violence summit have been held in recent weeks.

The Knife Angel was supported by the Coventry City of Culture Trust, Coventry Cathedral, Coventry City Council, Coventry Police and the European City of Sport 2019 initiative.

Chef champ backs wellness event

lane Devonshire, who was MasterChef champion in 2016, who has twice overcome cancer, is among the inspirational speakers at a major health and wellbeing event being held for the first time in Coventry.

She will be taking to the stage at the Being Well Festival on 24 October at the Ricoh Arena. It is free and aims to educate people about general wellness. Visitors will need to book tickets

by going to www.beingwellfestival.co.uk

> the Chamber's International Trade Team to encourage more companies to export.

For details on international trade contact the Chamber on 024 7665 4321.

Citizens Advice 'Help to Claim'

From I April Coventry Citizens Advice has been offering vital support to those who need help making a claim for Universal Credit. The service, called 'Help to Claim', is funded by the Department for Works and Pensions but is delivered independently by Coventry CA. Trained Citizens Advice staff can help people to:

• Set-up their Universal

- Credit account • Complete their claim 'to-dos'
- Verify their identity
- Make sure they are providing the right evidence to the
- Jobcentre, and Understand what Universal

Credit will mean for them

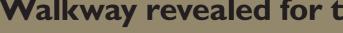
You can access this service primarily over the phone through Freephone 0800 1448 444 - or through webchat via www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ benefits/universal-credit/ claiming/helptoclaim/

If you feel that an initial contact needs to be made faceto-face you can drop in to the centrally located CA office on Little Park Street and ask about the service at reception. Advisers have already

supported numerous claimants through the application process but are eager for more.

If you want to know more about this project and how to access it, visit Coventry CA's website on

www coventrycitizens advice.org.uk/get-advice/





Much-loved sculptures can be seen in their full glory for the first time in over 50 years.

The People of Coventry statues which feature four groups of figures depicting Coventry past, present and

future have been obstructed from public view by the Nationwide building on Hertford Street.

The demolition of the 1970s' Nationwide building has created a new walkway between Broadgate and Hertford Street.

History on our doorstep

of previous events.

since the very early days, said: "It's been a passion of mine to Being able to reveal the secrets of so many venues and buildings

For details visit



Coventry is one of the top exporting cities in the UK,

Exports call to city firms

according to new figures. Research by the Centre for Cities saw Coventry ranked seventh in the UK for the total exports per job in 2017 – two

places higher than London – with a total export value of £4.7bn. Arquebus, based at Coventry

University Technology Park, and Body Care Brand Development, based in Foleshill, are helping

Once upon a coffee shop

Fancy a latte with your John Grisham, a cappuccino with your Maeve Binchy or a flat white delivered to your table while using a computer? Coventry's first library coffee shop is now open.

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gov.uk/libraries

Service at

Central Library in Smithford Way is now home to STAX COFFEE serving a full range of drinks and snacks.

It has been designed and themed exclusively for a library space with discounts on coffee and tea for all library card holders and new library members.

Read more about STAX at



Pictured: L-R Pete Barnett, Library Service, coffee shop me ager Edith Okechukwy. Cllr Kevin Mata responsible for Education and Skills Services and Darren Ratcliffe, MD STAX COFFEE. Inset: Barista Mohammed Ahmed and a member of the libraries team.



Walkway revealed for the first time in 50 years

Pictured: Cllr O'Boyle and Sarah Windrum

The work is part of a $\pounds 2.3$ million project, which includes funding of £642,000 from the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP), and has also involved removing existing concrete paving slabs and installing new

LED lighting.

The second phase of the work will now get underway with new paving being put in on Hertford Street.

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration at Coventry City Council, said:

> "It's a long-forgotten view of Coventry City Centre, and many local people and visitors will love it.

"We have lots of plans to revamp and improve parts of the city centre, and it will be a boost to businesses."

Sarah Windrum, a board director at the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, said: "Opening up this area in Broadgate and Hertford Street will make it more accessible to more people which will be good news for traders and shoppers alike."

Station scheme on track



Pictured: Cllr O'Boyle and Sarah Windrum CWLEP visiting the stati

Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd has been awarded contracts to deliver phase one of the Coventry Station redevelopment, including footbridge and canopies, as well as phase two - a multi-storey car-park, bus interchange, a second station building facing on to Warwick Road, a new taxi rank and boulevard ready for the end of 2020.

Coventry City Council is working in partnership with Network Rail, Virgin Trains and other rail operators, Transport for West Midlands, Friargate Coventry LLP and other stakeholders to create a newlook gateway to the city. The station masterplan will cost £82 million.

The work involves constructing a new footbridge and canopies along with the structural completion of the access tunnel under Warwick

Road, new station entrance and building a 633-space multi-storey car-park which will provide an additional 300 spaces at the site.

This part of the project has received £27.5m funding through the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP).

The new footbridge will improve passenger movement on the platforms and will connect the new station entrance and multi-storey car park.

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for lobs and Regeneration at Coventry City Council and CWLEP board director, said:

> "It's the fastest growing station outside London and this investment will ensure it provides an impressive welcome to the city. It will also help us attract business and leisure visitors to the city."

Support for Public Space Protection Order

A consultation that was held earlier in the year on proposals to create a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to tackle crime in Coventry city centre and nearby areas has public support. West Midlands Police and Coventry City Council believe that the order will help police in tackling anti-social behaviour, drug use, drug dealing and exploitation of young people, both criminally and sexually. It will also aim to address an increase in public place violence including gun and knife crime. The order is also

to help safeguard young people in the city.

Cllr Abdul Salam Khan, Chair of the Police and Crime Board, added: "The order will help police to act more guickly."

It is hoped that the PSPO could be in place later in the summer.

Superintendent for Neighbourhood Policing, Phil Healey, said: "The order will help us to police the city centre and nearby areas.

"There are people who are intent on causing trouble. It's important that we address this."

Burges revamp to open up river

A project to breathe new life into The Burges has been given a major grant of £2m by the Government.

The redevelopment work is part of a High Streets Heritage Action Zone programme.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) announced support for the regeneration of what is one of the city's oldest shopping streets.

Plans for The Burges include the restoration of existing building frontages and reinstatement of historic shopfronts, as well as opening up the river in Palmer Lane to the rear as a new public square and turning the river into an asset for locals and visitors.

Historic Coventry Trust, with Coventry City Council and Coventry BID (Business Improvement District), will

follow the blueprint that has been so successful in transforming Far Gosford Street.

The funding will allow the Trust to start restoration work this year. Ian Harrabin, Chairman of Historic Coventry Trust, said:

"This is great news. We have been working hard with Coventry City Council over many years. It's a follow-on project to Far Gosford Street." Cllr lim O'Boyle, Cabinet

Member for lobs and Regeneration at the Council, said:

"The regeneration of The Burges and Palmer Lane has been in our sights for a long time. It follows my goal of saving the best of the old while building the best of the new."



British Science Festival fun

The British Science Festival s coming to Coventry and Warwickshire this September. It's bringing with it over 100 FREE events, performances and exhibitions with a scientific twist!

Between Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 September, the public will be able to attend events across the city and on the University of Warwick campus, all for free.

