



# Bridgwater Quayside Festival

Summer  
Festival



**SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**11AM TO 5PM**

**STREET THEATRE, LIVE MUSIC,  
STALLS, CIRCUS, ARTS,  
DANCE, SPORTS**



**FESTIVAL PARADE**  
West Quay, East Quay,  
Blake Gardens,  
Fore St, High St,  
Bridgwater Art Centre,  
Library, Blake Museum,  
Engine Room,  
Brick and Tile Museum



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# WELCOME BACK TO THE Bridgwater Quayside Festival

The Bridgwater Quayside Festival is a free annual festival of outdoor, street theatre, live music, bands, DJ, singers, circus, dance, games, stalls, arts and family activities, outdoor exhibitions, children's parade, digital, augmented reality app, livestream, and more, celebrating with our local and global audiences.

Visit Bridgwater cafés, restaurants and shops and support local. Dance in the streets to DJ's, musicians, and bands in the High St. Bring a picnic to Blake Gardens and see the fabulous shows from Strong Enough, Bluebird Theatre, Cirque De Silks, BSP, Puppetree Pirate puppet shows, local dancers plus new Emerge performances and free festival workshops. We have a fabulous line up of bands and musicians in the town centre and around the town. Visit the Bridgwater Art Centre and take part in art tours, poetry performance, craft fair, indoor and outdoor exhibition. Visit The Engine Room outdoor music stage and Doodle Jam, AR reality app that brings the festival to life around the town. Bridgwater Blake Museum and Brick and Tile Museum are open, with a variety of activities and exhibitions and visit the library with the Fizz Pop science show and workshop, photo booth and more. There will be stalls and activities in Blake Gardens and in and around the town centre.

We are excited to announce Stories of Strength project highlighting stories of local people who live and work in and around Bridgwater. The children's festival parade at 12:45 pm in Blake Gardens. The schools in Bridgwater have been busy creating a wonderful river wildlife parade. Listen to BCA Eco podcasts of young people's voices sharing their vision of the future. Performances will be live streamed bringing the festival alive again digitally. You can watch again later or take part at home. Follow us on social media and download the programme from the festival web site to plan your day or pick up a programme from the local venues. There is so much to see and do.

The festival is free to attend. On the day there is an option to donate to our local charity, supporting Ukraine. Thank you to our fabulous festival team of festival makers! If you would like to take part and join in, please contact us. Thank you to Fuse Performance, Arts Council England, Sedgemoor District Council, Bridgwater Cultural Partnership and Bridgwater Town Council. If you have any questions or need further information, we would love to hear from you.

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# Venues

## Quayside Music Stage - Cornhill

Bridgwater Quayside Music Stage will be live in the town centre throughout the day with a mix of folk, Samba, Ska, Blues, Reggae and Rock n Roll. Dave Englefield, Sedgemoor FM, Merlin Cadogan will be your hosts and compering the High St Music stage.

11am	Voices of the People Choir
11.45am	Arquebus Trio
12.45pm	Skintight Samba
2pm	Louis and the Iguanas
3pm	Michael Baker band
4pm	Mitchell and Vincent
4.30pm	Hullabalooers

## West Quay / East Quay / East Over

Explore and discover the living statues and stilt character walkabouts throughout the day from East Over to the town centre.

11am, 1pm, 3pm	Flotsam the Mermaid > West Quay
12pm, 2pm, 4pm	Washed up Mermaid > West Quay
11am	Mr Lemon > East Over > Fore St
11.30am	Dilly Bubbles > East Over > Fore St
12.30pm	Mr Lemon > Blake Gardens > High St
12.45pm	Dilly Bubbles > Fore St > High St
2.30pm	Mr Lemon > West Quay
	> East Over > Fore St
3pm	Dilly Bubbles > West Quay
	> East Over > Fore St

## Blake Gardens

Come and enjoy free outdoor performances, puppet shows and enjoy a variety of activity stalls including Wilder Woods, Eco arts, crafts, football, Wildlife Trust and join in the parade workshops 11 am to 12:30 pm. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

### Festival Parade at 12.45pm from Blake Gardens band stand.

11am	Bluebird Theatre Company	2pm	Tiny Tours
	Musicians of Bremen		Cirque De Silks workshop
11.30am	Tiny Tours	2.15pm	Lisa Jane School of Dance
11.45am	Cirque de Silk – followed by an aerial workshop	2.30pm	Puppetree puppet show
12noon	Puppetree Pirate puppet show	3pm	Bluebird Theatre Company
12.30pm	Blending the Senses		Musicians of Bremen
12.45pm	Children's Parade	3.45pm	Cirque de Silk aerial workshop
1pm	Cirque de Silk – followed by an aerial workshop	4pm	Strong Enough Circus Performance
1.30pm	Strong Enough Circus Performance	4.30pm	Puppetree Pirate puppet show

Bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy the free shows and activities in Blake Gardens. Join in the Festival parade workshops 11 am to 12:30 pm.

