



**the**

**1261**

**Festival**

**& Parade Day**

**June 28th - 30th 2024**

**Festival Programme**

FEST.

1261



look closely enough and you'll see it everywhere

we're trying something new...

## Welcome to the 1261 Festival!

Named after the town's Charter year the 1261 Festival plans to be a celebration of Macclesfield's creativity and community. Within these pages you'll find three days of live music, workshops, walking tours, theatre, art and loads more for you to explore and experience.

There's the 1261 Parade too, co-ordinated by **Macclesfield Community ArtSpace**. Plus **1261: the After Party** - a huge selection of live gigs all over town, co-ordinated by **Choose Macc**. Don't forget to round off the weekend at the iconic **Treacle Market** to pick up your recovery breakfast and a souvenir or two!

The vast majority of the festival is free, and where it isn't it's clearly marked here in the programme (no surprises).

At Macclesfield Town Council we're proud to host events which bring residents and visitors back into our town centre and support our amazing local businesses.

From Treacle to Silk, Pandas to Potatoes, and Mayall to Curtis we've got a lot that makes us Macclesfield - so let's put on a bit of a show.

# Programme Key

The key below should help you work out if an activity or performance is for you. Some activities might have an age restriction and some have limited capacity so require booking in advance. Similarly some activities have a set duration which you might want to factor into your planning for the day while many of the activities operate on a drop-in basis so you can come and go.



**This lets you know how long will the activity take**



**This activity requires you to book in advance**



**Has a recommended age restriction**



**Exhibition**



**Walking  
Tour**



**Music**



**Workshop**



**Film  
Screening**



**Performance**

# Booking

Some of our activities have a limited capacity and so require booking in advance. To do so you can scan the Eventbrite link or pop into the Visitor Information Centre to check availability - both have a separate allocation so if the activity is sold out at one it is worth checking the other, just in case!



[1261.eventbrite.com](https://1261.eventbrite.com)

# Friday 28th June



## Bollin Valley Boxes

Macclesfield-based Dutch artist Erika Groeneveld has created this extraordinary exhibition based around 'Our River', the Bollin. Erika says "The sculptures in the phone boxes are my interpretation, a metaphor, for this river and the whole ecosystem surrounding it. We should want to keep it healthy for our children, with an eye on the future. After all, it's Our River!"

More information about the exhibition can be found at:  
[erikadesign.com/OurRiver](http://erikadesign.com/OurRiver)



**Drop-in**

Venue: **01625 Gallery, Market Place, SK10 1EA**

**FREE**



## Cheshire Life Magazine Exhibition

A selection of images from Britain's most commercially successful and longest-surviving county magazine, Cheshire Life, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, 1934 - 2024.



**Drop-in**

Venue: **The Library, SK10 1EE, 10am - 1pm**

**FREE**



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Venue: **Upstairs Gallery, Silk Museum, 10am - 4pm**

**FREE**



## Taster Tots

Come and join our Museum Tot team to explore the museum and our amazing collections. You can expect stories, crafts, object handling and singing. Children must be accompanied by a guardian at all times.



**Drop-in Under 5yrs**

Venue: **Silk Museum, SK11 6TJ, 10am - 2pm**

**FREE**



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**FREE**

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**Drop-in**

Venue: **Silk Museum, SK11 6TJ, 10am - 4pm**



**FREE**

**Check out the line-up**

# **1261: the After Party**

**JUNE 28TH - 30TH**

**Co-ordinated by**

**CHOOSE  
MACC**

**Your ticket to live music all over  
Macc for the festival weekend.**

**Access to the After Party is only available via  
your **1261: the After Party** Wristband.**

**Wristbands are available from the Visitor  
Information Centre at a cost of £5.  
Limited Availability.**

# 1261 FESTIVAL After Party...

## Friday

Snow Goose 5pm-9pm

Officers & the Gentlemen & Last Clouds

Proper Sound 5pm-9pm

Ben Ottowell (Gomez) & Emily Lockett

Cinemas 8pm - 12pm

Winachi, Tureg & Von

Cave 11pm- 3am

Konkoma Maximum Love Garden Orchestra & The Dopes

## Saturday

Proper Sound 7pm - 10pm

Helen Walford Vox Americana & friends

Mash 10pm - 1am

The Ombudsmen & Woman You Stole

## Sunday

Snow Goose 4pm - 9pm

Red Lantern Records Spoken Word & Acoustic

Cinemas 7pm - 10pm

Tommy (From Space - Duo) & Ally Dickaty (Virginmarys)

All events inc. in £5 wrist band & subject to venue capacity



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# Saturday 29th June

# ALL DAY

## **Bollin Valley Boxes - 01625 Gallery**

Erika Groeneveld's 'Bollin Valley Boxes' solo art installation is now in The 01625 Gallery.