Our star speakers include Professor Alice Roberts, author Angela Saini and there will be a special recording of

The Sky at Night: Question Time with Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Chris Lintott.

The Festival will celebrate the world-leading research taking place around the globe, at the University of Warwick and more broadly across Coventry, Warwickshire and the West Midlands. It will shine a spotlight on areas such as energy, transport, healthcare and digital innovation.

Bookings are open from 26 June at www. britishsciencefestival.org

Thrill seekers line up to test The Wave



The Wave is taking shape, with the Health and Fitness Suite opening on 24 June. Within the suite, run by Lifestyles at CV Life, there will be a 120-station gym, a 25m

pool with mood lighting, as well as sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, dance studio and squash courts. Meanwhile, the main

waterpark is set to open later this year with over 18,000 people already expressing an interest to be a slide tester. To be the first to hear about opening dates and booking process, get online and follow @TheWaveCov on social media channels.

Councillor Kamran Caan, Cabinet Member for Sport, said;

> "The Wave is looking really fantastic and I can't wait for it to open. There really is something for everyone - from the bravest thrill seeker to someone who wants to bob about in the lazy river. "I encourage everyone who lives in Coventry to

sign up for a GoCV card so they can take advantage of reduced price entry to The Wave."

Sports Fest 2019

Sports Fest will be taking place in Broadgate over the course of ten days from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 22 August. Sports Fest is a free event and will be a fantastic celebration of the city's title of European City of Sport which is now partnered with Vodafone Gigafast Broadband. Throughout Sports Fest there will be a wide range of activities to get involved with that are designed to encourage more people to be active.



The six main slides: The Riptide, The Crestar, The Cascade, The Rapids, The Torrent and The Cyclone are all in place, with the wave pool, lazy river and young children's splash zone close to completion.

More information on how to apply for a GoCV card can be found at www.coventry.gov.uk/gocv

A new loyality card that gives people who live in Coventry discount on a range of local activities and attractions is now available.

The scheme is offering residents the chance to sign up by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/gocv where they can register and activate the card and find out more about the benefits and discounts of the scheme.

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Pictured centre: Cllr Kamran Caan inside one of the slides. Top: view of the slides from below.



Putt your best foot forward

COVENTRY

EUROPEAN CITY OF SPOR 2019

A new Footgolf course has opened at the War Memorial Park, where



participants can play a combination of football and golf - just with larger holes. The course is situated on

the old pitch and putt site and will provide great fun for all the family as well as an ideal venue to celebrate family events, birthdays, work outings and children's birthday parties!

This year, Coventry is celebrating its status as European City of Sport and Year of Wellbeing.

All equipment is provided, and all skill levels are welcome. There is no need to book, participants can just turn up and play.

It's £6.50 for an adult and £3.25 for concessions and juniors (under 16) to do the 18 hole course. Nine holes is £4.50 for adults and £2 for concessions and juniors (under 16)

There is a $\pounds 2$ refundable deposit for the ball. Maximum number of six people per booking.

For details visit www.coventry.gov.uk/ footgolf

Enjoy more of the city for less with § CV



Taking steps to tackle climate change

As one of the first cities to produce a climate change strategy, Coventry is well aware of the threat of climate change.

The Council has been working with agencies across the city for many years and, in fact, introduced the UK's first smokeless zone in 1948.

According to one senior councillor the Council is leading the way on sustainability and it wants to continue to become a green, low carbon city. Cllr Patricia Hetherton, the

Council's Cabinet Member, City Services, said that the city had already made significant in-roads.

She said: "In 2012 we set out to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 27.5 per cent by 2020, compared to 2005 levels, and in fact met this target six years

"We know how important it is for future generations and we want to continue to expand our

vork. "We're one of first cities to recover power and heat from waste, and in recent years we replaced all of our street lamp columns with energy efficient street lighting."



Projects already underway

Electric vehicles and charging infrastructure development to deliver 39 rapid chargers in the city.

Go Electric taxi scheme.

10 fully electric buses to operate

on air quality hotspots routes. Autonomous vehicles testing.

Recyclable road resurfacing trialling in tarmac.

£2.5m funding to allow development of Very Light Rail.

Energy efficient street lighting 28,700 new lighting columns saving 5,000 tonnes of carbon.

Cllr Hetherton added:

"We have a strategy that runs until 2020 so we are now in the process of setting out a strategy for the years ahead.

"For the new strategy we will look to set a date for Coventry to be net carbon zero and we will be grouping the strategy into three key areas of Transport, Buildings and Industry."

UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) battery manufacturing development.

Green Business Programme for small to medium sized business (SMEs) businesses by providing grants to make energy and efficiency improvements.

Heatline - 6.6km of buried pipes which bring waste heat from the Waste to Energy plant to the city centre. A great low carbon energy supply.

Tackling fuel poverty – Providing grants and securing energy efficiency measures in the home.

City defends air quality plan

The Council has recently drawn up a comprehensive plan to tackle air quality.

Health experts highlight the harmful impact of air pollution, especially on those who live in deprived areas, those who live, learn or work near busy roads, and those who are more vulnerable because of their age or existing medical conditions.

The local authority has been working with the government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) to agree an Action Plan to reduce NO2 levels within the city. The local authority has been Work is also underway to install a network of 39 rapid electric vehicle charging poin across the city, whilst a furth

The government is calling on Coventry and other cities to consider the potential for introducing a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) although local councillors believe that any zone would have a massive negative impact on the local economy. Now further work is underway to refine the Action Plan. The results of the work will be delivered to Government in June.

The Council has so far identified a series of initiatives, including the uptake of electric taxis, new low emission buses, installation of electric charging points, and highways improvements. Funding has been secured to deliver a number of these.

Work is also underway to install a network of 39 rapid electric vehicle charging points across the city, whilst a further 80 charging points are being installed on residential streets to help people who wish to buy an electric car, but who don't have a driveway on which they can charge their vehicle, to go ahead with their purchase. The Council has also secured grant funding of £2.5 million to support National Express in the procurement and operation of 10 electric buses.

Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, said:

"Conversations are now taking place with government officials on the way forward. Our local plan is all evidence based, we can demonstrate that we can reduce Nitrogen Dioxide levels in the areas of the most concern and I can't see how a charging zone would reduce emissions any quicker."

For details visit www. coventry.gov.uk/airquality

Kids point the way to healthier travel

Hundreds of Coventry pupils have been helping to encourage friends and family to choose healthier ways to travel.

Schools in the city took part in the Big Pedal to record a 10-day challenge to measure the different ways that people travel to and from school, and to encourage parents and carers to ditch the car for a day or more and try an alternative way of getting about. It's hoped that the two-week

event will impact on school journeys over the longer term. More than 20,000 pupils from seven schools made journeys either by bike, scooter or walking

during the event.

Museum charge

Coventry Transport Museum which attracts over 360,000 visitors a year is to introduce admission charges to improve its offer and secure its future – but city residents will still be able to visit for free.

The museum is one of four venues operated by Culture Coventry across the city, so income generated from these charges will also be invested into the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Lunt Roman Fort and The Old Grammar School.

