



Home Educating Families'
Festival 2019

Welcome...

... To HEFF 2019 :)

In 2016, we went from nothing to everything within 90 days - that was an amazing and hectic experience.

In 2017, we experienced having time on our side and selling out.

In 2018, we moved to our wonderful new venue, which brought in new people from all over the UK (and the world!).

This year we've run WinterHEFF for its second year, and we're so pleased so many of you were able to come!

THANK YOU to all our fabulous festival goers, workshop leaders, performers, speakers, coordinators and crew for the buying of tickets, contributions, support, guidance, volunteer time, ideas and sharing. What a great buzz!

Enjoy making yourself at home for the week, and see you all at our first event:

HEFF Welcome Gathering

Meet your friends, the organizers, find out what's happening and ask any questions you have

Tuesday 9th July

19:15 - 20:00

In the Cedric Ford Pavilion

Important information

Health, GPs, and Hospitals

Emergencies

Call 999 immediately if an ambulance is required. Give the address “Newark Showground, Drove Lane, Winthorpe, Newark NG24 2NY”, and alert the first aid team (see below). Stewards will ensure the ambulance can find you.

24/7 First Aid

We have qualified first aiders (wearing **green HEFF t-shirts**) available throughout the event who can assist with accidents or sudden medical emergency:

- Call First Aiders on mobile: **07493 834102** or ask a crew member to radio for assistance
- Depending on the nature of the incident the first aiders will either come to you, or ask you to meet them at the first aid point as shown on the site map.
- Our first aiders are not qualified to give advice on, or treatment for, general medical issues. If you need such advice call NHS 111 or arrange to see a GP

A&E (Accidents & Emergencies)

There are 3 hospitals with 24 hour A&E all about 35 minutes drive from the site, dependent on traffic.

- Queens Medical Centre - NG7 2UH - 0115 924 9924
- Lincoln County Hospital - LN2 5QY - 01522 512512
- Kings Mill Hospital - NG17 4JL - 01623 622 515

GP Surgery

The nearest GP surgery is:

- Fountain Medical Centre, Sherwood Ave, Newark NG24 1QH - 01636 704378

Safety on site

We want everyone to have a fun time and to be safe during the event. We have to have a limited number of rules in place to make this so:

- Parental supervision - Everyone aged under 18 on the site must have a named and contactable adult (over 21) responsible for them, and that adult must provide a level of supervision which is appropriate to the child's age and maturity at all times. The adult must be sleeping on the site, and normally present on site when the child is on site during the day. If you are responsible for a child who is old enough to be apart from you please keep your phone charged. There are sockets available in marquees and in the Pavilion. It's also parent/guardian responsibility to check, with Workshop Leader, if adult supervision is needed at the start of kids' workshops
- Traffic - Speed limit on site 5 mph (that's walking speed!). No vehicles may move on the site during the hours of darkness, and vehicle gates will be secured. There will be unrestricted vehicle access to the car park on the southern runway, and pedestrian access to the site. Vehicles must not be reversed at any time without a responsible adult looking out behind. We cannot guarantee that if you park your car by your tent you will be able to move it again before the end of the event. The camping area will be quite full and it may get blocked in. Vehicles must not be parked on roads inside the site

We strongly recommend that after you have unloaded you take your car to the car park

- In the unlikely event of an evacuation of the site, vehicles must not be moved. Follow the crew directions to move to a safe location on foot. Do not re-enter the site or evacuated area until you are told it is safe to do so
- Fires and barbecues OFF THE GROUND are permitted, please do not scorch the grass, and please use common sense. Never leave a smouldering barbecue in a tent porch or close to tent. Carbon Monoxide can kill silently

