



ACTIVE
FAKENHAM
ARTS
FESTIVAL
26

walk the town and discover
art in **58** venues

1st – 28th
AUGUST

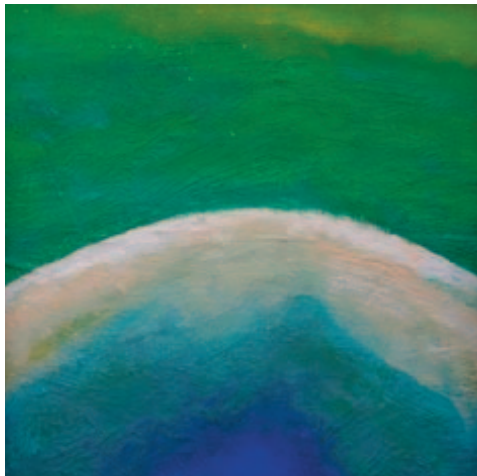


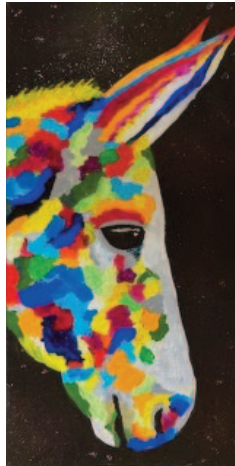
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Celebrating Creativity and Community

Welcome to the Fakenham Arts Festival 2026. This year's festival, set against the charming backdrop of Fakenham's historic streets and contemporary venues, invites you on an extraordinary journey through our town. Currently 58 venues will be displaying work by 45 local artists, creating a unique and special event, showcasing a diverse array of artistic expressions.

Browse or buy – it's up to you. Take in a film, pick up a leaflet or children's pack for the Community Art Trail with QR codes for audio describing the works, take a look at the newly created passage of art then visit our fantastic local cinema to view films of internationally acclaimed artists.

Running from August 1st to 28th, 2026, the festival offers:

- **Art from various media displayed across the town**
- **Community Art Trail with a free activity pack for children**
- **Engaging workshops**
- **Art films in the cinema**
- **Creation of art in the passage**

Our 2026 programme is a testament to the creative spirit that thrives in Fakenham and beyond.

We are delighted to share this journey with you and look forward to seeing you at the Fakenham Arts Festival 2026.

Together we can celebrate the power of local art to transform, inspire and lift your spirits.



Participating Artists



Alison Henry
Anto Morra
Ashley Munro
Barbara Lawson
Brian Lewis
Carole Bennett
Carolyn Raymond
Chris Chalk
Debbie Osborn
Florence North
Fakenham Academy
Fakenham Painters
Gery Shore
Giles Aston
Gill Rape
Gillian Simmons
Hollie Underwood
Jarome
John Lawson
Joyce Trow
Keith Osborn
Ken Tidd
Linda Black

Lois Capsticks
Marita Obeney
Mary Thatcher
Megan Rose
Muriel Ball
Naomi Ruth Lowe
Nicholas Elliott
Nick Elliott
Pat Jones
Richard Brunton
Robin Townend
Rudham Art Group
Ruth Paterson
Sam Bax
Sara Dyson
Shadley Rawat
Sophie Kill
Su Rayner
Sue Lane
Susan Weaver
Sue Welfare
Thomas Underwood

Participating Shops and Venues

BRIDGE STREET

Bailey Bird and Warren
Costa Coffee
Flix Hair
Gatsby's Barbers
Get Smart
Newsklip
Paper Klip
Specsavers Opticians and
Audiologists
The Limes
Wensum Lodge Hotel

CATTLE MARKET STREET

Top Tracks

HEMPTON ROAD

Fakenham Museum of Gas
and Local History

MARKET PLACE

Beth's
Boots
Central Cinema
Digital Phone Company
Nationwide Building Society
Sew Sweet

MILLERS WALK

Card Factory
Hays Travel
Helping Hands
Premier Travel
The Chocolate Factory Shop
The Grape Tree
The Works

NORWICH ROAD

Fakenham Foot Care
Gloria's Beauty Corner

NORWICH STREET

Amies Hair
Big C Charity Shop
Fakenham Eyewear
Hughes
Scrivens
Lulu Boutique

The Extraordinary Hat Shop
The Larder
Venetia's Yarn Shop

OAK STREET

Blush
EP Youth
Fakenham Library
Norfolk Roots Fakenham
Stephenson Smart
Accountants
Taylors Cafe
The Salvation Army
Undefined

