

# Arts by the Sea Festival

## Easy Read Guide

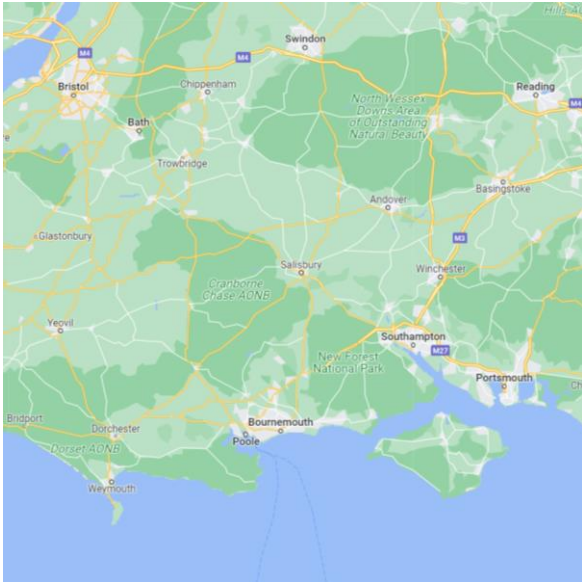




Welcome to Arts by the Sea Festival!

Arts by the Sea Festival is a free outdoor arts festival.

Our theme this year is 'We are here'.



The festival is in Bournemouth Town Centre. Our festival site runs from BCP Civic Centre, The Square, through Bournemouth Gardens, to the Pier.



Festival dates are Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Performances and activities start from late afternoon on Friday. Our last performance finishes on Sunday evening at 6pm.

# Accessibility (1/2)



Arts by the Sea welcomes all and aims to be accessible to everyone.



Most site locations and shows are wheelchair accessible. Some may take place on the grass areas in the gardens.

Some performances will have accessible viewing areas with chairs.



There are several [car parks](#) with blue badge parking spaces and [public transport links](#) on the festival site.

There are accessible toilets in the Lower Gardens, including a Changing Places toilet.

We welcome support and guide dogs to the festival site.

# Accessibility (2/2)

If you need to take a break from the noise and crowds, the Central Gardens (by the Cenotaph) or on the beach either side of Bournemouth Pier are less busy.














We have sound-cancelling ear defenders available to loan out from our Information Point in the Lower Gardens. Some areas of our festival site can get very crowded, particularly the route through the Lower Gardens.

We have more information on our different sites on pages 6 to 8 of this guide.

## PERFORMANCE KEY

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-  Dance
-  Light
-  Music
-  Workshop
-  Installation
-  Performance
-  Sensory spectacle
-  Join in
-  Family friendly
-  Walkabout
-  Speech free
-  After dark
-  Local artist

Our Performance Key in our brochure highlights:

- Types of art form
- Sensory spectacles
- Join in participatory activities
- Family-friendly
- Walkabout performances
- Speech-free performances
- After dark performances and installations
- Local artists



# Assistance & Help



For more information contact:

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Phone: 01202 128121



Arts by the Sea's friendly volunteers are on hand to help with information and directions.

They wear bright pink T-shirts.

## Photography and filming



We have photographers and film makers capturing footage to share online and use in the future.

If you don't want to be photographed, please let our photographers or volunteers know.

# Site Information



## The Square

The Square will host walkabout artists and some music. There will also be traders.

The Town Square can be very busy during peak times.



## Lower Gardens

The Lower Gardens will host several different performances and walkabout acts. There is a flat path leading through the gardens with some benches throughout.

Note that there is a short fence bordering most of the grassy areas with some access points.

The Lower Gardens has public toilets and our Changing Places Toilets. This is also where you will find our Information Point.



## Bandstand Field

The Bandstand Field is located within the Lower Gardens. This area has an access point and often people will bring their own camping chairs or picnic blankets to





use while enjoying the music from the Bandstand.



## **Westover Gardens / Picnic Park Deli**

There is a slope and incline to reach Westover Gardens from the Lower Gardens. You can also access this site from Westover Road.



Westover Gardens has Picnic Park Deli, a local café, where you can sit and enjoy a beverage or light lunch.



## **Street Food Corner**

Street Food Corner is the area beside the Pier Approach flyover. It is accessible.