Erika is a Dutch artist living in Macclesfield and has a fine art degree in sculpting, as well as being qualified in teaching. She works out of Twentysevenb Studios inside Pickford Street Mill in the town centre.

"I find inspiration for my work in unexpected encounters with or in nature, and will occasionally lose myself down an [artistic] rabbit hole."

The installation shows cross sections of the river, one that is healthy and one in a deteriorating state. The sculptures of branches, a child, fish and a kingfisher are made from galvanised thatching wire, paint, recycled lace curtains, an old crocheted throw and a few bits of thread. They are an interpretation, a metaphor for the Bollin and the ecosystem surrounding it. Erika's position is that the people living in towns like Macclesfield that the Bollin runs through should keep an eye on the future and want to keep it clean and healthy for the generations to come. "After all, it's Our River!"

Erika says, "Ever since moving here almost 14 years ago, I've been in love with our river Bollin. I'm from an area in the Netherlands where small, fast flowing rivers are not common. So despite being a nature lover my entire life, the whole vibe and ecology around the Bollin is new and exciting to me. It's been a lot of fun to have to work towards the very specific and confined measurements and limitations of the phone boxes, and I'm honoured to participate."

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The webpage includes fun activities like Bollin Bingo and colouring in sheets as well as further reading about the Bollin.



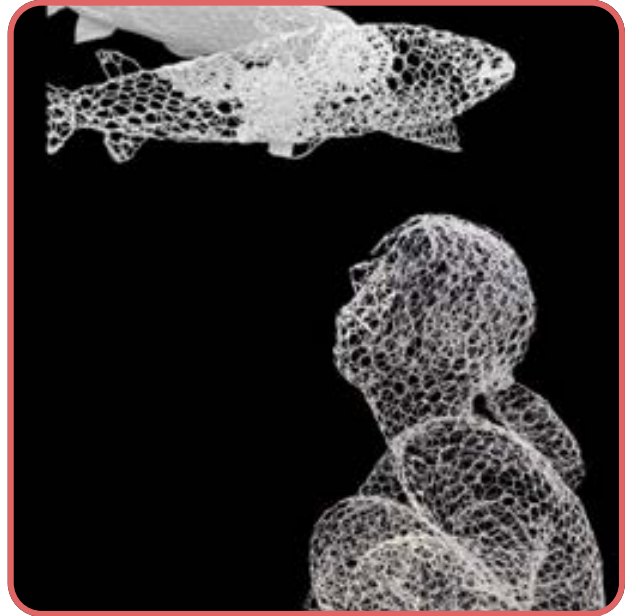
**Drop-in**



Venue: **01625 Gallery, Market Place, SK10 1EA**

**FREE**





# 9am

## Parade Flag and Crown Decorating

Get parade-ready at the library! Early risers can beat the crowds and make their own crowns and hand-flags to support the parade in style!



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# 10am

## Street Photography with Simon Buckley

Starting with a 30 minute talk from photographer Simon Buckley at St. Michael's Church you'll then set off on a 1 hour guided walk around Macclesfield where you'll learn the finer points of street photography and capturing the stories right under your nose. Film/Digital Cameras and Smartphones welcome.



2 hrs



12yrs +



Venue: St. Michael's Church, SK10 1DY, 10am - 12pm

FREE



## Buttonhole Making with HomeSTEAD GROWN

Join Rachel from **HOMEstead GROWN** and learn how to get creative with seasonal flowers and make your own buttonhole to take away with you.



Drop-in



Venue: The Buttermarket, Old Town Hall, 10am - 2pm

FREE

## Aerial Workshop with Lets Circus

The team from Lets Circus will be bringing their free-standing rig to Castle Street and will lead a day of aerial workshops and performances, offering the opportunity to have a go yourselves!