The admission charges will take effect from Sunday 30 June. For details please visit www.transport-museum.com

Caring companion

A new online support platform, developed through research at Warwick Medical School at the University, has been launched to help people with caring responsibilities in Coventry and Warwickshire. Care Companion is a helping hand for all carers, to cope with the day to day challenges that being a carer can involve. To register for the Care Companion visit: www.carecompanion.org.uk

5 to 7 July

For the first time this year's Godiva Festival will be a ticketed event to manage visitor numbers safely.

A £2 administration fee is being charged for each ticket, with under-fives free, to cover the cost of the move to ticketing, and ensuring a safe event.

The decision will also help ensure the annual event is delivered within budget.

The move is the first of some key changes in the much-loved festival's 20-year history, which will also see a £10 on-site car parking charge introduced for the first time.

Over the last two decades, visitor numbers have grown

dramatically, with around 115,000 people now visiting over the three days. Last year's event was estimated to generate \pounds 2.3m in economic activity by bringing tens of thousands of extra visitors to the city.

But its increasing popularity brings the need to improve visitor safety. While it is difficult to know how many people will attend each year, daily capacity for the 2018 event had to be increased from 30,000 to 50,000 and the entire site needed to be fenced to manage the volume of visitors and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

A record crowd of almost



Godiva line-up

The Levellers will be headlining the Godiva Festival on Friday evening on the main stage. The Brighton-born band

formed 30 years ago. The group has produced 11 studio albums from their 1995 number one album 'Zeitgeist', along with 14 top 40 singles and spending 38 weeks in the Top 100 for their critically acclaimed classic album "Levelling The Land". Festival organisers recently confirmed that Busted will headline its Sunday Main Stage, meanwhile, Feeder have been secured to headline Saturday night.

In 2018, the Godiva Festival attracted 115,000 festival-goers through its gates to see acts such as Jake Bugg, Editors, Professor Green, Jonas Blue, Asian Dub Foundation and Cradle of Filth. For more details visit www.godivafestival.com



Godiva Festival ticketing plan

45,000 people was on the main field on Saturday evening of last year's festival.

Cllr Abdul Salam Khan, Deputy Leader of the Council, said:

"The feedback we received last year was

received last year was overwhelmingly positive to the increased security on site. We know how popular the Godiva Festival is and we need to ensure that it is a safe experience for visitors.

Introducing a small charge will help us to improve safety and security for everyone, without compromising the affordability for all." Tickets are available at www.godivafestival.com/ buytickets, and people are encouraged to head online to buy tickets in advance to ensure they don't miss out on the festival and order their Godiva Festival wristbands and programmes.

Godiva focus |

The Godiva Festival will take place in the **War Memorial Park.** The festival is organised by Coventry City Council and supported by Free Radio, Coventry City of Culture 2021 and Coventry College.

For the latest news on Godiva Festival, follow @godivafestival on social media or sign up for the Godiva Festival e-newsletter on www.godivafestival.com

Family festival fun

If you aren't into your music there is still plenty to enjoy for all the family at this year's Godiva Festival.

A range of activities will include a petting farm, children's inflatables and fairground rides, spread across the whole site.

The Lives and Times and Greenspace area will be back too. Street theatre will be performing, while a falconry display will return.

Families can also use the

cycle speedway, racing around a short course on bikes, plus a have-a-go sports area to mark Coventry's year as European City of Sport 2019.

A wide range of promotional and charity stalls will be across the site, including a variety of food stalls to suit every taste, as well as fun stalls for glitter tattoos, face painting and more.



news

Solutions

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and secure

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The Council looks after hundreds of local services that help the city to keep moving, keep the city's streets clean and improve the quality of life for everyone.

Alongside this the local authority also provides commercial projects that can help businesses, universities and schools manage the work they do on a day-to-day basis. This includes its commercial waste service, which in recent years has grown and is proving a popular choice for a range of organisations in the way they manage waste.

Here's a quick guide to what customers can expect from the Council's commercial waste service.



A solution to waste

A key strand of the Council's Waste Solutions services is that it is reliable and can help convert waste direct to energy, according to business manager Charlotte Todd.

Charlotte said that it offers a one stop solution for waste management needs. She also says that it is a quality approved business supporting the collection, management and disposal of all waste. She added:

"I've been part of the team here for 15 months and genuinely believe that our local and experienced workforce has a real knowledge of the area – which can make a big difference. "We offer safe and secure waste collections at competitive rates. We help businesses of all sizes with their waste disposal and recycling needs as well as providing a skip service to local residents. "As a Council, people can trust us to offer a safe and reliable service. Our expert waste team is happy to talk 'rubbish' with you and provide a bespoke quote and service."



Waste Solutions offer a variety of services at competitive prices including hazardous and clinical waste collections, wheeled bin collections, waste compaction, skip hire, bulky waste collections, confidential waste collections and a variety of recycling programmes.

Wheelie bins are ideal for customers that produce small volumes of waste on a regular basis or for areas that have problems with vehicle access. On larger industrial premises, Waste Solutions can offer either multiple containers or daily collections, if needed. For very large amounts of waste, it can provide rollon roll-off containers, large skips or compactors.



Flexibility is key

Waste Solutions provide flexible services operating from:

t	MONDAY to FRIDAY	SATURDAYS
	7am to IIpm	7am to Ipm

They offer recycling schemes that can help businesses reduce waste disposal costs and become virtually zero-to-landfill. The recycling material collected is sent to specialist treatment facilities and where waste cannot be recycled, it is sent to the waste to energy plant where it will be incinerated and converted to energy.

Suitable for everyone!

If you have waste – they want it. If you are a retail outlet, pub, restaurant, office, wholesale or warehouse facility, industrial unit, school/college or medical facility then please get in touch!

For a free no obligation quotation or discussion please do no nesitate to contact the expert waste team on

024 7683 2255 or visit coventry.gov.uk/wastesolutions Coventry is gearing up to be the next UK City of Culture in 2021, but there's no need to wait until then to get involved.

Read on and find out about all the exciting news and events that the Coventry City of Culture Trust is up to as we get ready for our year in the spotlight.

Meet the Funder

Over 200 local creatives and community organisations attended our first Meet the Funder event at Central Hall. Attendees had the opportunity to meet with a range of funders and advisers, and find out about the funding programmes which are available to support their work.

Conversations were in full flow as 20 funding bodies such as Arts Council England, National Lottery Community Fund and the Heart of England Community Foundation gave presentations and held one-to-one conversations with visitors, providing the opportunity to test ideas or offer guidance for applications in development.

The event also highlighted alternative sources of funding such as crowdfunding and opportunities for support that may not have been considered such as Kind In Direct (who provide non-perishable products that are no longer needed) and business and social enterprise support from the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

The event highlighted the demand for access to funding and the City of Culture Trust will deliver further events in the run up to 2021, with the next event scheduled to take place in Nuneaton on 17 July.

To see details of funders from our last Meet the Funder event, and to sign up to the next one please visit **www.coventry2021.co.uk/funding**



Will you fly the flag for human rights?

Between 24 - 30 June we will be celebrating 70 years of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, marking their importance in our everyday lives.

Visit **www.coventry2021.co.uk/fly-the-flag** to find out more and to get involved.