- Smoking - If you smoke please take extreme care not to start a fire or leave litter and please be considerate of others around you. You must not smoke inside any building or marquee, nor within 5 metres of an entrance to one
- Drugs - No illegal substances may be brought on to the site. Anyone in possession of drugs will be asked to leave immediately and the police may be informed. Parents please ensure that older children are aware of this. For the sake of our community please do not put future events at risk
- Alcohol - There will be no alcohol for sale on the site. You are reminded that it is a serious criminal offence to supply alcohol to anyone under the age of 18. If parents choose to permit their children to consume alcohol they must remember that they are responsible for that child at all times. Our crew will return any young person considered at risk to the care of their responsible adult, or call the adult to come and take responsibility for their welfare
- Bullying - As an organization we do not accept bullying. Everyone should feel safe at our events. While we don't want to be involved in every little dispute please bring any concerns of a serious nature to the attention of the crew or board members
- Safeguarding - If you have concerns about the welfare of a child or vulnerable person, the safeguarding lead Kathryn Corbett can be contacted by email at safeguarding@hefestivals.co.uk, or by mobile on 07530 509670
- No drones, model aircraft or sky lanterns to be used on site
- Dogs must be on a lead, and any mess cleared up immediately
- Do not waste water or allow your children to do so. Taps must not be left running
- Marquees, guy ropes, and poles are not safe to play or climb on

Health & Hygiene

Rubbish skip & recycling

There will be a large rubbish skip available for rubbish disposal near the Red Gate site entrance. This will arrive early on Tuesday morning. On-site separation of recyclables is not necessary, as the rubbish processing plant will do so after collection of the skips. Recyclable items, bottles, cans,

paper and card, glass should not be bagged. Food and foul or non recyclable waste should be bagged.

Toilets

- The toilets are being cleaned by an external cleaner, so please be respectful to them! They will also be checked regularly by our HEFF volunteers.
- To avoid blockages and consequent queues do not flush anything that you have not eaten! The only exception is a reasonable amount of soft toilet paper.
- Please make our task easier by using the bins provided.

Showers

There are male and female showers in the toilet block at Red Gate, and one accessible shower pod just outside the building. These are free to use for festival visitors:

- There may be queues early in the day. Please consider using them in the afternoon or evening
- Wherever possible please limit time in the shower to 10 minutes
- Don't leave your toiletries and toothbrushes behind in the shower

Stomach bugs and hygiene

Last year we had a festival pretty much free of stomach bugs. To avoid spreading disease we would ask you:

- Not to do anything which might contaminate the water points
- Not to wash out any toilet related items at the taps. (There is a dedicated Elsan disposal point on the right hand side of the toilet block at Red Gate.
- All dog mess must be bagged immediately and taken to the rubbish skip. It must not be disposed of in any other way
- We will be providing a small freezer for you to refreeze cooling blocks to help you keep food fresh and cool at your tents. **This is for cooling blocks only.** It will be in the entrance hall of the Cedric Ford Pavilion and only accessible when it is open. (If anyone has a larger one they would like to donate or lend for next year please let us know!)

Please do not wash your pots and pans in the sinks inside the toilet

block, there is a washing up station provided.

Weather

English summer is known to be fierce at times - it just can't make up its mind... So, please:

- Stay hydrated to prevent heat stroke
- Pack and apply sunblock as required
- Ensure children are suitably protected
- We have a safety plan in the case of a thunderstorm passing overhead. Please comply with crew instructions

Noise

Newark site is less sensitive as far as noise spilling off the site is concerned than our previous site. However we still ask that you respect your fellow campers and don't use amplified music or percussion in the camping areas at night, and keep conversations at a reasonable level.

Quiet zone

Special rules apply in the quiet zone, please keep this area as quiet as possible after dark.

Photography & Filming

Bridget is our official photographer and will be taking photographs around the site. She will have a crew badge. If you are concerned and you don't want your child photographed please speak to her. If we use a photograph in social media of you or your child that you are uncomfortable with let us know. We will happily remove it.

Festival office - Telephone 01444 390 395

The festival office is upstairs in the Pavilion. Unfortunately there is no lift, so if you are unable to manage the stairs please ring the bell or phone and someone will come down to assist you.