Drop-in



Venue: Castle Street, SK11 6AF, 10am - 3pm

FREE

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The exhibition was initially commissioned by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival and The Finnish Institute in London with the blessing of the Jansson family.

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## Games with Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust

Macclesfield FC Community Sports Trust are the charity arm of the Football Club, registered with the charities commission.

“We are delighted to be coming down on the day to support our local community, promote what we do across Macclesfield and Cheshire East but also to have a bit of fun with a few games and events.”

Take your shot with their Penalty Shoot Out and giant Dart Board!



**Drop-in**

Venue: **Near St. Michael's Church, 10am - 5pm**

**FREE**

## Macc Sketchers Throwdown

If you're an artist who's looking for a chance to create and share with other skilled sketchers then this could be one for you. Meet on the steps of St. Michael's Churchyard for a welcome chat then you've got two hours to head off in to town and work on your sketch. At 12:45 all the sketchers will meet back under the Town Hall front canopy (behind the pillars) and 'throwdown!' (share your work).

All mediums and styles welcome, you must bring your own materials.



2.5hrs

Venue: **Steps of St. Michael's Churchyard, 10:30am - 1pm**

**FREE**



## Ian, Macc and Me; a Joy Division Tour

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2hrs



14yrs +



Venue: **Sparrow Park (start point), 10.30am - 12:30pm**

**FREE**

## Conundrum

Conundrum will be preparing to lead the parade by warming up the crowd with a set in front of the Town Hall and getting everyone ready to

**MAKE SOME NOISE!**



Drop-in

Venue: **Market Place, 10:45am**



**FREE**

# 11am

*One World*

# Parade

**co-ordinated by Macclesfield  
Community ArtSpace**

**Get ready to line the streets to cheer on the 1261 Parade!**

For the last few months the team at **Macclesfield Community ArtSpace** have been working with groups from all over town to help them get parade-ready! More than 30 ArtSpace volunteers have been pitching in, delivering workshops, designing and making props, manning drop-ins, tidying up and making cups of tea! The theme for this year's parade is One World and it's up to each group to decide how that theme is interpreted. Keep an eye out for the Global Warriors, Underwater World, A World of Theatre and more!

**After the parade some of the floats will sit on display in St. Michael's Churchyard for you to take a closer look.**



# Parade Route

Starts 11am



\* CHURCHILL WAY, DUKE STREET, EXCHANGE STREET, PARK GREEN, SUNDERLAND STREET AND WHALLEY HAYES ONLY

## 69 Scarecrows

Created by local artist Jean Westbrook this installation is part of a year of different projects based around being 69.



**Drop-in**



Venue: **Christ Church, SK11 6EG, 11am - 3pm**

**FREE**

## Open Day At Christ Church

The doors will be open at the historic Christ Church in celebration of the 1261 Festival. They'll have live music, stalls, crafts and loads more to see and do.

Don't forget Christ Church is also on the parade route so a great place to grab a spot and experience the parade up close!



**Drop-in**

Venue: **Christ Church, SK11 6EG, 11am - 3pm**

**FREE**



# 12pm

## Margin Music - Live!

Browse the racks at this Macclesfield institution while enjoying a selection of live music across the afternoon. Margin Music has been a staple of the town since 1986, counting Noddy Holder and members of Joy Division amongst it's local patrons. Drop in from noon till close to enjoy the acts and check out their range of instruments and accessories.



**Drop-in**



Venue: **Margin Music, SK10 1EB, from 12:00**

**FREE**



## Wicked Women of Macclesfield

Discover the history of Macclesfield's Wicked Women! In this immersive performance you will be introduced to a group of historical Wicked Women from Macclesfield - watch them walk in the parade, witness their arrest in the Town Centre and walk with them to the Grosvenor Centre (unit near Specsavers/Indoor Market) to be put on trial for their alleged crimes.

**Due to the themes this performance is unsuitable for those aged under 15.**



45 mins



15yrs +



Venue: Market Place then the Grosvenor Centre, 12:20pm

FREE



## Felt Fun Workshop

Come along and have fun with felt! Taking inspiration from the **Archipelagogo!** exhibition we will be creating our own fuzzy friends.



Drop-in



Venue: The Classroom, Silk Museum, 12:30pm - 4pm

FREE

## The Puppet Van; Space Chickens

Join us for an intergalactic adventure from the hen house to the milky way. With stunning puppetry and live original banjo synth music, follow this rocket-fuelled tale all on top of a van.



