

# Lantern Parade FAQs

## I've made my lantern, and I am ready for the parade! When does it take place?

This year's community lantern parade takes place on Saturday 9 December 2017! Pop that date in the diary, you don't want to miss it!

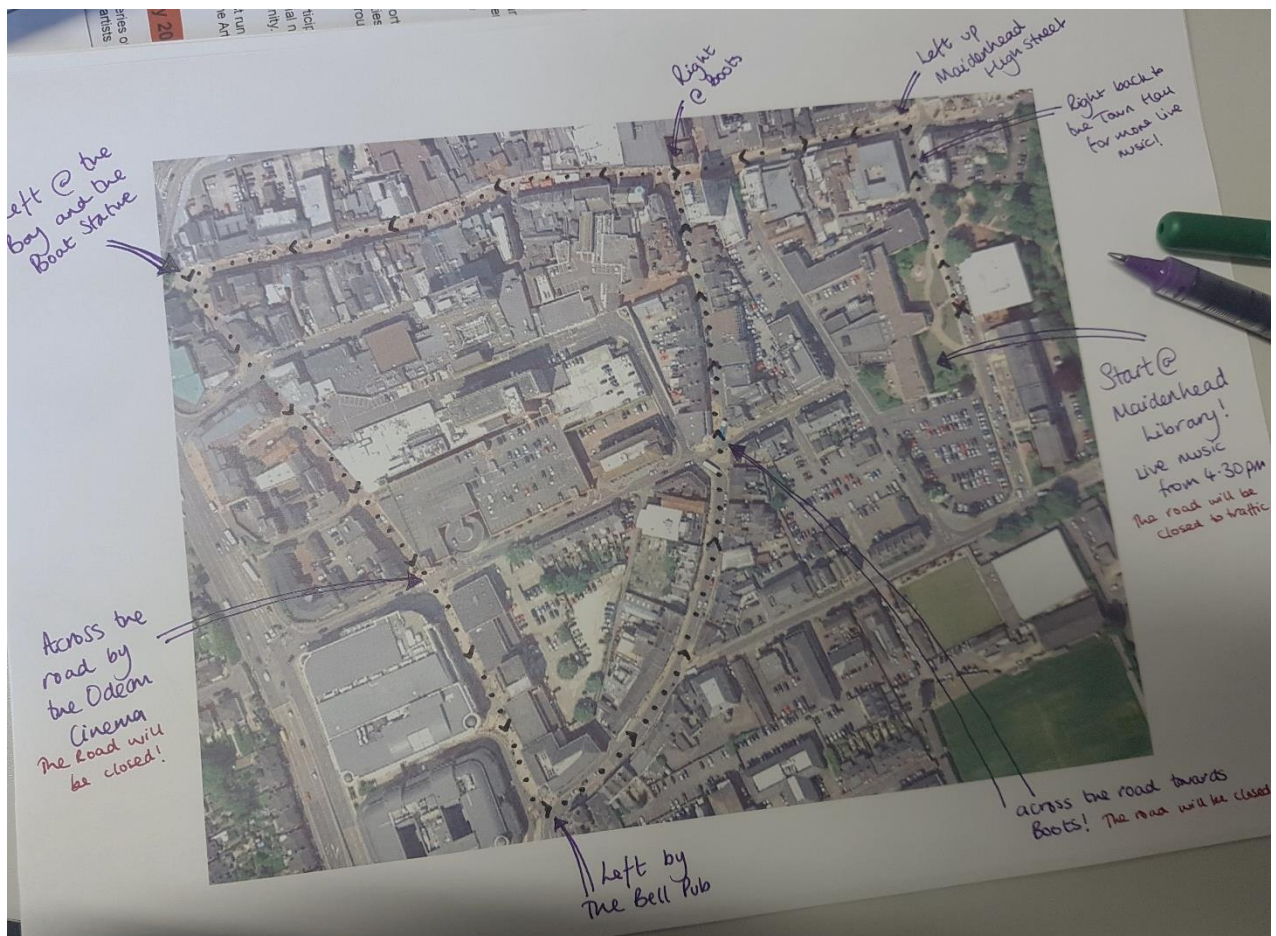
## What time does the parade depart?

The event kicks off with live music and entertainment from 4x4 Bhangra – The Kings of Bhangra at 4.30pm, come down and enjoy the funky beat of the dhol and amazing choreography, before the parade departs at 5pm

## Where does the parade go? What's the route?

The parade begins at Maidenhead Town Hall and follows a route around the town centre. Take a look at the map below to see where it takes you!

The parade usually takes around 45 minutes to return back to the Town Hall, where live music and entertainment continues.



### **Will we be home in time for tea?**

The parade and live music should finish no later than 6.15pm 😊

### **Is the Lantern Parade suitable for all the family?**

Yes! The Lantern Parade is for all the family, bring a group – friends, family, neighbours, and enjoy it all together!

### **Do I need a lantern to take part in the parade?**

You don't need a lantern to take part in the Parade – just come down, enjoy the spectacle, dance to the music and celebrate with the community!

### **It's raining ☹️ is it cancelled?**

Dig out your rain coat and come on down! Lanterns are waterproof so the parade goes on!

### **Where should we park when coming to the parade?**

There is free parking in Maidenhead Town Centre on parade day, Saturday 10 December. We recommend parking in the Nicholsons Car Park which is a short walk from the Town Hall where the parade departs.

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### **Looks like it's going to be a chilly night, will there be somewhere I can get a hot drink?**

The Narrative Café, based at Maidenhead Library will be open before the parade departs to keep you warm with hot drinks.

Maidenhead Library is just across the road from the Town Hall, and Melina and her team are looking forward to seeing your lanterns!

### **When I get to the Town Hall where do I go on parade day to get my lantern illuminated?**

When you arrive at the Town Hall, head towards the grassy area to the left of the main building. There you will find sticks and lights ready for your lanterns.

### **Will there be people around who can help us with our lights and sticks?**

There is a team of volunteers, young leaders and artists on hand to make sure you are ready for the when the parade departs at 5pm.

They will make sure your lantern is secure, and your light is working so you stand out in the crowd.

### **Do we get to take the light and stick home with it?**

Sadly not, please make sure you hand in your stick and light to one of our volunteers at the end of the event. You can take home your beautiful lantern as a reminder of the night though!

Perhaps you can pick up some LED lights in town and illuminate it at home again?

### **Can I take pictures and videos at the event?**

Yes!! We love seeing the parade through your eyes. When you share your pictures please tag Norden Farm and use the #nordenfarm

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Twitter: @nordenfarm

Instagram: @nordenfarm

Or you can send your photos to [robyn.bunyan@nordenfarm.org](mailto:robyn.bunyan@nordenfarm.org)

### **The parade is over and I feel sad, does it really have to end when the parade finishes?**

Don't feel sad! You can relive all the joy of the parade at Norden Farm's After Party on Thursday 14 December from 4.30pm. A chance to share photos, vidoes and chat about the event. Join us at Norden Farm for drinks and buffet to look back on the Carnival of the Animals Lantern parade – everyone welcome!