UK City of Culture 2021

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fugee Week 2018 edit: Karima Haddi

Coventry Welcomes

Coventry Welcomes Festival is a week-long festival celebrated within the framework of the national Refugee Week, running this year at venues across the city centre.

Over the years, Refugee Week has brought together people of all backgrounds to celebrate the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and the welcome offered to them by British communities.

This year launches the 'Coventry Welcomes Festival' as a brand to promote a more inclusive image of the city. The festival will follow the national theme 'You, Me and Those Who Came Before' as an invitation to explore the lives of refugees – and those who have welcomed them – throughout generations.

Everyone is encouraged to attend events across the 9-day festival, from 15 to 23 June with activity building right up to the highlight of the festival, the 'Party in the City' family fun day out at Broadgate in the city centre from 12pm to 6pm on Saturday 22 June.

The new-look Coventry Welcomes Festival has been curated through a partnership between Coventry City of Culture Trust, Coventry City Council, MiFriendly Cities, Positive Youth Foundation, Building Bridges, Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre and Maokwo.

For more information and to see the full festival programme visit **www.coventrywelcomes.co.uk**, programmes will also be distributed around the city.



Creating Coventry UK City of Culture 2021

With the UK City of Culture title on the horizon we met with Chenine Bhathena, the Creative Director at the Coventry City of Culture Trust, to discuss what can be expected in the build-up to, and during our year in the spotlight.

What are the plans for 2021 and do you have a team in place to deliver them?

We have recruited a dynamic, collaborative and caring creative team who will work with citizens and diverse community organisations across Coventry to try and realise everyone's dreams and ambitions. We are building a programme that keeps our people at the heart of everything we do.

We want to work with all citizens in the city from all cultural communities, to build a creative programme together that is joyful, entertaining and a great celebration of our people and places. We want to empower the next generation of citizens to lead a culture of co-creation. We will invest in the spirit and energy of our people, our pioneering spirit and our community activism. The 2021 programme will have a strong social conscience and be mindful of the challenges that people in our city and other cities are facing. This is a really great chance to strengthen our communities, creating greater pride and hope for the future. 2021 is a time to celebrate our humanity and to strengthen our internationalism.

As our team starts to get out and about in the city, we want to support the fantastic partnerships that already exist, as well as building some new ones. As we look towards the future, this will help us continue to deliver incredibly bold and ambitious projects long after 2021.

We are already working with local artists but also want to hear from others who are keen to get involved. We have developed the Road to 2021 fund to support local projects in the build-up to our spotlight year, working with the Heart of England Community Foundation.

This summer we are supporting some great activities in the city centre and neighbourhoods across the city, so watch this space for upcoming programmes of work as we celebrate the spirit of the 2-Tone movement, the role of great women such as George Eliot, our human rights as a people, and the great music of our city.

Will you be working in my community and how can I get involved?

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Coventry communities are central to our vision and we have a team of four producers who will be based in neighbourhoods across the 18 wards of the city. They will be out and about working with schools, libraries, family hubs, local businesses, sports centres, youth clubs, faith centres and community centres. We have already met the Scouts, the U3A, Older Voices and are working with the Cultural Education Partnership. The producers will use their expertise to support existing activities as well as develop new projects within communities.

Creating projects and events in the local spaces and places that are important to citizens is key. We will look at innovative new ways to spark new life into pockets of the city, with exciting live experiences with amazing poets, writers, musicians, film and theatre, dancers, circus performers and artists.

Get Involved

Email us Info@coventry2021.co.uk | Tel 024 7699 8221

Find your local producer at www.coventry2021.co.uk/producers

Sign up to our newsletter at www.coventry2021.co.uk

Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @Coventry2021

How are you going to ensure that the City of Culture in Coventry is as green as possible?

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We want to be the greenest City of Culture to date and, recognising this as a national and international issue, want to share our green journey with the next City of Culture. Our Environment and Green Futures Programme Manager will be developing projects across the city, looking into how green and brown spaces, rivers and canals will be key in the programmes we develop. Across all of our work we will seek to work in a sustainable way, employing local people, investing in the local supply chain and monitoring our carbon footprint. We will find new ways to offset our footprint locally, reflecting our commitment to the green future of the city.

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How will you be working with young people, especially those who don't normally engage?

The Trust have recruited a producer who will be hosted by Positive Youth Foundation to really understand the challenges faced by young people in the city, especially those most at risk of exploitation. She will work closely with the youth partnership in the city to develop a programme that is with and by young people. We want young people to feel real change happening through City of Culture, engaging and investing in their city.

Mental health and loneliness are UK-wide issues. Can City of Culture do anything to tackle them in Coventry?

We are very aware that many people in the city have expressed personal struggles with a variety of mental health related issues. One of our producers will be embedded with Grapevine to collaborate with charities and projects working with communities tackling mental health, loneliness and isolation. We will collaborate with the NHS, community organisations such as The Pod, charities such as MIND and local government to think about how these communities can engage with City of Culture and how we can support some positive change.

How will you work with the most vulnerable people in our city and what impact will it have?

Informed by the Council's Marmot City action plan, one of our producers will be embedded with Central England Law Centre to create new projects that respond to communities facing poverty in the city. We will work with housing and homeless service providers such as Whitefriars and Orbit, community projects like Cyrenians and The Real Junk Food Project and charities like Feeding Coventry, Crisis and the Samaritans, to really connect with the most vulnerable people.

We will also embed a producer with the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre to ensure that newer communities arriving in the city have a chance to take part. We are currently supporting Coventry Welcomes and MiFriendly Cities and so have already started to develop relationships with a variety of our different international communities across the city.

Will we see physical changes to the city because of City of Culture and in what way?

green technology.

In the coming years the city will undergo extensive regeneration with improvements to the public realm in the city centre. Our new Place Curator is going to work closely with the city to introduce public art interventions, promote a culture of street art and to make sure that we work with artists and communities to build a playful and accessible City of Culture environment.

Theatres, museums, the Cathedral and heritage sector have received additional funding from government, the City Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership to help make improvements so that they can welcome even more visitors in 2021.

We also hope to transform hidden spaces, empty spaces and empty shops with creative projects.

UK City of Culture 2021





Changing Trax Electric Proms Credit: Peter Marsh Photography

Coventry is going to be a 5G city – will this help to shape the programme?

The future of the city is of great importance to us. The digital and technology revolution is an incredible bright beacon ahead of us, transforming and powering our future. Our new Digital Curator will commission innovative digital projects, working with local gaming companies, artists, colleges, universities and businesses. He will bring in some of the best minds in the business to position Coventry at the forefront of creativity in socially engaged innovation and

Coventry invented twin cities, will City of Culture help to link us to more places around the world?

Coventry is the UK's City of Culture at home and away. We will be developing international partnerships and exchanges with cities across the world. Conversations have already begun with some of our twin cities and discussions are underway with the British Council to understand our place as a youthful city, a green city and a music city. We are very mindful of our role as a city of peace and reconciliation and a city of sanctuary and we seek to build connections with communities in other cities across the UK and globally.

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How are you planning on making this the biggest and best UK City of Culture to date?

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tell the world about our people and our city, what makes us great, who we are, the real spirit of our people and our beating heart.