All enquiries related to the festival running, bookings, and merchandise sales, will be handled by the office. Lost property will be kept here, as well as "found" children who need to be reclaimed. If you "lose" a child and become concerned this is also the place to report that, though you may also approach any member of the crew for assistance.

Catering

Tastes Café 09:00 - 19:00	Good Mood Food 11:00 - 20:00
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All vegetables, salads and meat are sourced locally

Sausage Bap	£3.60	See wonderful daily VEGAN specials
Bacon Bap	£3.60	
Fish Finger Bap	£3.60	
Chicken Wrap	£4.00	
Vegetarian/Vegan Wrap	£4.00	
Jacket Potato Bar	£3.50	
The Big Tasty Burger	£5.50	
Beefburger	£4.00	
Cheeseburger	£4.50	
Local Sausage Rolls	£2.50	
Crinkle Cut Chips	£2.00	
Cheesy Chips	£2.50	

On one of our site visits we saw food preparation and service and the meals looked nicely made and were well presented. They're a lovely bunch of people and will consider reasonable requests to do fish fingers with chips instead of a bap, for instance. Paper cups & plastic cutlery in use at Tastes Cafe, use your own if you want to be eco friendly. Please dispose of all your rubbish in bins provided.

Local amenities

Groceries / Launderette

- Costcutter, Lincoln Road, Newark NG24 2CY. 2.1 miles, 6 min car
- ALDI, 65 N Gate, Newark NG24 1HD. 2.8 miles, 9 min car
- Morrisons, 3 King's Rd, Newark NG24 1EW. 3 miles, 10 min car
- Waitrose, Ossington Way, Newark NG24 1FF. 3.7 miles, 10 min car
- Asda Newark Supercentre, Lombard St, Newark NG24 1XG. 4 miles, 12 min car
- Newark Launderette, Barnby Gate, Newark NG24 1RH 3.5miles

Camping equipment

Gas is available from the showground - ask at the festival office for details of opening times.

THEME NIGHTS!

Fancy dress fun for all ages and entirely optional

Twin Tuesday!

Twin-telepathy? Let's find out how identical you can really get to another.

Wizards and Witches Wednesday!

All things of the Wizarding World. No love spells please!

Thrifty Thursday!

This day is all about how LITTLE you've spent on your outfits!

Flower Power Friday!

Are you ready to get GROOVY BABY? Floral or totally rad 60's, take "flower power" however you like!

Sparkle Saturday!

Grab your sequins, your biodegradable glitter and get your festival gear on.

Rocky Horror Sunday!

Mix Up Monday!

Let's mix it up and dress as your best self in another life. Male, female, other, you do ANOTHER you boo. You from another planet or from the future, let's make this interesting.

We're looking forward to seeing all your costumes!

HEFF 2019 schedule

Programme subject to change, please check facebook & whiteboard / screen at Festival Office for updates. Pavilion late music licence to 2am (apart from Sunday, to 22:30).

Please note that this year we're providing a digital version of the schedule and this booklet to save costs and allow us to update it live during the event.

Visit

HEFestivals.co.uk/schedule

to view and download

Find out more about the workshops at

HEFestivals.co.uk/workshops

Departure

The organised programme ends on Monday 15th of July and everyone needs to be off the site by 12 noon on Tuesday 16th of July:

- Leave your pitch area clean, and free of litter
- Do not obstruct roads (whether tarmac or on grass) with vehicles to be loaded
- Please merge in turn if there is a queue heading towards the gate

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Our next event is....

WinterHEFF

27th to 31st Jan 2020

Returning to: Cefn Lea, Mid-Wales, SY16 4AJ

Book soon via our Facebook page or website

Workshops, live music, cinema, games, party room, indoor play area, table tennis & pool tables, sports hall, cabaret & DJ nights.

Accommodation is fantastic, with very comfortable, warm cabins that have separate bedrooms for families and groups, well-equipped communal kitchens and toilet and shower room in each cabin; pitches for motorhomes and caravans with electric hook ups.

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to hear about our next events, early bird discounts and all our related news