

2023

Celebrate Gosport!



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Welcome to the Celebrate Gosport – what's on event guide

We hope you enjoy reading through the guide and planning your weekends and days out in Gosport – there's something for residents and visitors of all ages. *Peter Chegwyn, Leader of the Council*

Summer in Gosport!

We are planning seven exciting Saturdays in Gosport from 22nd July to the beginning of September.

This will include a fantastic Hi-Street Fest with a carnival parade, plus music and entertainment events in Walpole Park on two weekends (29th and 30th July and 1st, 2nd, 3rd September) both with FREE entry and, with something for everyone, there's bound to be a lot of fun to be had. There will also be FREE events in Gosport High Street including Punch and Judy shows, Go Karting; street entertainment and all sorts of fun... and yes all for FREE. More information on these events in this guide.

Makers Guild

Gosport's newest creative hub – Makers Guild – is opening in the High Street. You can find them at 51/52 High Street with a fantastic space and creative workshops on offer to residents. Visit their website at www.makers-guild.com for more information.

Gosport Discovery Centre and Gosport Museum

With many activities for young people at both the Gosport Discovery Centre and Gosport Museum and Art Gallery (GMAG) there's lots of ideas to keep the children happy during the school holidays. Visit their Facebook pages for the latest information.

High Street Market

The Gosport High Street market is under review and over the coming months you will notice some changes such as specialist markets and Saturday activities – the High Street is changing and is becoming less of a traditional shopping experience and more of an entertainment experience with plenty of cafes and open spaces creating a more relaxed and fun environment.

You can find out more about what's going on in Gosport by visiting
www.discovergosport.co.uk

Enjoy Gosport! ... and don't forget the lovely beaches at Stokes Bay and Lee on Solent for those sunny days. FREE every day!



17th Century Village Experience

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- 📅 Jul: Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd, Monday 3rd, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th
 - Aug: Friday 4th–Sunday 6th, Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th, Saturday 26th–Monday 28th (Bank Holiday)
 - Oct: Sunday 1st, Friday 6th–Sunday 8th
- 🕒 10.30am–4.30pm
(last entry at 3.30pm)
- 📍 Little Woodham, Grange Farm, Little Woodham Lane, Howe Road, PO13 8AB
- 👤 Adults £5.50, Concessions and Children £4.50 (under 3s are FREE), Families £17.50 (2 adults and up to 3 children).

Step inside the pages of history books and immerse yourself in the everyday life of a small village with stories and crafts behind the scenes. Don't forget to ask questions – the villagers love to share their knowledge.

📄 littlewoodham.org.uk

Gosportarians Summer Festival

- 📅 Saturday 15th July
- 🕒 10am–4pm
- 📍 Walpole Park
- 👤 £1 for adults, 50p for children

A fun day out for all the family includes: dog show, vehicle rally, live music, stalls, bouncy castle and inflatables, food and drink and lots of fun!

📄 gosportarians.co.uk

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GAFIRS Lifeboat Emergency Services Day

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- 📅 Sunday 16th July
- 🕒 11am–4pm
- 📍 GAFIRS @ Stokes Bay
- 🆓 FREE

Celebrate the great work of the frontline and auxiliary emergency services. Meet the teams behind the blue lights and get a rare opportunity to look at the equipment they use to keep us safe. Several displays will take place throughout the day. FREE event and family-friendly.

gafirs.org.uk/open-day

John Searle's Funfair

- 📅 Thursday 20th July–Sunday 22nd July
- 📍 Walpole Park, Walpole Road, PO12 1NS

Come along and enjoy the thrills and spills of the Funfair. Visit their Facebook page for details of times and any special offers on wristbands etc.

facebook.com/johnsearlefunfairs

Hi! Street Fest

- 📅 Saturday 22nd July
- 🕒 Give it a go part 11–3pm and then Hi! Fest from 3.30pm
- 📍 Gosport High Street
- 🆓 FREE