## Bridgwater Arts Centre



The Bridgwater Arts Centre will be open 11 am to 4 pm with a craft market, poetry, Art Centre and History tours and exhibition by Steve Welsh. Book your Art Centre History Tours tickets at the Art Centre.

11am - 4pm	Craft market
1pm - 1.40pm	Art Centre History Tours with Chris Sidaway
2pm - 2.30pm	Poetry by Richard Skinner
3pm - 3.40pm	Art Centre History Tours with Chris Sidaway

All day Sound and Vision exhibition by Steve Welsh. An immersive exploration sound, art, photography, and video combined to create a series of unique narratives.



In collaboration with the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, images and words from a participatory photographic project on the Steart Marshes with local community members and volunteers along with various local artist's work inspired by the landscape, will be on show on railings around Bridgwater for the day of the festival.

# Artists

## Blake Gardens

### Strong Enough

#### STRONG ENOUGH

is a powerfully optimistic show that uses circus physicality, comedy, and feats-of-strength to celebrate stories of finding strength in unexpected places. Funny, physical, and full of hope. Charmaine, Strong Lady Productions will perform her feats of physical strength with her show Strong Enough.



### Bluebird Theatre Company

The Musicians of Bremen is our very own folk musical. It's an interactive music show for family audiences. Based on the Grimm Brothers tale of four abandoned animals seeking a new life, the show celebrates the musical potential of everyone. It's a joyful tale brought to life with life-sized puppets.



### The Tiny Tour's

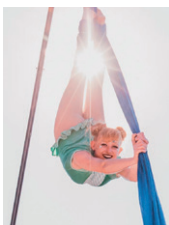
Come and discover fairy houses and stories of how they help nature along as Berty, your exceptionally tall tour guide, leads you on a journey of the tiny. Meet in Blake Gardens by the band stand 11.40am & 2pm.



### Cirque De Silks

Discovered the joy of aerial arts. Cirque de Silk was born out of a huge passion for aerial arts, and the positive impact it can have on people's lives.

We focus not only on the physical gains but also the chance to improve your wellbeing and feel great about yourself! Watch the shows and take part in workshops in Blake Gardens.



### BSP - Blending of the Senses

Singer, painter, performer. Intertwining worlds of singing and painting in a way that is

wholly original. The colourful textures are depicted in paintings when BSP performs her music. Her performances have been shown in London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Rome and the featured in Venice Biennale in 2019.



### Puppetree

Bring a picnic and a blanket to Blake Gardens and watch Puppetree's fabulous Pirate shows.



### House of F

Create and make festival parade streamers 11am to 12.30pm and take part in the festival parade from the bandstand at 12:45 pm. Join in with the creative arts activities all day in Blake Gardens.

**Wilder Woods - Blake Gardens**  
Join in with Wilder Woods Forest crafts and create and make with natural materials some fabulous creations to take home.

### Streetlinkz Circus

Join in the fun of the circus and take part in hula hooping, juggling, plate spinning, diabolo, flowers Sticks, Poi spinning and more.

### Festival Parade

Take part and join in the festival making workshops in Blake Gardens 11am to 12:30 pm. Parade 12.45pm from the band stand in Blake Gardens.



### Walkabout

#### Mr Lemon

Meet Mr lemon. He is the tallest man in the festival you won't be able to miss him.







### Ditty Bubbles

Brings bubbles and smiles with her high tall stilt walking and giant bubbles.



### West Quay

#### Flotsam

The Verdigris mermaid has washed ashore once more for bubble blowing, tail flipping fun! Flotsam is cleaning the oceans piece by piece of rubbish at a time. Come and find her and West Quay.



#### The Washed-up Mermaid

A silver mermaid frozen in time, entangled on top of ocean rubbish.



See her come alive and sing songs of the ocean, calling for help from those on the land.

### Bridgwater Art Centre



#### Skinner & Clarke

Poets, performers and published authors Richard Skinner and Gordon Clarke will entertain and amuse you with poems, puns and other word play — silly and serious, cheerful and (occasionally) solemn. Straight from the Cambridge University Footlights Club (of the 1970's!). A treat not to be missed!