OLD POST OFFICE STREET

Butcher Andrews Solicitors

OXBOROUGH LANE

Aldiss

QUAKER LANE

Q's Coffee Shop and Bistro

UPPER MARKET PLACE

Claire Howard Jewellery
East Anglia Children's
Hospice
Fakenham Parish Church
Hayes + Storr
Norfolk Stores Fakenham
Post office
Scent with Love
Steel and Serenity
Tapping House Hospice
Upper Marketplace
Upholstery

JUST OUT OF TOWN

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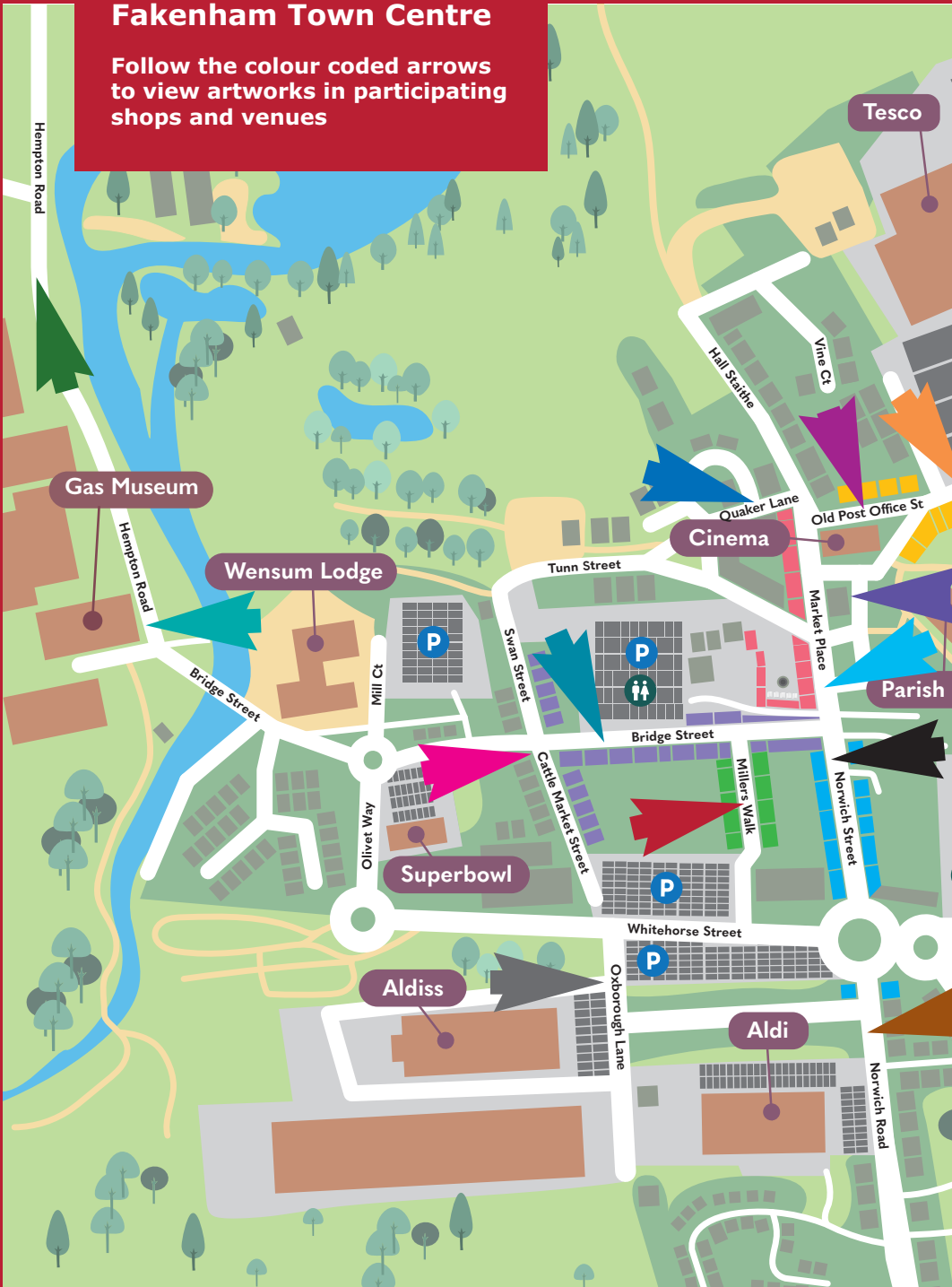
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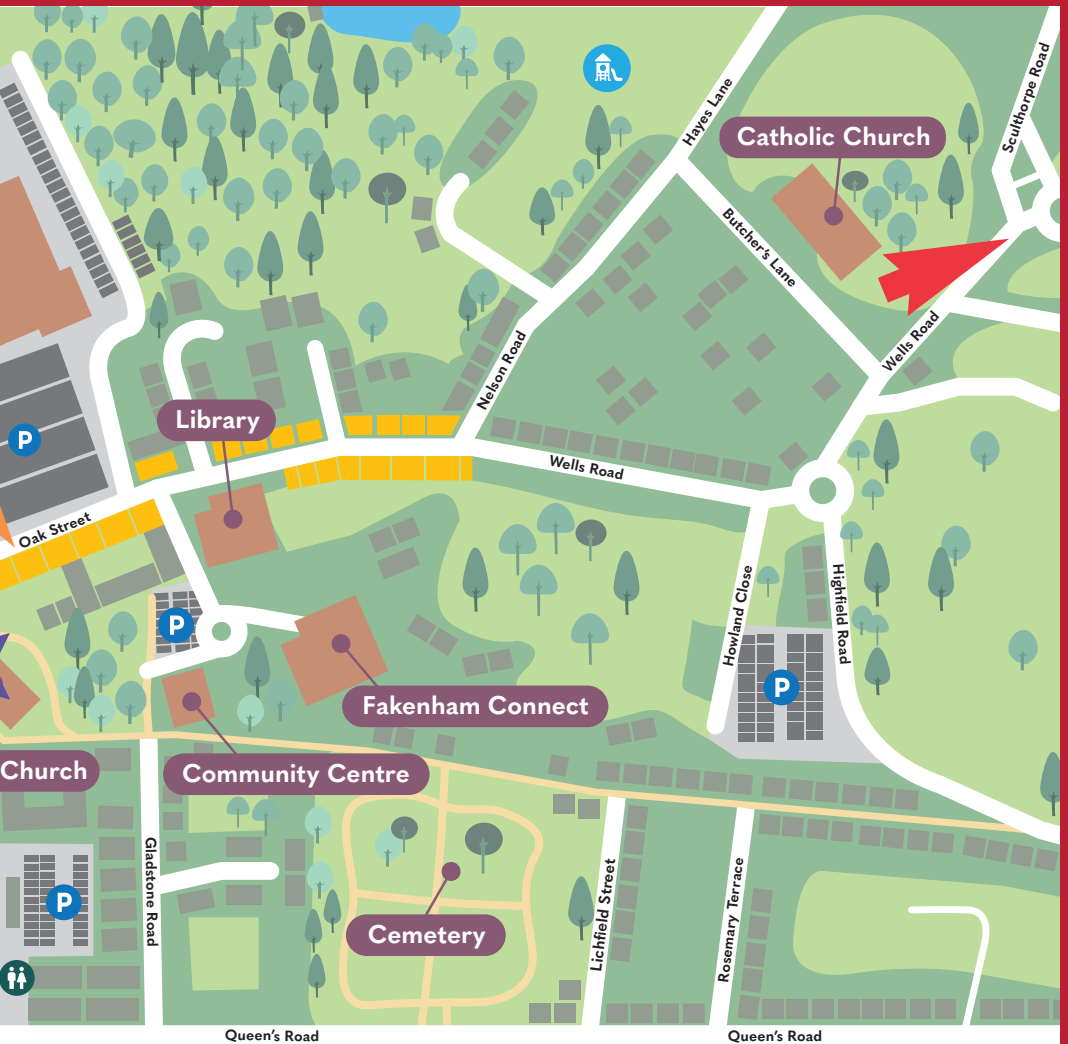
TRAP LANE

