

## FULL EVENTS PROGRAMME 2023/24

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8 Feb – 17 Jun	Animal Guising & the Hooden Horse	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
8 Feb – 17 Jun	Secret Stash – Discovering a Bronze Age hoard	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
4 – 6 Apr	Easter themed craft activities	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
8 Apr	Medieval Fayre	Brenchley Gardens	Pelican in her Piety; Happening History; Heathcliff Heroics, etc
11 – 13 Apr	Treasure themed craft activities	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
22 Apr	Wild Escape (Earth Day)	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
24 Apr – 1 May	Funfair	Mote Park	Forrest Amusements
26 Apr – 1 May	Fringe Festival	Town centre (various)	Make Some Noise
27 Apr – 14 May	MaidFest	Town centre (various)	One Maidstone
29 Apr – 1 May	May Day Celebrations	Kent Life	Kent Life
1 – 14 May	Cocktail Week	Town centre (various)	
5 May	Coronation Street Party	Lockmeadow	MBC (Comms team)
14 May	Charity Run	Mote Park	Heart of Kent Hospice
20 May	MSO Concert	Mote Hall	Maidstone Symphony Orchestra
22 – 26 May	Vegetarian Week	Lockmeadow	Love Food businesses

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25 – 29 May	Small World Festival	Headcorn	
26 – 29 May	Glitterbomb; Summer Love; Raver Tots	Mote Park	Lucus Live
27 May	Hooden Horse Fun Day	Maidstone Museum	James Frost
27 May	Proms in the Park	Whatman Park	MBC; Parkwood Theatres
27 – 29 May	The Queen’s Joust	Leeds Castle	Leeds Castle
30 May – 1 Jun	Half Term craft activities	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
2 – 4 Jun	We Love 80s – Ibiza Classical	Mote Park	Lucus Live
10 Jun	Climb the Observatory	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
11 Jun	Bubble Rush	Mote Park	Demelza Children’s Hospice
17 June (TBC)	Street Festival*	Town Centre	Cohesion Plus
24 Jun	Bronze casting & sword making	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
24 Jun	Armed Forces Day	Headcorn Aerodrome	
30 Jun – 2 Jul	Open Air Cinema	Whatman Park	Adventure Cinema
30 Jun – 2 Jul	Battle of Britain Air Show	Headcorn Aerodrome	
1 Jul – 14 Oct	NHS 75 Exhibition	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
1 – 2 Jul	Pretty Muddy/Race for Life	Mote Park	Cancer Research UK
7 – 9 Jul	Kent County Show	Detling Showground	Kent County Agricultural Society

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8 Jul	Classical Concert	Leeds Castle	Leeds Castle
8 Jul	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	Make Some Noise
14 – 15 Jul	Revival Weekender	Mote Park	Lucus Live
15 Jul	Arts Carnival & parade: 'Wild About Maidstone'	Lockmeadow, Town Centre, Brenchley Gardens	Emergency Exit Arts; Steering Group made up of local creatives
15 Jul	Festival of Archaeology	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
16 Jul	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	MAAP
21 – 22 Jul	Blue Reef Festival	Loddington Farm, Linton	Blue Reef Festival
21 – 23 Jul	Maid of Stone Festival	Mote Park	Lucus Live
27 – 30 Jul	Chickenstock Festival	Stockbury	Chickenstock Festival
28 Jul	Art in the Park	Brenchley Gardens	Art Moves
29 Jul	Maidstone River Festival	Riverside, Lockmeadow	Maidstone River Festival Committee
29 Jul	Steampunk Fair	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
29 Jul	Abode (music)	Mote Park	Lucus Live
30 Jul	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	MAAP
Aug (TBC)	Youth drama workshops with finale performance	Amphitheatre	Parkwood Theatres
4 Aug	Art in the Park	Brenchley Gardens	Art Moves