Bringing a touch of carnival to Gosport with performances that lets creativity loose! The event will be the finale celebration for High Streets Heritage Action Zone, the four-year programme to revitalise more than 60 high streets across England. After weeks of outreach and community workshops the project will culminate in a FREE, spectacular, home-grown procession in Gosport High Street with some amazing puppets! Keep up to date with what's happening and how you can take part in the activities leading up to this event by visiting the website.

gosportmuseumandgallery.org.uk



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Gosport Summer Passport



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-  Tuesdays and Thursdays from 25th July to 17th August
-  12pm–4pm
-  Various locations across the borough
-  FREE
-  Aimed at young people born between 01/09/2006 and 31/08/2011

An open access programme of activities that takes place across the borough with a whole range of fun on offer from inflatables, sports, crafts & more! FREE bus travel is available from First Bus for participants too. No pre-booking is required and all activities are FREE but pre-registration is advised – see website for details and more information.



 safergosport.co.uk/summer-passport

Gosport Model Yacht & Boat Club

Vintage and classic A class yachts

-  Saturday 29th July
-  Compass Point Pavilion, Walpole Park Lake, Gosport, PO12 1FA

Centenary National Championship

-  Sunday 30th July to Friday 4th August
-  Compass Point Pavilion, Walpole Park Lake, Gosport, PO12 1FA

Centenary of Vane A Model Yachts National Championship. Come and watch the celebration of one hundred years of racing, large wind-controlled model yachts that can fly spinnakers.

 gosportmybc.club



Party in the Park

- 📅 Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July
- 🕒 12noon–10.30pm (Saturday)
12noon–9.30pm (Sunday)
- 📍 Walpole Park, Gosport
- 🆓 FREE

Party in the Park is coming to Gosport. A launch for Gosport Borough Council's 'Summer in Gosport 2023' programme that sees an array of events being supported by Hampshire Cultural Trust as part of our Arts in the Parks event programme. This two day event is fun for all the family, it's FREE to enter and there will be live music, entertainment, funfair, stalls, food and drink to enjoy. The event is brought to you by the amazing teams from Montserrat Events and 32 Events and John Searle Funfair. For up to date information please visit the Party in the Park Facebook page.

Provincial Society Bus Rally 2023



- 📅 Sunday 6th August
- 🕒 10am–4.30pm
- 📍 Stokes Bay Field by the Sailing Club,
Stokes Bay Road, PO12 2BL
- 🆓 FREE

The Provincial Society will be holding its annual Bus Rally at Stokes Bay, Gosport. It's a fun day out for all the family with FREE vintage bus rides around the area, transport stalls, children's amusements, a cavalcade around Gosport and a large display of static buses and coaches.


🌐 provincialsociety.org

📘 facebook.com/yourpartyinthepark






Arts in the Parks




We are pleased to announce that the very popular Arts in the Parks events are returning in 2023 running on weekends throughout August. Head outdoors for free performances and music in Stanley Park, Bridgemy Park, Elson Recreational Ground and Oxstall Meadows, with thanks to the Hampshire Cultural Trust. Fun for all the family, check the Discover Gosport website for all the details.

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Music in the park

-  Saturday 5th August
-  From 2.30pm
-  Bridgemy Park




Alice in Wonderland *performance*

-  Thursday 10th August
-  From 6pm
-  Elson Recreation Ground




Look Mum No Hands! *performance*

-  Saturday 12th August
-  From 11am
-  Trinity Green




The Bewonderment Machine *family experience*

-  Saturday 26th August
-  From 11am
-  Priddy's Hard

Chris Walker and Pedigree Jazz *music*

-  Sunday 13th August
-  From 5pm
-  Stanley Park

The Bees *performance*

-  Sunday 20th August
-  From 11am
-  Oxstall Meadows

FortonFest

- 📅 Saturday 12th August
- 🕒 From 11am–10pm
- 📍 Forton Rec, off Forton Road, Gosport
- 🆓 FREE

Come along to this FREE entry event. Enjoy music, food and fun with your whole family! Visit their facebook page for more information.