25 mins



Venue: Market Place, 12:30pm

FREE

## Shadow Puppets and Story-Making with Babbling Vagabonds

Let your imagination go wild as artists from Babbling Vagabonds guide you on a shadow puppet making journey. In this *make, take, play* drop in workshop they will give you all the skills and materials you need to make your very own puppet.



**Drop-in**



Venue: **Grosvenor Centre, unit 14/15 (next to Claire's), 1pm**

**FREE**



## Walk and Draw with Becca Smith

Join The New Macclesfield School of Art's Director Becca Smith for a drawing and discovery workshop, delving into Macclesfield's history. This event is for adults and children aged 8 upwards, but younger artists can join if they wish. All drawing abilities and experiences welcome.

**Advance booking required.**



**50 minutes**



**8yrs +**



Venue: **St. Michael's Church, SK10 1DY, 1pm**

**FREE**

## Chordiality Choir

A selection of songs from Macclesfield's leading ladies choir in the dramatic setting of Christ Church.



**tbc**



Venue: **Christ Church, SK11 6EG, 1pm**

**FREE**



## Music at the Museum: The Welsh Singers and The Weavers

There will be lots of scope for singing along, dancing and enjoying music in the beautiful heritage setting of the Silk Museum. The Macclesfield Welsh Singers are a language group who meet in the museum and celebrate traditional Welsh songs. They'll be alternating performances with 'The Weavers' who are returning to the museum with a selection of songs about mills and weaving.



**Drop-in**



Venue: **The Blue Room, Silk Museum, 1pm - 4pm**

**FREE**



## Conundrum

Fresh from the parade this high-energy drum collective will be bringing the noise to Castle Street from 1pm.



**Drop-in**



Venue: **Castle Street, SK11 6AF, 1pm**

**FREE**

## Film Screening: Singin' in the Rain

A screening of the 1952 classic in the dramatic surroundings of St. Michael's Church - pop in to catch your favourite scene or settle in for the whole feature.



**Drop-in**



Venue: **St. Michael's Church, 1pm-3pm (approx)**

**FREE**



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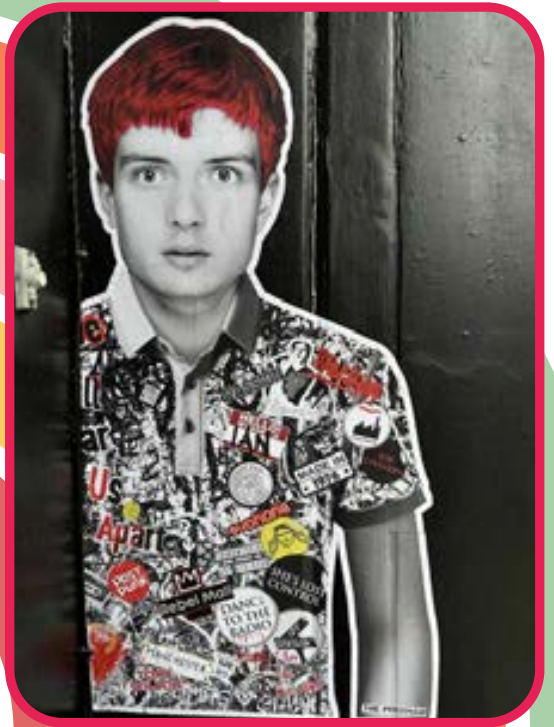


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Venue: Sparrow Park (start point), 2.30pm - 4:30pm

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50 minutes



8yrs +



Venue: St. Michael's Church, SK10 1DY, 2pm

FREE



## Park Green Party: After the Parade

Head down to Park Green for an afternoon of music, drinks, fun and games (and cakes!).

Choose Macc have teamed up with Mrs Boon's Cakes & Tea Party & Clint Boon from Inspiral Carpets to bring you a street party like no other. Spilling out from Red Willow and The Fountain you'll be sure to be well lubricated as you enjoy a good old fashioned game of Boon's Bingo. Clint Boon will be taking to the decks and you can also enjoy live music from MORA Music featuring George Borowski plus Karamba Samba.