## **Pier Approach and the Pier**

The Pier Approach is fully accessible from the Lower Gardens and from the beach. There is a slight slope if you arrive via Exeter Road. This area can get very crowded, especially on sunny days!



### **BCP Civic Centre (Town Hall)**

There is level access to this area along Bourne Avenue.

This will be the site for our spectacular performances by Cirque Bijou on Friday and Saturday evening, so it could be busy.



# Festival Highlights



## **Bourne to Love – Cirque Bijou**

An exciting show by aerial artists, dancers and singers.

Join in with the choir.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>  
September

Town Hall (BCP Civic Centre)

Act one 19.00 to 19.30

Act two 20.30 to 21.00



## **CODE - Justice in Motion**

See parkour, trail bike stunts, and rap in an exciting show. It explores how criminal gangs take advantage of young people.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

16.00 to 21.00 workshops

Saturday and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September

14:00 - 14:45 and 17:00 - 17:45

Pier Approach



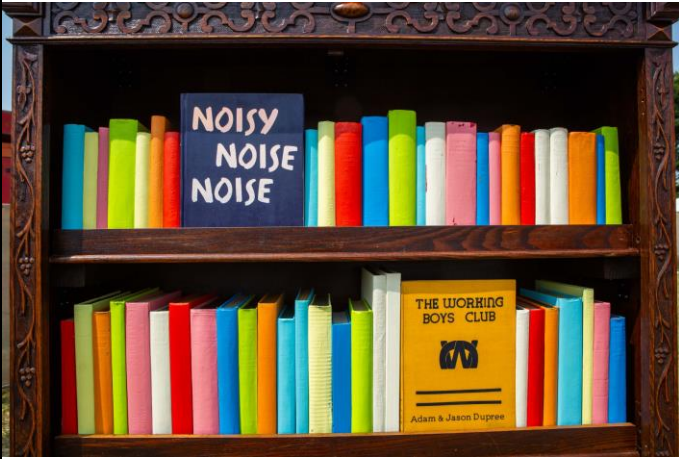
## **Here We Glow**

A light art trail to walk around.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

12.00 to 23.00

Pier and Pier Approach area



## **Noisy Noise Noise by the Working Boys Club.**

A fun sound library for noisy people!  
Press the object to hear the sound.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September

11:00 - 14:00 and 15:00 - 18:00

Lower Gardens



## **World Kiosk by Variable Matter**

Invites the audience to sit and listen  
to stories over a cup of tea.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

15.00 – 19.00

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>  
September

11.00 – 17.00

Street Food Corner





## Music from the Bandstand

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 18:00 – 21:00

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 12:00 – 21:45

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 12:15 – 18:00

Location: Bandstand Field

Lots of different types of music on the bandstand.



## The Journey by Perhaps

**Contraption** is a walking show filled with music. The artists use instruments, voice, physical theatre and British Sign Language

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Start at 11.30 and 15.00

Bandstand Field



## Parade by Autin Dance

A giant wheel with performers. You can follow this.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Start at 12:30 and 15:30

Lower gardens



### **Falconry Dismay by Dizzy O'Dare**

People dressed as birds and doing acrobatics.

Saturday and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September

13:15 - 13:45 and 16:15 - 16:45

Lower Gardens



### **Green Hub & Community Zone**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30 - 17:00

Location: Lower Gardens

Get hands-on and explore the ways you can help our planet in your day-to-day life. Get creative local community organisations!



### **The Story Works & Arts Award**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 - 16:00

Location: Westover Gardens – Picnic Park Deli

Join in for some playful, creative arts & crafts, as well as to pick up an Arts Award booklet.





**In Hand created Bobby Brewer** is a hand that has been weaved out of willow that you can stand in.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

09.00 to 23.00 in the Lower Gardens



### **Spring-a-Lings – the Vortexes**

Dancing, talking plants spreading cheer.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

14.30 -15.00 and 16.30- 17.00 in the Lower Gardens



### **Sashimi – the Vortexes**

Giant, glowing jellyfish on stilts.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

19.30-20.15

Town Hall

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

21.00-21.45

The Square

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

19.30-20.15

Town Hall



# Tell us what you think...



We'd love to hear what you thought about Arts by the Sea and if you have any ideas for how we can improve!

Fill in our festival survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PKsSdyTvUf>



Thank you!