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4 – 5 Aug	Children’s Theatre (Wizard of Oz)	Leeds Castle	Leeds Castle
4 – 6 Aug	Rock the Mote Weekender	Mote Park	Lucus Live
5 Aug	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	Make Some Noise
11 Aug	Art in the Park	Brenchley Gardens	This Art of Mine
12 – 13 Aug	Military Vehicle Show	Headcorn Aerodrome	
13 Aug	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	MAAP
14 – 18 Aug	Science Fair	Kent Life	Kent Life
18 Aug	Art in the Park	Brenchley Gardens	This Art of Mine
20 Aug	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	MAAP
24 – 28 Aug (TBC)	Small World Festival	Headcorn	Small World Solar Stage
25 Aug	Art in the Park	Brenchley Gardens	Maidstone Art Centre
27 Aug	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	MAAP
Aug/Sep	Outdoor theatre	Amphitheatre; Cobtree Manor Park; Little Fant Farm; Bearsted Green; Marden & Staplehurst	Parkwood Theatres
1 – 30 Sep	Design Month & Sculptures	Leeds Castle	Leeds Castle
1 Sep	Art in the Park	Brenchley Gardens	Maidstone Art Centre

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2 Sep	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	Make Some Noise
2 -3 Sep	Southern Model Air Show	Headcorn Aerodrome	
8 – 10 Sep	Hidden Histories fieldwork project	Mote Park	KCC Archaeology Team; Maidstone Area Archaeological Group
9 Sep	Heritage Open Days event (TBC)	Amphitheatre	MBC
9 Sep	Memory Walk	Mote Park	Alzheimer’s Society
9 – 10 Sep	Hops n Harvest Festival	Kent Life	Kent Life
10 Sep	Bandstand concert	Brenchley Gardens	MAAP
10 Sep	Maidstone Community Mela	Mote Park	Cohesion Plus; Maidstone Cultural Group
16 – 17 Sep	Café Mambo – Big Raver Tots	Mote Park	Lucus Live
16 – 17 Sep	Paws in the Park	Detling Showground	MDS Shows Ltd
23 Sep	Soultasia	Mote Park	Lucus Live
30 Sep	Oktoberfest	Mote Park	Lucus Live
Oct	Black History Month activities	Lockmeadow	Lockmeadow
2 - 8 Oct	Literary Festival	Locations throughout town centre	Jodi Eeles, Inky Frog, local authors
6 – 8 Oct	Fun Palaces Weekend	Town centre (various)	MAAP; KAAW

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21 – 28 Oct	Scarecrow Festival	Town Centre	MBC, One Maidstone, local businesses
21 Oct – 16 Dec	The Moon Exhibition	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
23 Oct – 3 Nov	Mote Park Art Competition Exhibition	Mote Park Visitor Centre	MBC
4 – 5 Nov	Fireworks Spectacular	Kent Life	Kent Life
4 – 5 Nov	Fireworks Spectacular	Leeds Castle	Leeds Castle
16 Nov	Christmas Lights Switch On	Town Centre	One Maidstone
25 Nov – 24 Dec	Christmas at Kent Life	Kent Life	Kent Life
25 Nov – 31 Dec	Christmas Pantomime	Hazlitt Theatre	Parkwood Theatres
25 Nov – 2 Jan	Christmas & Lights	Leeds Castle	Leeds Castle
2 – 16 Dec	Father Christmas' Fireplace	Maidstone Museum	Maidstone Museum
2 Feb (TBC)	Light Up Maidstone**	Town Centre	One Maidstone; Cohesion Plus
10 Feb (TBC)	Lunar New Year	Town Centre, Jubilee Square	Cohesion Plus, Maidstone Cultural Group
22 – 30 Mar	Heart of Kent Walking Festival	Various	MBC led; MVCP, Explore Kent, Kent Downs AONB, SUSTRans, Community Rail Partnership, etc.

\*We are not organising a Fusion Festival this year as the Arts Carnival will be our headline event for summer. However Cohesion Plus have indicated they may look to organise another Fusion event themselves, if we can provide a contribution towards costs

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\*\*Subject to successful re-ballot by One Maidstone and successful bid to Arts Council England