📘 [facebook.com/Fortonfest](https://www.facebook.com/Fortonfest)

Summer In Lee

- 📅 19th–20th August
- 🆓 FREE

This lively community event is taking place along Lee seafront, bringing you FREE summer sounds, market and pirates with John Searle's Funfair on the headland from 12th–20th August. Visit the website for up to date information.

📘 [montserratevents.co.uk](https://www.montserratevents.co.uk)

Gosport Vehicle Rally

- 📅 Monday 28th August
- 🕒 11am–4pm
- 📍 Stokes Bay Field by the Sailing Club, Stokes Bay Road, PO12 2BL
- 🎟 Adult £2, children over 3 years 50p

A fun day by the sea at Stokes Bay for all the family. Over 200 vehicles, many entered by local enthusiasts who are always happy to talk about their pride and joy. Stalls, children's entertainment, food and drink for all tastes. See the vehicles and enjoy the fun.

If you would like to enter a vehicle please email sec.gosportvehiclerlly@gmail.com

📘 [gosportrotary.co.uk](https://www.gosportrotary.co.uk)





Gosport Sunset Festival

- 📅 Friday 1st September
Saturday 2nd September
Sunday 3rd September
- 🕒 4pm–10pm (Friday)
10.30am–10pm (Saturday)
11am 5pm(Sunday)
- 📍 Walpole Park, Gosport
- 🆓 FREE

Magic Bus Events supported by Gosport Borough Council and the Heritage Action Zone presents Gosport Sunset Festival

Gosport Sunset Festival of Street Food, Music, Wellbeing and Culture is an exciting event to wrap up the council's summer season of events. A perfectly formed small festival, with big festival vibe.

You can enjoy the three days of over thirty bands and solo acts of different varieties, including, Oasish, Stereotronics, Forever Queen, Foofighterz and Abbas Angels, along with original acts and great cover bands covering a huge genre of styles.

It includes fantastic street food from around the world and a large Wellbeing and Healing area. Come with an open mind ready to sing, dance and try new things.

Plus a Heritage Action Zone marquee and exhibition promoting Gosport's unique heritage.

Be ready for something new in Gosport.

John Searle's Funfair

- 📅 8th–17th September
- 📍 Walpole Park, Walpole Road, PO12 1NS

John Searle's Funfair's third and final visit to Walpole Park this year. Come along and enjoy the thrills and spills of the fair.

Visit their Facebook page for details of times and any special offers on wristbands etc.

- 📘 facebook.com/johnsearlefunfairs

Stoke Road Festival

- 📅 Saturday 16th September
- 📍 Stoke Road

Taking place inside and outside businesses along Stoke Road with music, workshops and activities for young and old alike this promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. A chance to browse the unique, independent shops. More information to follow on their facebook page.

- 📘 facebook.com/StokeRoad

Lee Victory Festival

- 📅 22nd–24th September
- 📍 Lee on the Solent High Street, seafront

Lee Victory Festival is back for three days of celebration and entertainment featuring an amazing array of military displays on the Lee on the Solent High Street and seafront, in the air and on the sea. Visit the website for full event information and locations – please note that parts of this event are ticketed.

- 🌐 leevictoryfestival.co.uk



Alverstone Michaelmas Fayre

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- 📅 Saturday 30th September
- 🕒 11am-4pm
- 📍 Alverstone Village, PO12 2LD

Fun for all the family in the traffic-free environment of Alverstone village. Includes bands, entertainers, food and drink and over 100 stalls selling everything from local handicrafts to pickled onions. Many local charity and community groups are represented.



Centenary Radio A National Championship

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- 📅 Saturday September 30th and Sunday October 1st

Radio-controlled A Class yachts participate in their National Championship at Gosport's Walpole Park Lake.