### Bridgwater Library

Listen to Sarah Mooney storyteller and her spontaneous scientific tales. Sarah will be out and about in the park near the library during the day. The library will be open with Fizz Pop Science shows and workshops and in the park with crafting workshops and robot themed photo booth.

### High Street



#### Louis and the Iguanas

Let's Get One Thing Straight. There Is NO Louis, There Are NO Iguanas They Are Louis and The Iguanas. There will be SKA, SOUL, FUNK, REGGAE. A 10-piece band of cold blooded groovers. Louis and the Iguanas.



#### Skintight Samba

Rhythms from Brazilian and Somerset. Instruments are mostly associated with Brazilian Samba Batucada - surdos, caixas, agogos, tamborims, repiques etc

#### Arquebus

Formed in 2017 Arquebus Trio have been building a reputation throughout the South West. Foot stomping folk tunes combined with traditional chorus songs and self-written contemporary numbers. There's something for all folk fans to enjoy.



#### Roller DisGoat

You can hear the DisGoats with their miniature VW split screen DJ booth in the town centre. The one and only finest and funkiest DJ ready to turn your frown upside down.



#### Jon Maybey

Guitar and mandolin player fusing acoustic roots, jazz and blues styles with loops & FX to make uplifting instrumental music.



#### Michael Baker



Michael on guitar, keys, and harmonica, backed by Alfie Weedon on double bass, with Andrew Stuart-Buttle on violin, mandolin, synths & drum machines. Songs featuring shimmering electronic chords and drones, and occasional bursts of controlled feedback or skittering drum patterns.

#### Merlin Cadogan

Brings a touch of magic to the Cornhill Music Stage.



# Artists - continued



## Voices of the People Choir

Somerset's fantastic community choir - we are two choirs led by Yvette Staelens who share the same passion for singing and the same repertoire, and we perform here there and in Europe!



## Mitchell and Vincent

They're set and ready to go. Acoustic folk duo with three albums out. They mine the deep well of traditional folk music. Michael's guitar – classical model he made. Graham Vincent's fiddle is quite stunning. Together they are Mitchell and Vincent. Not just technically brilliant but played with warmth and feeling.



## Ben and Alfie

Ben & Alfie are a unique duo of five string violin and double bass, presenting an original blend of music and words. Their classical instrumental skills are subtly overlaid with jazz, folk, and world influences. Add inventive, thought-provoking poetry with a clear sense of theatre and you have Ben and Alfie.



## Sumo and Jules

Somerset based duo Su Mo & Jules Bushell appeared from the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic by running an online jam sessions for the past 2 years specific to the genre of Old Time music. Traditional instrumental music from the Appalachian mountain's (and elsewhere!) with banjo, fiddle, and guitar ideal. Check out their videos, new album.



## Hullabalooers

The Hullabalooers, Chris and Rob have played in and around the South West, in various bands such as The Rejects, The Thatchers and Harsh. Check them out as they play the festival out. The Hullabalooers!

# Venues

## Bridgwater Blake Museum



From Stone Age to Modern Age, there's something for everyone. Blake Museum is a 16th century house located in the heart of Bridgwater, a historic market town and port, first mentioned as Brugie in the Domesday Book of 1086. The Museum was first opened to the public in 1926 and it is said that Robert Blake, the town's most famous citizen, was born in the house in 1598. With the collections covering Bridgwater and the surrounding areas, we have fascinating displays waiting for you to discover.

PLEASE NOTE For one day only, entry to the museum will only be available from Blake Gardens

During the Quayside Festival, Teas/Coffees with biscuits will be served from the back of the museum adjoining the Blake Gardens. Just outside of the museum gardens you will also find Hot Dogs and Burgers for sale. All proceeds to the Friends of Blake Museum.

[www.bridgwatermuseum.org.uk](http://www.bridgwatermuseum.org.uk)

## High St – Outside the Town hall / Carnival Centre / Angel Place

Bridgwater High Street will have an array of different activity stalls of all shapes and sizes. Plus Food And Drink from local retailers. Supporting our local shops.

11am - 5pm

Roller DisGoat - DJ Van, Seed Sedgemoor – What If, Angel Art - Face painting

You are Not Alone & Friends, Bridgwater Area Cycling Campaign

Plus, more stalls & activities. Angel Art face painting will be in the high street this year, painting fabulous faces!

## Somerset Film and The Engine Room

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### What's on at The Engine Room?

Enjoy live music throughout the day on the outdoor stage in Clare Street in front of the Engine Room.