Fakenham Sports and
Fitness Centre

Fakenham Town Centre

Follow the colour coded arrows to view artworks in participating shops and venues





Fakenham Arts Festival Workshops



River-Themed Family Workshops with Megan Rose

Join artist Megan Rose for a series of creative family workshops inspired by the River Wensum, its wildlife, stories and surroundings. These relaxed workshops are suitable for adults and children accompanied by an adult, with all materials provided.

Life Along the River Tuesday 11 August
River Creatures Friday 14 August
River Spirits Tuesday 18 August
Story Patches Friday 21 August
Mini River Stories Tuesday 25 August
The River Wensum Storywall Friday 28 August

Fakenham Community Centre, Oak Street NR21 9DY
Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm Cost: £5 per person
Booking: Pre-booking advised. **Contact Megan Rose on 07710 634407 or emailmeggymakes@icloud.com**



Creative writing workshops with Heather De Lyon

Friday 14th August and Tuesday 18th August 10am -12pm
Booking essential. £5 each session, Come to either or both workshops. **More info from Heather De Lyon - 07810 288712 or email: f-a-b@dircon.co.uk**

Get inspired and explore writing techniques. Suitable for new and experienced writers. Write about your life, nature, fantasy or whatever interests you.

Taking place in the riverside location of The Wensum Lodge Hotel, Bridge Street Fakenham, NR21 9AY.

