

Lantern Making Workshop FAQs!

What workshop should I book for?

This year we have jiggled about our Lantern Making workshops to ensure that everyone has a super time and that our artists can create workshops which are suitable for the various ages of people who want to get involved in this project.

With that in mind...

Our **Saturday Town Centre Drop In Workshops** are suitable for children **3+ years** and their families.

These sessions are short and sweet lantern making – you can get parade ready in 20 mins! Drop in to make and decorate a simple willow and tissue lantern ready to illuminate on parade night.

Our **Sunday Workshops** which take place at Norden Farm and are suitable for children **6+ years** and their families.

Across 2 hours, our artist will guide the group through the process of weaving an intricate animal inspired willow frame ahead of covering and decorating. Pre-booking for these popular workshops essential.

Lantern Making 2.0 is new this year and takes place across 6 hours on Saturday 23 November at Norden Farm.

This workshop is suitable for **16+ years**. Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Across a full day, working as a group, guided by our professional artist you will create a large-scale willow structure which will shine bright in the parade! Pre-booking for this workshop essential.

Do I need to book a ticket for myself or just my child?

For lantern making workshops, each person attending the session needs to buy a ticket. This includes supervising adults.

Here are the prices for each workshop:

Saturday Town Centre Drop In workshops: £4 per person

Sunday Norden Farm workshops: £7 per person

Lantern Making 2.0: £17.50 per person

The lantern parade is a fundraiser for project any income generated through ticket sales goes directly into the running of the project.

Will we get messy at the workshop?

Lantern making can be a bit sticky, so we recommend dressing for mess. All of the materials we use are water based, so if you do get a bit messy, it will all wash out!

What do you mean by a 'drop in' session?

Our drop in sessions allow you to come down to the session at any time throughout the day – you don't need to get there at 10am! So you don't have to rush, and you can still fit in football practice!

Sessions run from 10am – 4pm, and lanterns at our Town Centre workshops take around 20 – 30 minutes to make ☺

Do I need to pick up my tickets from Norden Farm for a Town Centre drop in workshop?

No – one of our lovely volunteers will have a sales sheet in town, so don't panic if you don't have your tickets!

Can I buy tickets on the day of the workshop?

Workshops which take place at Norden Farm usually sell out in advance (so we recommend booking early!).

With the Town Centre drop in sessions, you can pay on the day. Our volunteers can take cash payment only, and exact change is always appreciated!

What's different about the Sunday workshops?

Sunday workshops take place at Norden Farm and last 2 hours. You need to arrive for your booked start time of 10.30am or 2pm.

In these workshops, you create lanterns which are more intricate and will take the whole 2 hours to do so. This capacity for these workshops is limited.

These workshops are suitable for children 6+ years and their families.

Do you keep my lantern or do I take it home after the workshop?

After making your lanterns, we ask that you take them home with you. Your new pet will be a new member of your family until the Lantern Parade on Saturday 7 December!

Can I leave my children at the workshop while I grab a coffee, or do some shopping?

Workshops at both Norden Farm and in the Town Centre are not supervised, so you need to be there throughout the session. Why deny yourself the fun of making your own lantern!

Can we make any animal we like at the workshop?

Each workshop is carefully planned with the parade in mind – because of this, we make specific animals at each workshop. While you will be making the same as other people, each lantern will be very individual! Look out for other lanterns like yours in the parade!

What's the age suitability for lantern making workshops?

Lantern making workshops are suitable for all the family, over the years we have worked with people aged from 3 – 93!

But some parts are rather fiddly for little fingers, so we encourage families to work together, with younger children taking the lead with decorating!

This year our workshops are tailored to suit different age ranges – so please choose your workshop correctly when booking.

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