We will build a fantastic year with, and for, communities in the city. There will be lots of ways to take part, lots of fun activities, many free events, as well as some ticketed events, and some big broadcast moments, including of course the opening and closing events.

We will be the greenest, most youthful and digitally connected City of Culture to date. Get ready to take part, volunteer, share ideas, create art and be active. There are going to be so many opportunities for all the different communities across the city.

We hope you are as excited as we are to get going!

TALE OF TWO STREETS)

Tale of Two Streets presents the people and places of Coventry, asking you to be curious about who we are as a city and to join a conversation about who we should become.

During 2018, renowned photographer Niall McDiarmid photographed the people of Far Gosford Street, an area of diverse tastes and cultures. At the same time, a team of 10 graduate photographers from Coventry University immersed themselves around the Foleshill Road, exploring the private and public lives in the private and public spaces of the area.

The Coventry City of Culture Trust commissioned Coventry-based Photo Archive Miners who co-ordinated and delivered this project from 1 May to 2 June. The resulting photographs and exhibitions were well received by those who visited sites across the city, including locations from Greyfriars Green to FarGo Village and from the Bodyworx Gym to Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash.



Tale of Two Streets Exhibitio Niall McDiarmid shoot at FarGo Village Credit: Photo Archive Miners

Build Bridges with Imagineer

Coventry-based Imagineer specialises in making theatre and outdoor performances, education programmes, special commissions and touring work and is inviting community groups, schools, businesses and individuals to build their own self-supporting bridge!



Imagineer is collaborating with Arup to produce a bridge building kit, inspired by Leonardo da Vinci, the original artistengineer, and his self-supporting bridge design.

The bridge can be built by anyone of any age and experience in less than two hours and is an invitation to individuals, groups and communities to work with people they wouldn't normally meet to build the bridge.

The call-out forms part of Imagineer's Bridge project, which culminates this September when an iconic and intriguing bridge structure will appear in the centre of Coventry. The bridge will be the focus for a week of events and happenings

before its mystery is finally solved in a thrilling live performance.

Claire Maddocks, Producer of Bridge, explains: "Anyone wanting to be involved with Bridge can do so by organising their own bridge building event. We will provide the kit and all we ask in return is that the bridges bring people together who wouldn't normally meet, the bridges be built in a prominent outdoor space and that the bridges are photographed for our online gallery."

To find out more visit www.imagineer-productions.co.uk and follow the hashtag **#ImagineBridge**

City Voices in your local area

In the early spring we collaborated with Coventry-based theatre company, Theatre Absolute, to begin a new project called City Voices.

The aim of the project lies in nurturing and developing the voices of Coventry's communities, helping them to become storytellers. Several introductory writing sessions have already been held across the city led by Coventry writers Chris O'Connell and Vanessa Oakes, which have been extremely popular.

Theatre Absolute's producer Julia Negus said: "The initial writing sessions have been really inspiring. A lot of the participants on the City Voices workshops have never written before so it's been great to get people scribbling away and to hear and read some wonderful stories."

The next phase of the project will see regular weekly sessions taking place in different regions of the city. Participants will have the chance to explore different ways of telling stories by delving into the different styles used for writing for the stage, radio, film or poetry.

Chris O'Connell, Theatre Absolute's own resident writer, continues: "One of the best parts about working in the heart of a community is the ways in which you are both surprised and inspired by the talent that lies unearthed or hidden in the city. We're looking forward to digging deeper to reveal some unique voices."



City Voices Workshop Credit: Chris O'Connel

For further information about the regular weekly writing workshops contact info@theatreabsolute.co.uk or call 07799 292 957.

Park life



Be a Friend to the park

The Friends of the War Memorial Park group, was set up in 2006, to help promote, develop and maintain the park They have helped in many najor projects, including securing Lottery funding, uncovering an old air raid shelter and developing a History Trail and Tree Trail. They also organise the Christmas Concert and produce their own Christmas cards and stationery, which can be bought in the /isitor Centre Become a member by emailing nfo@fwmpcoventry.org.uk

Don't just take our word for it

Comments on TripAdvisor praising the park include:

A gem of a park

Loved it here

A brilliant place for a meet up with friends

Great place for walking the dog. A real jewel

Coventry's War Memorial Park has been at the heart of city life for almost a century.

The park opened in July 1921 to As home to the Cenotaph, it is

honour and remember the fallen of the First World War and now around 400,000 people visit every year. still the focal point of the annual Remembrance Service and Parade, but the beautiful grounds are also home to sports lovers, festival-goers, joggers, dog walkers and so much more right throughout the year.

The park once belonged to the Lords of Styvechale Manor, and when the Council bought the land it was little more than a grassed area of common. Landscaped gardens and sports areas were added in the late 1920s and

Game, set and match

From football to park runs, the War Memorial Park is a great place for fitness fans.

As well as football pitches, bowling greens and tennis courts, a new Footgolf course opens this summer for all the family to enjoy.

There's also a splash and play and a skateboard area for youngsters and park runs that attract over 300 people every week.

There's even a fitness trail, and, of course, a perimeter path around the whole site for



War Memorial Park

'30s and there are also two cafes and an education facility to help youngsters learn to understand - and love - nature.

Whatever the season, a dedicated team of rangers and gardeners work to make sure it is always looking its best. Their efforts have seen the park win Green Flag status for the past two years – the highest award for parks in the UK - and it is also listed by English Heritage.

It was even given the royal seal of approval five years ago, when His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge paid a visit to launch Centenary Fields, a national initiative to protect war memorial fields, parks and green spaces.

The park may have changed a lot since it opened, but nearly 100 years after those first people walked through the gates, it's more popular than ever.



We will remember

The park was opened to remember the Fallen and there are around 800 memorial trees dedicated to those who lost their lives in conflict.

At the 87 foot high Cenotaph, you can read lines from Laurence Binyon's poem, 'The Fallen' and see poppies carrying the names of Coventry's Victoria Cross holders.

Plaques around the park now remember not just the fallen

dog walkers or people who just want to enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

of the First World War, but those who lost their lives in the Second World War and other conflicts. And in the Visitor Centre, the 'Missing Faces' exhibition tells the stories behind the names.

Did you know: a plaque and oak tree mark the site of the original Cenotaph near Spencer Road. The oak is said to have grown from an acorn gathered at Verdun, after the battle in 1916.

Festival fun

One of the main events in the park's calendar is the much-loved Godiva Festival.

For three days every summer, music lovers from around the city and the UK flock to the park in their thousands to see top acts such as The Enemy, The Christians, Kasabian and the Happy Mondays.

The Festival is back this year from 5-7 July and you can read more details on page 9.

And as well as Godiva, the park is home to the ever-popular Donkey Derby, the Vaisakhi Mela and Bands in the Parks concerts.

It's Coventry and Warwickshire Year of Wellbeing

The Year of Wellbeing is all about helping inspire and empower people to improve their physical and mental health and to celebrate the great things already going on in Coventry.

Coventry and Warwickshire primary schools have been increasing physical activity, and we have been encouraging people to start conversations.

Employers are being asked to take steps to improve wellbeing in the workplace, and we are all being encouraged to make a change for ourselves and the people around us.

Although our health and wellbeing are key parts of everything that we do, sometimes we don't do enough to take best care of ourselves.