Drop-in



Venue: Red Willow and The Fountain, 2pm - 8pm

FREE

**1261 FESTIVAL**

**Park Green Party**

**After The Parade**

**FREE EVENT June 29th 2pm - 8pm**

**@ RedWillow & The Fountain**

**MRS BOON'S**

**TEA PARTY!**

Featuring Mrs Boons Home Cakes  
 Clint Boon on the decks & Boons Bingo  
 Live Music by Mora, Liv & The Howies  
 & Karamba Bollington




# 3pm

## THE THREE C's OF CARTOONING with Marc Jackson!

Join local cartoonist Marc Jackson (BEANO, the Phoenix, Hey Kids Comics) at Flour water salt, for more fun that you can shake a pastry at! Get your ideas at the ready, as you embark on creating a wild comic featuring THE THREE C's OF CARTOONING... coffee! croissants! and COMICS!!

**Advance booking required.**



1 hr



6yrs +



Venue: **Flour Water Salt, SK10 1EB, 3pm**

**FREE**



## The Puppet Van; The Lost Colour

Join a professional painter on his quest to find the pinky-est pink paint on the planet! A colourful explosion of puppetry, music and comedy.



25 mins



Venue: **Market Place, 3:30pm**

**FREE**

# IN CONCERT

# *Silk Brass*

&



Featuring

## MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:**

- Visitor Information Centre
- On the door
- [priorbooking.com](http://priorbooking.com) (search: Silk Brass)

**Tickets £12**  
**Under 16s Free**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29th - 7:30pm**  
**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD**



# Sunday 30th June

## Music at the Museum: L.A.S.H. and Dave Hudson

Head to the Silk Museum for a fabulous afternoon of music in the Machine Gallery! David Hudson followed by L.A.S.H. Pop on your dancing shoes and join in for an afternoon of musical fun.



Drop-in



Venue: **The Machine Gallery, Silk Museum, 1:30pm - 3:30pm** **FREE**

## Music in the Park with KEMS

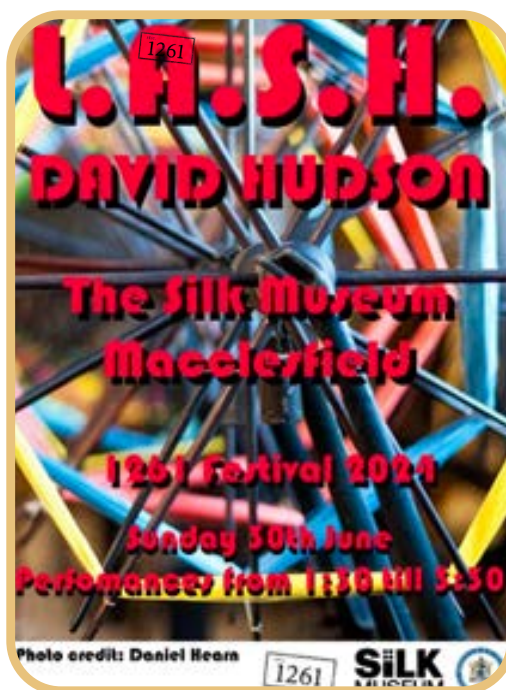
An afternoon of concert band favourites including songs from films and musicals, popular and swing music medleys and wind orchestra classics - performed from the beautiful Victoria Park bandstand.



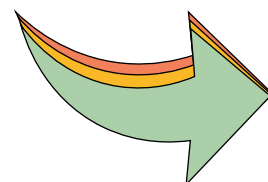
Drop-in



Venue: **Victoria Park Bandstand, SK10 1LR, 2pm-4pm** **FREE**



Don't  
forget  
treacle  
market



**Sunday  
30th June**

# treacle market

**10am - 3:30pm**



Founded in 2010, the last Sunday of each month sees Treacle Market take over the handsome cobbled Market Place, Buttermarket, St. Michael's Church and the surrounding streets of Macclesfield town centre. They throng with visitors and 140+ carefully curated market stalls of unique crafts, lovingly produced food and drink, and vintage finds. All of which feature a mix of local traders and those from further afield.

Coupled with that we now also have extra space at the Picturedrome!

Each month Treacle is curated to deliver the variety and quality of stalls for which the market has become renowned. Add to that some fantastic street food, live music and entertainment, and Treacle Market guarantees a fun and vibrant day out!



**See you on the cobbles!**



Last Sunday of the month, 140+ stalls  
10am-3:30pm. Macclesfield

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