These workshops are pilots and may continue throughout the year. If you are interested but can't make these dates, please contact me, as I hope to run more workshops in the future.



MUGS



BADGES



BAGS

Market Stalls

Come along to Fakenham Market to meet some of the artists taking part in the festival, see examples of their work and find out more about the events and activities taking place.

There will also be the chance to buy souvenirs and take part in a free children's drop-in workshop.

Dates: Thursday 6 August and Thursday 13 August

Venue: Fakenham Market

The Tailor of Gloucester

A special FAF26 pop-up event for Fakenham Infant School – years one and two

As part of FAF26, Active Fakenham in partnership with Fakenham Community Centre is delighted to be organising and funding a special pop-up performance of *The Tailor of Gloucester* for pupils of Fakenham Infant School, including coach travel to Fakenham Community Centre.



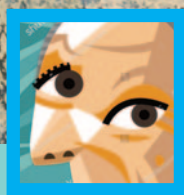
Celebrating the 160th anniversary of Beatrix Potter's birth, this fresh adaptation brings the much-loved story to life with live music, inventive puppetry and a wardrobe full of surprises.

The production is performed by Farnham Maltings, a pioneering cultural organisation based in South West Surrey with a regional, national and international reach.



This heart-warming story of kindness, creativity and courage is perfect for young children and a wonderful introduction to live theatre. This will take place in November.

FAF26 Community Art Trail



Explore Fakenham, discover art and join the picture hunt.

Follow the FAF26 Community Arts Trail around Fakenham and discover 11 pictures displayed in venues across the town.

Each stop will include a QR code with spoken information and two questions about the picture, making the trail fun and accessible for children, families and visitors of all ages.

Children can collect a free trail pack, including pencils, a colouring picture, leaflet and map, from Fakenham Library, Stephenson Smart or Central Cinema.

Look carefully as you follow the route — two of the pictures are by local artists. Spot them both, discover the link between all the paintings and you can enter the prize draw.

A fun, free way to explore Fakenham, support local venues and enjoy creativity across the town.



New for FAF26 – Arts Films at the Cinema

For 2026, the Fakenham Arts Festival, alongside its sister event the Fakenham Film Festival, is introducing a new series of fascinating full-length biographical arts films, shown on Tuesday evenings throughout August at Central Cinema.

This exciting programme brings world-renowned artists to the big screen, offering a unique opportunity to explore their lives, inspiration and work in depth. Featuring beautifully produced films from the acclaimed Exhibition on Screen series, audiences can enjoy an immersive cinematic experience that combines art, history and storytelling.

From the powerful and personal story of Frida Kahlo, to the dramatic life of Caravaggio, and the enduring rivalry of Turner and Constable, this new addition to the festival offers something truly special for art lovers and film audiences alike.

All at Central Cinema Fakenham 7.30 start, £6.99

Booking and details - www.fakenhamcinema.co.uk

More details and film trailers - www.activefakenham.org.uk



An Evening of Local Films and Networking Tuesday 4th August

For filmmakers and those interested in film we have an evening of locally made films followed by discussion and networking.

Frida Kahlo Tuesday 11th August

The definitive film exploring the life and art of a global icon.

Caravaggio Tuesday 18th August

Mystery, intrigue, beauty, passion, murder – shine a new light on Caravaggio in this dramatic biography.

Turner and Constable Tuesday 25th August

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of their births, this unmissable new documentary explores Turner and Constable's intertwined lives and legacies alongside the groundbreaking Tate exhibition.





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SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

**RIDE
NORTH NORFOLK
@FAKENHAM**



**FESTIVAL
OF TWO WHEELS**

A social cycling event for all ages

**Finish in the Community Centre
garden with food, music, wind down**



For details of all events visit www.activefakenham.org.uk



**Central
Cinema
Fakenham
October**

**FAKENHAM
FILM
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**A celebration of
creativity, storytelling,
and local talent with:**

- **Feature films made in Norfolk**
- **Films documenting local events**
- **Gems from Norfolk's archives**
- **Films from the Festival competition entries**



Community through festivals 2026

Active Fakenham is a volunteer-led community group dedicated to creating inclusive, affordable events for people of all ages and abilities. We believe in the power of shared experiences to bring people together, celebrate local talent, and strengthen community spirit.

In 2026, our programme includes the Fakenham Arts Festival, Fakenham Film Festival, Festival of Running, Ride North Norfolk, and the Riverside Festival, featuring the ever-popular duck and cardboard raft races.

Our events are made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, partners, volunteers, artists, and local community.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the sponsors of the 2026 Fakenham Arts Festival:

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We would also like to thank Fakenham Town Council and Awards For All.

We would particularly like to thank the volunteers who have put in many hours of work to make this event a success.

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