Make your pledge

Why not pledge to improve your wellbeing? Tell us your pledge and join the online campaign using #onething, or go online at www.onething.warwickshire.gov.uk It might be something small, like drinking more water or taking more steps each day. Or spending an extra hour each week with an elderly neighbour or with your children. Or it might be a bigger commitment, such as changing your diet, or

cutting out alcohol or smoking altogether. It's up to you.

Cllr Kamran Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health. said: "Hundreds of people have already made a pledge to improve their wellbeing during the year, and we want lots more to take this opportunity. "It might be just a small step,

but making a pledge like this has been proven to help people to make a change."



Pictured: Cllr Kamran Khan, Liz Gaulton and Cllr Ali.



telling their own stories about their wellbeing journey.

Rishard was one of the first to tell how he has used physical activity at the gym to help him overcome the impact of

Margaret shared how being part of work at the Belgrade Theatre's Elders Company has helped her maintain improved health and wellbeing by improving her connection with others.



Danielle, meanwhile, has been explaining how mountain biking has helped her battle back against stress at work.

You can read their inspiring stories and many others online at www.yearofwellbeing.org.uk

Pictured Left to right are: bloggers Rishard, Danielle and Barbara at a post-performance discussion of Behind the Net Curtains at the Belgrade.



Planning for better health

A Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2023 will be set out soon to target a series of priorities to improve health in the city.

The strategy is owned by the multiagency Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board and together with work from other local health and care partners is being used to guide a range of local services.

Males living in some parts of the city can expect to live up to 10 years longer than men in other areas of Coventry; while the gap for females is eight years. People in some areas are also more likely to spend a greater proportion of their already shorter lives with ill health.

To tackle this and other health issues the strategy will also look for more opportunities to build upon examples of good work across local agencies. More details of the strategy are

available at www.coventry.gov.uk/hwbstrategy

What we have done so far

Thousands of people in Coventry and Warwickshire have joined in support of the Year of Wellbeing in their own ways.

DECEMBER

Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board members agreed a plan for the Year of Wellbeing to help them strengthen joint working by public, private and voluntary organisations across the city.

IANUARY

Spreading the word with Wasps: The Year of Wellbeing got underway at the first Wasps' game of the season, with Coventry **Ambassadors** helping out.

FEBRUARY

The Mind bus visited Broadgate for the first time on Time to Talk Day in February, to help spread the word about how we can all help support good mental health.

MARCH

Coventry's weeklong Festival of **Running brought** thousands of people, young and old alike. out into the outdoors.

APRIL

Brownies joined residents at **Coundon Manor** care home, to join in craft activities and share some quality time together.









Meet us at Godiva

The Year of Wellbeing Team will be at the Community Village at the Godiva Festival, this year. Find them in the Health and Wellbeing marguee on Saturday 6 July, say hello, and find out more about local services and make your Year of Wellbeing pledge!



Pictured: Local Brownies visiting Coundon Manor care home

MAY

A choir, a brass band, a tea dance at the Cathedral, drama and reminiscence sessions all featured in Dementia Action Week, with people all over the city getting involved.

LET'S RIDE Coventry

City centre roads will be closed on Sunday 8 September when it hosts a free cycling festival for all the family.

HSBC UK Let's Ride Coventry will give people the chance to explore the city from their saddle - especially with the opportunity of navigating the Ring Road without the worry of motorists.

There is a series of nationwide events being held in cities up and down the country. The events are part of an effort to encourage and inspire people to cycle more - or take up cycling if they have got out of the habit of getting out on two wheels. Over 135,000 people attended events last year.

Cllr Kamran Caan, who is Cabinet Member at the Council for Public Health and Sport, is recommending that families and individuals sign up to take part.



He said:

"This year we are European City of Sport so it's great that we can add this event to a long list of activities that we can all get involved in. It's great fun and is a great way for maintaining health. I'll be taking my family. It's an opportunity to see the city in a very different way."

HSBC UK Let's Ride includes fun activities and challenges for the whole family with music, local street food and live stunt shows. Participants don't have to do the full distance - just as much or as little as they want. Organisers also say that you don't need to be an experienced cyclist to take part.

For details of HSBC UK Let's Ride Coventry visit **www.letsride.co.uk**



On show at the **Albany Theatre**

The Albany Theatre will be hosting a range of performances over the coming months including a show that follows in the footsteps of the award-winning girl band, Little Mix. A tribute show, which includes dance competitions and free giveaways. Wednesday 21 August | 7pm Black Magic - The Little Mix Show

Other performances include Karl Loxley -You Raise Me Up – The Songs of Josh Groban and Andrea Bocelli on Saturday 24 August | 7.45pm.



While on Saturday 7 September | 7.30pm ABBA fans can see Waterloo -The best of ABBA recreating the sensational rise to stardom of the Swedish pop group ABBA.

Friday 13 September | 7.30pm Simon and Garfunkel -Through the Years which has toured the globe extensively, recreates the unmistakable sound of the legendary American folk-rock duo. The show is described as a "A masterpiece" by BBC Radio.

For more details on these performances and ticket prices and of other shows please visit www.albanytheatre.co.uk

New role for senior councillors

The Council's 10-strong Cabinet this year includes two new faces.

Former Chair of Scrutiny Cllr Tarig Khan is to become the new Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, replacing Councillor Ed Ruane, while Cllr Mal Mutton will be the new Cabinet Member for Adult Services, taking over from Cllr Faye Abbott.

Councillor George Duggins, Leader of Coventry City Council, said

> "We have achieved a lot over the last 12 months and I'd like to thank Councillors Ed Ruane and Faye Abbott for all of their hard work over the last three years. "Our new additions join our

other experienced Cabinet members, meaning we have a dedicated and talented team in place that is committed to providing quality governance and services to the people of Coventry."



Cabinet Members (pictured above left to right) and their roles:

'Wonderful honour' for new Lord Mayor



Councillor Linda Bigham

has become the new Lord

Blundell. Her Deputy Lord

Mayor has been named as

will serve until next May.

Cllr Bigham was born in

Birmingham, before moving to

Coventry when she married her

husband Kerry 51 years ago. The

She is a governor at Foxford

School and was first elected to

couple have three children and

three grandchildren.

the Council in 2004.

Cllr Ann Lucas. Cllr Bigham

Mayor of Coventry.

She succeeds Cllr John

Outside of the Council, she has worked on various bodies, including Coventry Law Centre, Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, and Coventry City of Culture Trust.

- Her chosen charities are:
- Mercia MS Therapy Centre. Age Concern Coventry and Warwickshire.
- The Coventry Children's Boot Fund.

She said:

"I am truly honoured to be Lord Mayor of my adopted home city and I do consider myself a true 'Coventrian'. "I'm looking forward to meeting more of

the people that make Coventry such a wonderful place. It's a very exciting and memorable time for the city.

"My congratulations to John for his great year in office, and my best wishes to Ann in her role as Deputy Lord Mayor."

