



FESTIVALS IN WINCHESTER 2026



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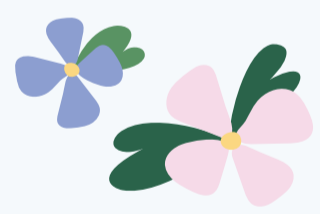
Discover our city alive with celebration. Winchester hosts a vibrant programme of festivals throughout the year, captivating thousands of visitors with events that inspire, intrigue, and enchant. There's always something on the horizon something to spark your curiosity and give you a reason to return.

Keep up to date with the full listing of festivals here: www.festivalsinwinchester.co.uk

Thank you for visiting and enjoying the Winchester festival scene. This leaflet was designed on behalf of the festivals in Winchester group, funded by Winchester BID.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS FOR 2026

Immerse yourself in Winchester's dynamic festival scene and experience the city at its very best. From lively, colourful gatherings to unique cultural showcases, the calendar is ever-evolving—bringing fresh energy and excitement to every season. With so much happening and more events being added all the time, you're sure to find something that feels made just for you, right here on our historic streets.



SPRING

FESTIVAL	DATES	WEBSITE	VENUE
Children of Winchester Festival	7th – 8th February	cowfest.org.uk	The Arc, Jewry Street
Winchester Rotary Pancake Day Race	17th February	winchester-rotary.org/events	Winchester Cathedral
Winchester 10K	22nd February	challenging.events/e/winchester-10k-8646	City Centre
Sound Winchester	7th March	winnallrockschool.org	The Arc
AI Arts Festival	22nd March	aiartsfestival.soton.ac.uk	The Arc
RAW – Winchester's Contemporary Performance Week	22nd – 28th March	rawwinchester.co.uk	City Centre
Winchester BID's Bunny Easter Hop Trail	28th March – 12th April	winchesterbid.co.uk	City Centre
Winchester Books Festival	17th – 19th April	winchesterbooksfestival.com	City Centre

Legacy Action Week	20th – 24th April	legacyactionweek.com	City Centre
From Behind Closed Doors	24th – 27th April	behindcloseddoorsfest.com	City Centre
Winchester Chamber Music Festival	1st – 4th May	winchesterchambermusic.com	City Centre
MADE Winchester	7th – 9th May	madewinchester.uk	Winchester Cathedral
Winchester Pride	9th May	winchesterpride.org	City Centre
Winchester Mayfest	16th May	facebook.com/WinchesterMayfest	City Centre
Alresford Watercress Festival	17th May	watercressfestival.org	Alresford
Winchester Race for Life	17th May	raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org	North Walls Recreation Ground
Winchester Triathlon	25th May	trytri.co.uk/winchester-triathlon	Kings School, Winchester
Rotary Watercress Way Walk	31st May	winchester-rotary.org/events	Alresford, Kings Worthy & Sutton Scotney
The Grange Festival	2nd June – 12th July	thegrangefestival.co.uk	Alresford
Cheese and Chilli Festival	6th – 7th June	cheeseandchillifestival.com	North Walls Recreation Ground
Winchester Beer & Cider Festival	12th – 13th June	winchesterbeerfestival.camra.org.uk	University of Winchester

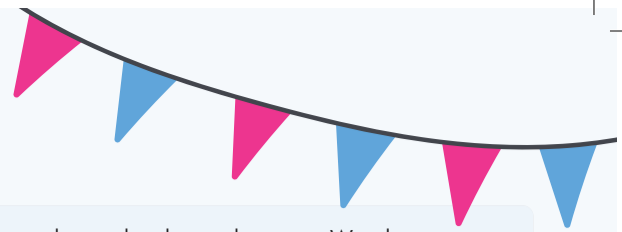


SUMMER



Winchester Walking Festival	18th – 21st June	ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/winchester-group	Various
Trinity's Big Sleep Out	19th June	trinitywinchester.org.uk	Winchester Rugby Club
The Winchester and District Garden Festival	19th June – 5th July	garden-festival.co.uk	City Centre
A Taste of Winchester	22nd June – 5th July	atasteofwinchester.co.uk	City Centre
Bishop's Waltham Festival	26th – 28th June	bwfestival.art	Bishop's Waltham
Fizz Fest	28th June	vineyardsofhampshire.co.uk	Hambledon
Peddle, Paddle, Pace	12th July	winchesterppp.co.uk	Winchester/ Nearby Villages
Foodies Festival	17th, 18th & 19th July	foodiesfestival.com	North Walls Recreation Ground
Action Arena Winchester	1st – 2nd August	actionarena.co.uk/winchester	North Walls Recreation Ground
Wickham Festival	30th July – 2nd August	wickhamfestival.co.uk	Wickham
Boomtown	12th – 16th August	boomtownfair.co.uk	Matterley Estate
Ibiza Orchestra	21st August	ibizaorchestraexperience.co.uk/winchester	North Walls Recreation Ground
The Big Saturday Sing	22nd August	theatroyalwinchester.co.uk	Theatre Royal/ The Arc
Sausage and Cider Festival	22nd August	sausageandciderfest.co.uk/winchester	North Walls Recreation Ground

AUTUMN



Mucky Weekender	10th – 12th September	mucky-weekender.co.uk	Woodmancott
Winchester Heritage Open Days	11th – 20th September	winchesterheritageopendays.org	City Centre, Various
Taste of Wickham	13th September	tasteofwickham.com	Wickham
Wild! Festival of Flowers & Nature	15th – 19th September	winchester-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/	Winchester Cathedral
Winchester Jazz Festival	17th – 20th September	winchesterjazzfestival.com	City Centre
Winchester Half Marathon	20th September	challenging.events	City Centre
Winchester Green Week	19th – 27th September	winchestergreenweek.org.uk	Various
Winchester Comedy Festival	23rd – 27th September	winchestercomedyfestival.co.uk	Theatre Royal
Winchester Poetry Day	10th October	winchesterpoetryfestival.org	City Centre
Winchester BID's Spooky Winch Trail	17th October – 1st November	winchesterbid.co.uk	City Centre
Winchester Bonfire and Fireworks	7th November	winchesterbonfire.co.uk	City Centre, North Walls Recreation Ground

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WINTER



Christmas Lights Switch On	19th November	winchesterbid.co.uk	City Centre
Kingsgate Village Lights Switch on	26th November		Kingsgate Village
Christmas Market	20th November – 22nd December	winchester-cathedral.org.uk/christmas	Winchester Cathedral
Christmas Lantern Parade	23rd November	christmasinwinchester.co.uk	City Centre
Panto at Theatre Royal	4th December – 3rd January 2027	theatroyalwinchester.co.uk	Theatre Royal

CELEBRATE WINCHESTER, SUPPORT LOCAL

Make your festival experience count beyond the events and support the heart of Winchester by shopping local. Every coffee, craft, and keepsake you buy from independent businesses helps sustain the community that makes this district so special. Discover hidden gems, meet passionate makers, and enjoy a more personal touch you won't find on the high street.

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