Doodle Jam - relax and enjoy a doodle with artist Sue Webber. Come and draw on our floor in studio one.

Free film screenings for children ages 13 and under - join our Into Film club\* and watch a selection of short films throughout the day. (\* it's free to join with parental permission)

Pick up a new activity sheet and discover the arts and culture in Bridgwater. This free fold out sheet includes drawing, dot to dot, a template to make a zoetrope (animation), a map and much more.

### Music Programme

11:30 - Meriden-nova

12:30 - SuMo and Jules

13:00 - Voice of the People Choir

14:00 - Ben and Alfie

14:30 - Jon Maybey

15:00 - East Timor Group

15:30 - The Enchanter



OVERLY AR APP

**Love your phone?** Download the **Overly** augmented reality app and bring the festival to life digitally. Students from a range of schools have been working with creative technologists at Somerset Film to create a new experience. Look out for the markers to indicate where exclusive material is hidden including 3D creations, musical performances, illustrations and much more. You can download the **Overly 'app for free from Google play or Apple's App Store.**

*Don't have a smartphone? Come to the Engine Room and borrow our tablet to experience our marker. Check out our map and find the Overly icon to explore.*

## Brick and Tile Museum



The Museum will be open and take part in the Blake Gardens activity stall creating tinfoil boats and clay crafting activity. Free for all to take part.

## Bridgwater Library



The library will be open with a Fizz Pop Science show and workshop.

*Please visit the library for times of shows and workshops.*

Take part in the crafting spinner workshops and robot themed photo booth. Listen to Sarah Mooney storyteller and her spontaneous scientific tales. Sarah will be out and about in the park near the library during the day.

## Music – Town and Around

11am	Ben and Alfie > Lower Fore St	1.45pm	SuMo and Jules > Lower Fore St
12noon	Mitchell and Vincent >>Lower Fore St	2.30pm	Jon Maybey > Engine Room
12.30pm	Ben and Alfie > Blake Gardens	1.45pm	Su Mo and Jules > Lower Fore St
12.30pm	SuMo and Jules > Engine Room	2.30pm	Mitchell and Vincent > Blake Gardens
1pm	Voices of the People Choir > Engine Room	4pm	Jon Maybey > Lower Fore St
1.30pm	Ben and Alfie > Engine Room		

## BRIDGWATER TWINNING EVENING

### BRIDGWATER ART CENTRE: 7.30PM TO 11PM

### LIVE MUSIC, BAR, TALKS WITH 7 TWINNING TOWNS

Enjoy a celebration of international friendship with music and film's. The show starts at 7.30pm and this year the event will be free ( with an option to make a donation to Ukraine). The event will start with some films from the 7 twin towns and the show will also be broadcast simultaneously on You tube. The show will feature music from far and wide.

▪ Meg Boucher ▪ Yvette Staelens ▪ Secret Notes ▪ Portuguese Performance artist, BSP.

# STORIES of STRENGTH



Stories of Strength is a project by Strong Lady Productions at Bridgwater Quayside Festival. After 20 years of touring the world as a Circus Strong Lady, Charmaine has been gathering local stories that celebrate strength. She will perform her feats of physical strength with her show Strong Enough at Bridgwater Quayside Festival July 9th - but now the spotlight turns to inner strength!

This project explored the powerful ways in which we all perform feats of strength in our own lives – it is a celebration of stories of resilience, perseverance, determination, and vulnerability.

Visit: [www.strongladyproductions.com/stories-of-strength](http://www.strongladyproductions.com/stories-of-strength) to see online galleries from our community and other communities and hear their stories of strength or visit the festival Stories of Strength printed story board's with a QR code to listen to it in the participants own voice. These will be displayed in different festival locations and online on the festival website.



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## Festival Arts Commission



**Bev Ashmore**  
**Community Weave with Bev g Star.**

Join in with Bev, Eco art installation giant nature weaving loom to create a community art woven tapestry of repurposed and carefully sourced organic natural materials. The artwork will be left as the final exhibition of the communities' artwork created at the festival in Blake Gardens.



**Ella Frampton**  
**"Every Lines the Same"**

The joy of laundry day! Come and be tangled and untwisted in a maze of washing lines in Blake Gardens. See the performers navigate, fold, hang, and repeat as they act out their washing ritual. A celebration of the repetitive mundane and a chance to make craft and add it to our line.

**The commissions are supported by Arts Council England, Fuse Performance, Mayday Creative Community projects and FUSE Emerge Festival arts commissions.**



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