Cllr Kamran Caan Public Health and Sport; Cllr Jim O'Boyle lobs and Regeneration; Cllr Pat Seaman Children and Young People; Cllr George Duggins Leader/ Policy and Leadership; Clir Mal Mutton Adult Services; Clir Abdul Salam Khan Deputy Leader/ Policing and Equalities; Cllr Patricia Hetherton City Services; Cllr John Mutton Strategic Finance and Resources; Cllr Tarig Khan Housing and Communities: Cllr Kevin Maton Education and Skills.

Shadow Cabinet in place

The Council's opposition **Conservative Party has** announced its Shadow Cabinet for the year.

Cllr Ridley said:

"We have a very experienced Shadow **Cabinet that represents** many years of combined service and I look forward to working with colleagues in the months ahead."

The positions are:

- Policy and Leadership **Cllr Gary Ridley**
- Policing and Equalities **Cllr Allan Andrews**
- Children and Young People **Cllr Julia Lepoidevin**

- Strategic Finance and Resources **Cllr Tim Sawdon**
- Education and Skills **Cllr Peter Male**
- Jobs and Regeneration **Cllr Gary Crookes**
- City Services **Cllr Tim Mayer**
- Adult Services **Cllr John Blundell**
- Public Health and Sport (shadowing Public Health, Sport and Homelessness)-**Cllr Marcus Lapsa**
- Housing and Communities (shadowing Community Development) **Cllr Roger Bailey**

Other Council committees

The Council also has a scrutiny function which reviews decisions made by the Council and other organisations, holding them to account for decisions taken

Cllr Richard Brown is Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee having held the role previously in 2017-18.

The local authority also has chairs of committees for audit and procurement, ethics, licensing and regulations and planning.

More details are on pages 22 and 23.

what's on

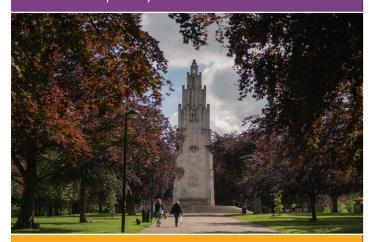
Parks are all set for summer

Some of the activities you can enjoy in and around Coventry

COOMBE ABBEY PARK activities:

Unless otherwise stated, the meeting point for all events is at the Information Desk/Shop in the Visitor Centre five minutes before session begins. Advance booking and payment essential for all events unless otherwise stated. All bookings are taken on line at www.coventry.gov.uk/coombeevents

Once a booking has been made we require 48hr notice to be able to give a refund. Please note that car parking charges apply. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.



WAR MEMORIAL PARK activities:

War Memorial Park - New for summer 2019. Booking essential. and payment essential for all events unless otherwise stated. All bookings are taken online at **www.coventry.gov.uk/wmpevents**

Tot Waddles

Come and meet the Education Team for some fun in the park. Listen to a story and have some outdoor fun before coming inside for some arts and crafts. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Suitable for

PARK RANGERS' activities:

Every third Wednesday in the calendar month (except Aug and Dec) 10.30am – 3pm. FREE at various locations

Good fresh air and healthy exercise! Join the Park Service Rangers on the third Wednesday of every calendar month and help look after and develop Coventry's green spaces. Bring your own lunch if staying all day. Come once, come every time or just come when it suits you. All volunteers must register in advance.

For further information, contact Simon tel: 07831 582854. Email: simon.holloway@coventry.gov.uk Suitable for adults and accompanied teenagers.

IULY

20 Willow Workshop -Flowers COOMBE ABBEY PARK

10am – 1pm £35 per person Booking essential, limited places

Willow flowers are a great introduction to willow weaving. You will be guided how to make your flower centre using the pairing method – the same as used for many hanging basket bases. Then your unique flower is completed by adding your rods for the petals and stem. Suitable for beginners. Some dexterity in hands needed. All materials provided. 15 years and over.

20-11 Aug | Fairy and Pixie

Trai COOMBE ABBEY PARK 10am - 12.30pm £2 per child Booking essential Prizes must be collected by

3.30pm. No booking required. The fairies and pixies are having fun in the park. Track them down. find the letters they are hiding to spell a magical word to help you crack the code for their secret safe. There is a small prize for everyone who takes part.

23 | Rocking Rocks

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am - 12.15pm £4.25 per child Booking essential

Be creative and join us to paint your own collection of rocks. What will you paint on yours; animals, flowers, pictures, monsters? Three years and over.

23 | 101 Things to do with a stick COOMBE ABBEY PARK

1.15pm - 2.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Get creative with sticks! Join us to have a go at making a variety of crafts from sticks and just a few other materials. This activity might take place outside so please dress appropriately. Five years plus.

23 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS LONGFORD PARK 1.30pm - 3pm. FREE no booking Meet near the play area. Join in the outdoor fun with the Rangers including games and craft activities. These events are open access, all under eights must be supervised and all over eights must have a completed parental permission slip (available from the Rangers on the day). Rangers are not responsible for young people leaving the event. Suitable for

families with children to 12 years.

24 | Fabric Fantastic COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am - 12.15pm £5 per child. Booking essential

Join us to make some fun fabric creations. Three years plus.

24 Mythical Creatures COOMBE ABBEY PARK

11.15am - 12.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Dragons, trolls, mermaids and more. Come and join us to make a variety of mythical creatures that you can take home. Suitable for children three years plus.

24 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS ALLESLEY PARK 1.30pm - 3pm. FREE no booking Meet near the play area. Suitable for families with children to 12 years. For more information please see 23 July.

25 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS CALUDON PARK 1.30pm - 3pm. FREE no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

26 Rumble in the Jungle

WAR MEMORIAL PARK 1.30pm - 2.30pm £4.25 per child Booking essential

Come along and create your very own Rumble in the Jungle. Create your very own family of jungle animals; Lions, elephants, giraffes, monkeys maybe. Three years plus.

30 Pond Dipping

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 10am - 11.30pm

Join the team to investigate what creatures are lurking beneath the surface. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Please meet at the Visitor Centre five minutes before

30 | Toad in the Pond

1.15pm - 2.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential

loin the team to make your very own collection of creatures that live in the pond. Three years plus.

30 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS REDHOUSE PARK 1.30pm - 3pm. FREE no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

31 | Glorious Glass COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am - 12.15pm

£5 per child. Booking essential loin us to create beautiful colourful designs on a collection of glass items to take home to

use. Five years plus. 31 | Teddy Craft Time

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 1.15pm - 2.15pm £5 per child. Booking essential Calling all Teddy fans! Come make

some fun teddy bear crafts. Three years plus. 31 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS COUNDON PARK 1.30pm - 3pm. FREE no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

AUGUST

I | Fresh Air and Fun RANGERS STOKE GREEN 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

I Alien Atmosphere

WAR MEMORIAL PARK Ipm - 2pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Blast off into space by creating your own wooden rocket and aliens to take home with you. Three years plus.

2 Colourful Candles

WAR MEMORIAL PARK 1.30pm - 2.30pm. £5 per child. Booking essential

Have fun creating your own candles from mouldable wax. Five years plus.

6 | Magical Unicorns

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am - 12.15pm or 1.15pm – 2.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Enter the world of the magical. mystical unicorns. Create some beautiful unicorn crafts to take home. Three years plus.

6 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS LONGFORD PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

7 String Art

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am - 12.15pm £5 per child. Booking essential Have some crafty fun with string and wool to create some unique and colourful works of art. Six years plus.

