

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 7 December 2019! Pop that date in the diary, you don't want to miss it!

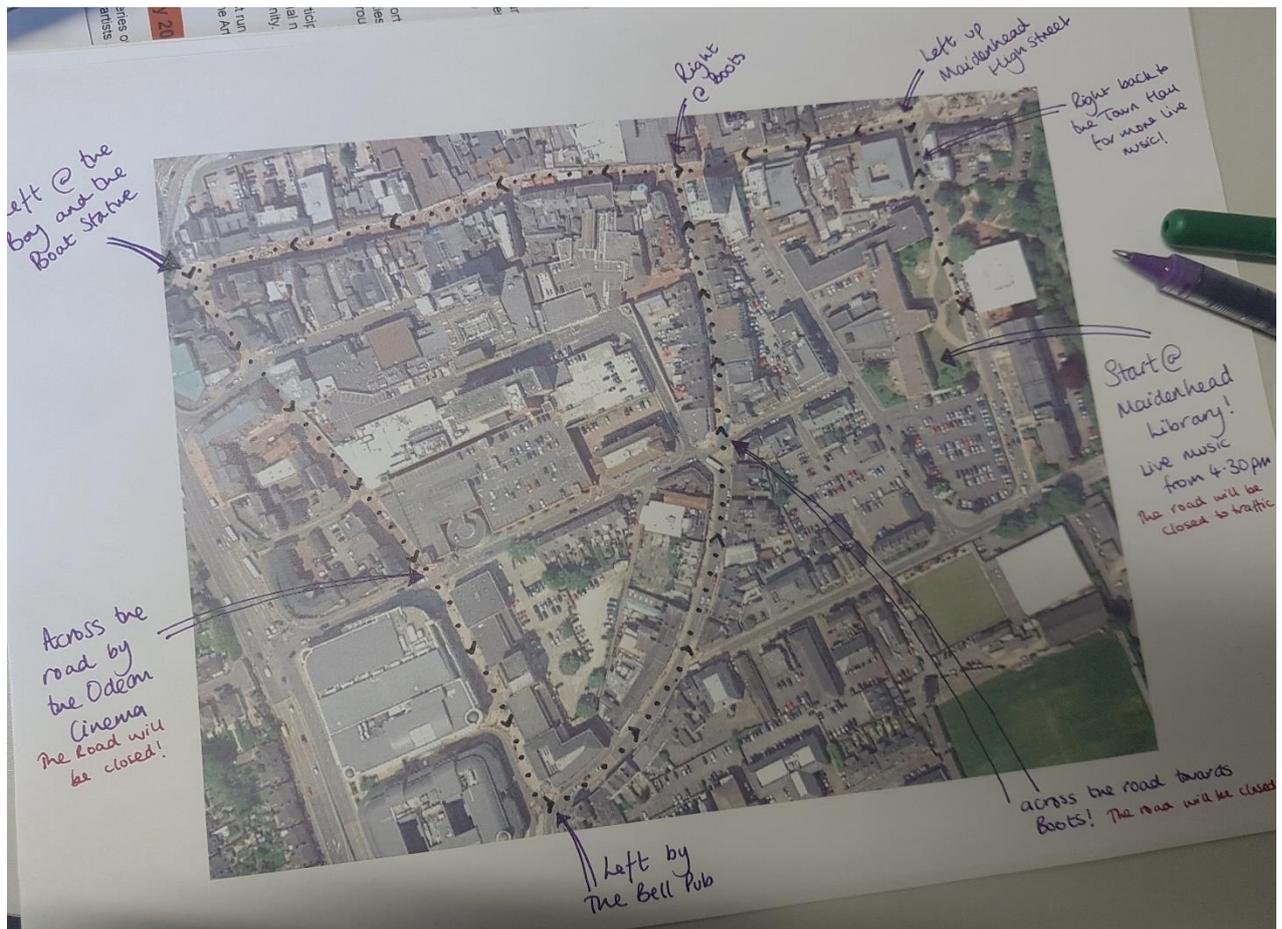
What time does the parade depart?

The event kicks off with live music and entertainment at 4.30pm, come down and enjoy the music, 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 50 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!

I am worried it will be too loud for my child, or we might not make it round the whole route – is the parade still suitable for us?

The Lantern Parade is a busy event, but it is suitable for all 😊

For a quieter experience, we recommend walking in the middle section of the parade, so you are away from the live music – you will still have a great time!

If little legs get tired half way round don't panic – you can duck out at any time! Just make sure you unhook your lanterns (to take home to remember your experience) and hand the light and stick back to one of our lovely volunteers before you head off.

Where should we park when coming to the parade?

There is free parking in Maidenhead Town Centre on parade day, Saturday 7 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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Maidenhead
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Looks like it's going to be a chilly night, will there be somewhere I can get a hot drink?

We are pleased to announce that this year we will have street food, a licenced bar and hot drinks on hand to keep the whole family warm and happy.

More information about vendors will be coming soon – keep an eye out! 😊

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nordenfarmcentreforthearts

Twitter: @nordenfarm

Instagram: @nordenfarm

Or you can send your photos to sasha.baughen@nordenfarm.org

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

No! the fun doesn't stop when the parade slows down – don't take off your dancing shoes just yet! Let the party continue with...

Lanterns Live: The Brass Funkeys plus support

Saturday 7 December | from 6.30pm | £3
Desborough Theatre, Maidenhead Town Hall

Fresh from leading Norden Farm's Lantern Parade, The Brass Funkeys headline our Lantern Parade Live gig with pumping brass driven funk to get you dancing!

The Brass Funkeys are an eight piece London-based Brass Band who draw on the traditions of New Orleans.

They have played at Glastonbury, Wilderness and the North Sea Jazz Festival as well as London venues including Koko Camden, and Ronnie Scott's.

The Brass Funkeys bring together some of the most talented musicians in London in an eclectic live show bursting at the seams with ideas and infectious energy.

Featuring a bar serving a range of drinks and street food.

Tickets available in advance at www.nordenfarm.org or on the door