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HORNCASTLE HORSE FAIR 6 - 10 AUGUST 2024 PROGRAMME

Arts, Heritage & Community Celebration

Horncastle Community Centre &
Banovallum House



Welcome



Welcome to Horncastle Horse Fair 2024! A celebration of Horncastle's heritage, creativity, community and rich history.

In the early 19th century, Horncastle's Fair was described as the largest horse fair anywhere on earth - "for nowhere has anything like it" - bringing visitors from across the globe.

It made a grand return last year after 75 years, and it's now back for its second annual celebration.

Enjoy live performances from local and national theatre, circus and dance groups, get involved with creative craft workshops, and join the horse fair procession!

Explore this programme for a full schedule of events...



Fringe Activities

6 - 9 August



 Craft workshop

 Walks and talks

Day	Time	Activity	Where
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	10 - 12.30pm 1.30 - 4pm	Drop in and make horseshoes and hobby horses with Mishap for the parade.	Community Centre
Wednesday Thursday Friday	10 - 12.30pm 1.30 - 4pm	Drop in and make puppets, headdresses & decorations with Lumo Workshop for the parade.	Community Centre
Friday	10 - 12.30pm 1.30 - 4pm	Join local artist Joanna Pass for a drop-in printing workshop	Community Centre
Thursday & Friday	11 - 12.30pm (both days)	Horse Fair History Guided Walk by Ian Marshman	Meet at Joseph Banks Centre
Thursday	7 - 8pm	Horse Fair Talk 'An auctioneering life' by Robert Bell	Community Centre
Friday	7 - 8pm	'Wild Ponies in Pictures' with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Community Centre

Saturday 10 August - Mane Event



What	When	Where
Circus Workshops	10 - 11am	Performance Garden
'Horsing around'	10 - 11am	Banovallum Gate
Walkabout Performers	11 - 11.30am	Around the site
Giant Balloon Show	11.30 - 12pm	Performance Garden
Dance 10	12 - 12.30pm	Performance Garden
'Horsing around'	12 - 1pm	Banovallum Gate
Circus Demonstrations	12.30 - 1.30pm	Performance Garden
Walkabout Performers	1 - 1.30pm	Around the site
Giant Balloon Show	1.30 - 2pm	Performance Garden
'Horsing around'	1.30 - 2.30pm	Banovallum Gate
PROCESSION	2.30pm	Meet at Community Centre Garden
Circus Workshops	3 - 4pm	Performance Garden



All about the ACTS



Performance Garden

Giant Balloon Show

By Dizzy O'Dare

The 'Giant Balloon Show' will have audiences in stitches and in awe simultaneously - a high energy comic performance for all to enjoy. Dizzy O'Dare is a contemporary circus company touring its silliness nationally!

Walkabout Performers

Catch the stilt-walking shenanigans by **Earthbound Misfits**. Meet Harrie - the amazing puppet horse, accompanied by West End Actor and Puppeteer **Joseph Richardson**.

Dance 10

Local favourites, Dance 10, will be showcasing different dance styles to entertain the crowd! Dance 10 is a family-run performance school based in Horncastle.

Circus Activities

By Creative Heights

Aerial performances by local organisation, Creative Heights, a brilliant Lincolnshire-based circus company. Creative Heights will have aerial demonstrations *and* workshops where you can have a go yourself!

Horsing Around

By Rhubarb Theatre

Trot over and join Rhubarb Theatre for some family-fun and galloping-good games. Mount your hobby horses, join the races, and you may be in the run for a rosette!



*Giant Balloon Show by Dizzy O'dare,
photo by Rikard Osterlund*



Be Sure to Catch...

Local Makers Stalls

Admire work from local makers including woodwork, crochet, and animal portraits.

Refreshments & Exhibitions

Enjoy WI refreshments at the community centre and explore the history and heritage exhibition.

Teenage Market

A fantastic market of young entrepreneurs and traders from the surrounding area, taking place in the Horncastle Market Square.

Horse Trail

Look out for ten wooden horses around the Banovallum House Garden that have been designed by local school children, care home residents and local artists. After the 'mane event' these will be on display in shop fronts around the town until September 1st.

Music Gazebo

Experience the delightful tunes of traditional and local musicians throughout the day at the Music Gazebo! Featuring performances by the ukulele duo, **The Outdoor Cats**, **Sherrif Ants Treprenneur**, and **Oskar McIntosh**.

Live Horses!

Meet **Bomber**, Lincolnshire's best-loved shire horse, often toured across the country to promote the importance of preserving shires like him, as well as other breeds brought to you by the **Northcote Heavy Horse Centre**.

Horse Shoe Hunt

And look out for locally decorated horse shoes all round town...

Join the Horse Fair Procession

2.30pm Community Centre Garden

Details and Access

Parking is available at St Lawrence Street car park and Cattle Market car park. **Public toilets** with accessible facilities are available on St Lawrence Street and at the community centre. See map on the back of the programme. Dogs are not permitted on the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust site.

Produced by SessionsArts:

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'Mane Event'

Saturday 10 August 10am-4pm