7 Insect Fun

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 1.15pm – 2.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Join us to make some fun creepy crawly crafts. Three years plus.

7 | Fresh Air and Fun RANGERS ALLESLEY PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking

Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

8 Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS CALUDON PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

8 Star Baker WAR MEMORIAL PARK Ipm – 2pm

£5 per child. Booking essential Calling all sweet tooths! Be your own star baker and decorate your own delicious sweet treats. Please let us know when booking if you have any dietary requirements.

9 Under the Sea

Three years plus.

WAR MEMORIAL PARK 1.30pm - 2.30pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential

Fish, sea horses, turtles or maybe even a baby shark! Come and join us to make your own sea creatures. Three years plus.

13 | Miniature Gardens

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am – 12.15pm or 1.15pm – 2.15pm £10 per child. Booking essential

Have a go at designing and making your very own miniature garden. The choice is yours. Three years plus.

14 | Light Beams

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am - 12.15pm £5 per child. Booking essential

Have a go at making kaleidoscopes and other crafts that dazzle. Five years plus.

I4 Nursery Rhyme Friends

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 1.15pm – 2.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Come along and make some characters that will bring your favourite nursery rhymes to life. Three years plus.

15 | Slime factory

WAR MEMORIAL PARK Ipm – 2pm £6 per child. Booking essential Have a gooey time by joining us to have a go at making slime. Five

16 Woodland Friends

years plus.

WAR MEMORIAL PARK 1.30pm - 2.30pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Come and join us to make some famous woodland friends. Three years plus.

20 | Blackbeard Crafters COOMBE ABBEY PARK 11.15am -12.15pm £4.25 per child. Booking essential Oooh arrgh me hearties! Come

£4.25 per child. Booking essential

the session starts. Three years plus.

COOMBE ABBEY PARK

along and make some fun pirate themed crafts. Three years plus.

20 | Fresh Air and Fun RANGERS EDGWICK PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

21 | Rainbow Creatures COOMBE ABBEY PARK

11.15am -12.15pm. £4.25 per child. Booking essential

Come and join us to create your very own collection of colourful animals. Three years plus.

21 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS NAULS MILL PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

22 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS PRIOR DERAM PARK I.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

22 Clay Time

WAR MEMORIAL PARK Ipm –2pm

£4.25 per child. Booking essential Be creative and messy with clay. What wonderful creations could you make? Animals, trees, pots, cars, monsters. The choice is yours! Three years plus.

23 Bee Bonanza

WAR MEMORIAL PARK 1.30pm -2.30pm £5 per child. Booking essential



2pm - 3.30pm > Sunday 11 August (unless otherwise stated)

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Create your own bee hotel and provide them with a supply of food by planting some beautiful flowers before making some fun bee crafts. Three years plus.

27 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS LONGFORD PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

28 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS ALLESLEY PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

29 | Fresh Air and Fun

RANGERS CALUDON PARK 1.30pm – 3pm. FREE, no booking Meet near the play area, see 23 July.

SEPTEMBER

28 Bat and Moth Night

COOMBE ABBEY PARK 7pm – 9pm. £4.25 per child. Booking essential

As part of the Butterfly Conservation Trust's National Bat and Moth Night, join our resident expert to take a walk around the park. 14 years plus.

Could you be a friend of Coombe Abbey Park?

We are looking for people to join us in promoting and maintaining the park. Get in contact with us on 024 7645 3720 or email: coombe@coventry.gov.uk

▶ Saturday 13 July DAYSPRING STEEL BAND: 1.30pm to 3pm

Sunday 14 July MERIDIAN DANCE ORCHESTRA

Sunday 21 July JAGUAR LANDROVER BAND

Sunday 4 August CUBBINGTON SILVER BAND

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Sunday 18 August **BANDICOOTS BLUES CONNECTION**

Sunday 8 September THE SWING MUSEUM

Sunday 15 September CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS

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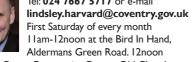


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Ipm Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Road. I-2pm Bell Green Working Men's Club, Roseberry Avenue.

Cllr Linda Bigham Lord Mayor

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at Scout Headquarters, Aldermans Green Rd and 7-8pm at St Thomas' Parish Church Hall, Longford Rd. Last Friday of month 6-7pm St Thomas' Parish Church Hall, Longford Rd.



Second Saturday of month 12-1pm at Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Rd and 1.15-2pm at Royal Hotel, Old Church Rd. Second Sunday of month 11.30am-1pm at Bell Green Club, Roseberry Ave.

LOWER STOKE



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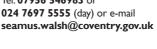
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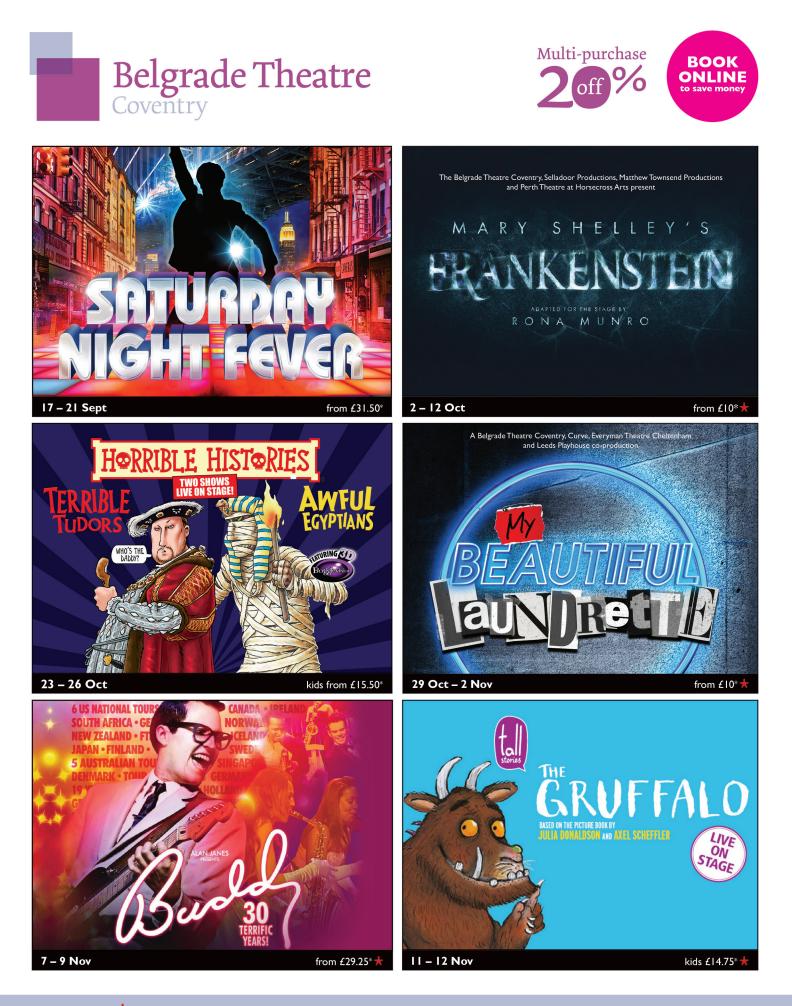
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