An excellent free spectator sport. In any wind, these large yachts, designed to the same formula as their wind-controlled sisters can get up a real turn of speed.

Further information: see the website or email PublicityOfficer@Gosportmybc.club

🌐 gosportmybc.club

Gosport Heritage Open Days

- 📅 8th-17th September
- 🆓 FREE

An annual family festival celebrating local history and culture, with FREE access to historic landmarks, talks and guided walks, displays and activities. Please visit the website for up to date information including how to book (all events are FREE but some require booking due to number restrictions).

🌐 gosportheritage.co.uk



Christmas at the Fort

 18th–19th November

 Fort Brockhurst

 FREE

Taking place at the historic Fort Brockhurst this is a welcome return for this festive market. FREE entry to over 50 local artisan stalls plus entertainment throughout the weekend!

 gosportmuseumandgallery.org.uk

Lee on the Solent Christmas Lights Switch On

 Friday 24th November

With the crowds gathered and the shops open until late there's going to be lots of festive fun. The Mayor will be switching on the lights. Keep up to date with what's going on including timings by visiting the website for more up to date information during October and November.

 gosport.gov.uk

Gosport High Street Christmas Lights Switch On

 Saturday 25th November

 High Street

Taking place in the High Street, with a variety of Christmas activities and live entertainment on stage – there will be something for everyone! This year's event is organised by the Hampshire Cultural Trust for the first time! Keep up to date by visiting the website during October and November.

 gosportmuseumandgallery.org.uk

Lights Festival

 Throughout December

This is a Hampshire Cultural Trust event – bringing a new spectacle to Gosport. Look out for iconic buildings and structures being lit up to showcase their beauty and uniqueness – visit the website for more information on what's being lit up and when.

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Christmas Fun

 Saturdays in December

 High Street

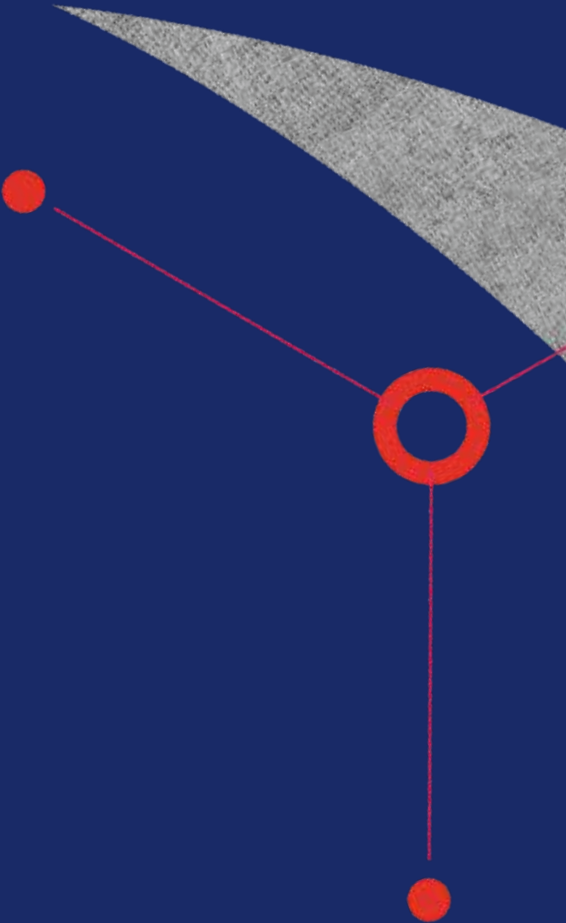
Once again Gosport Borough Council is pleased and excited to bring you an array of FREE entertainment with street entertainment, music and other festive attractions in the lead up to Christmas – to get the Christmas spirit going! Events will be

held on 2nd, 9th and 16th December – keep an eye of the Discover Gosport facebook page and website for more information nearer the time.

 gosportmuseumandgallery.org.uk

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