

HOLMFIRTH

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8TH, 9TH & 10TH MAY 2026

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For all events, purchase a copy of the full souvenir programme at the Festival Office (Old Bridge Hotel) or selected supporting venues.

EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday Family & Dance Events

Venue	Artist	Details
Parish Church - Church (Venue 13)	Let's Sing!	1:00PM-5:00PM, Free
Small Civic (Venue 2)	Eurobal Anna Pack & Jo Veal with Le Vendredi Danse	7:00PM-10:30PM, £10.00 in advance / on door BUY NOW

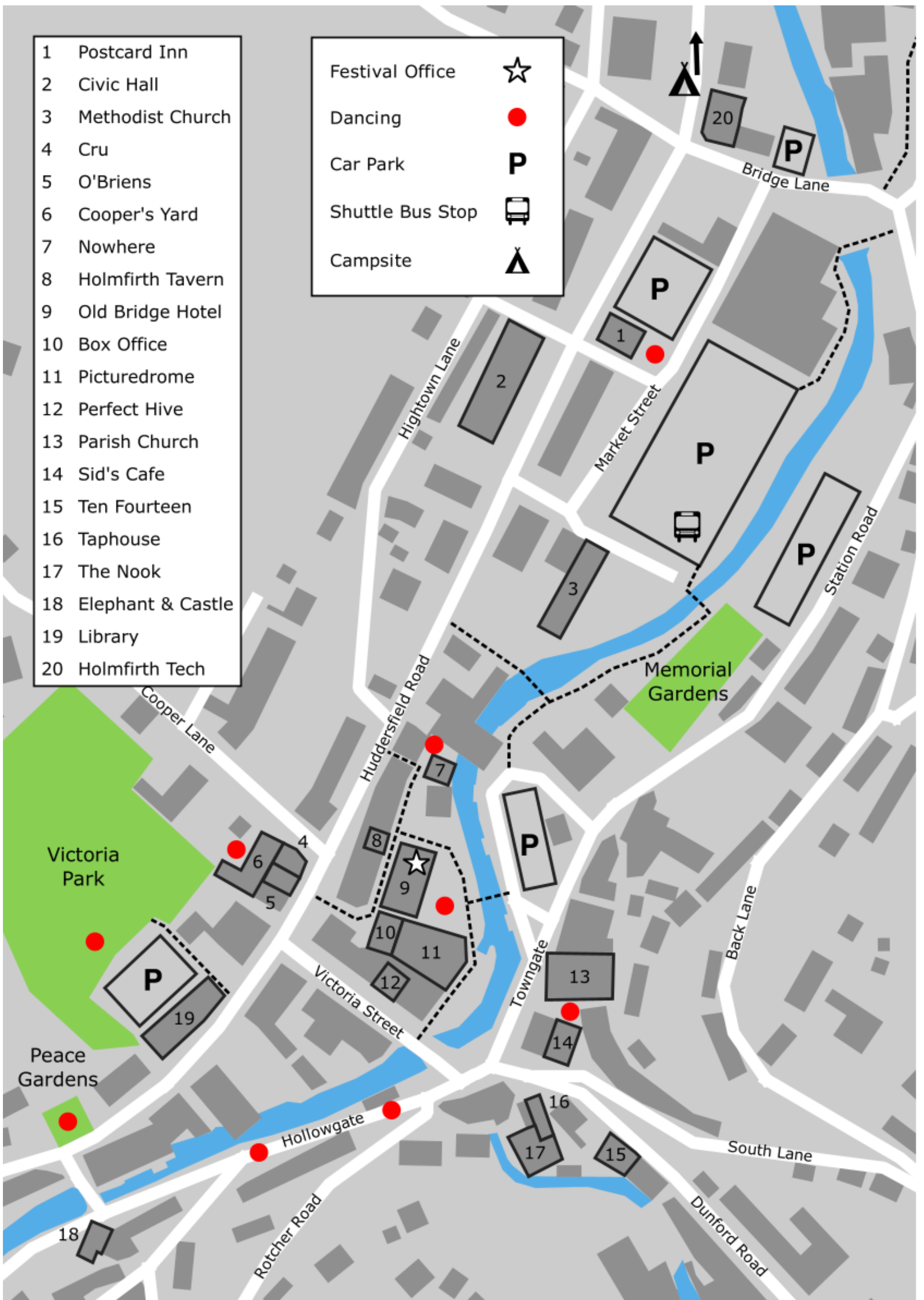
DANCING

You will be able to watch Morris dancing from a range of traditions and styles all around the town over the course of the weekend between 10.30am and 3.00 pm.

Try the following spots:

- Hollowgate.....Saturday only
- The Old Bridge Inn and Coffee House.....Saturday & Sunday
- The Parish Churchyard.....Saturday & Sunday
- Nowhere.....Mornings only
- Coopers Yard.....Occasionally
- Peace Gardens.....Occasionally
- The Postcard.....Afternoons only

The Grand Procession sets off from the Memorial Gardens at 3.30 pm on Saturday ending up in Victoria Park for a mass dance of the Morris sides between 4 and 5 pm.



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Saturday Family Events

<i>Venue</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Details</i>
Large Civic (Venue 2)	Schools Concert Including Brockholes CE J&I School Brass Group, Helme CE Academy School String Group , a selection of groups from Musica Holme Valley including a performance of a 'Medley of British Folk Tunes' to finish.	9:30AM-11:00AM, £3.00 suggested donation.
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	Mini Musica Exciting adventures for early learners. Join in with exploring the magical world of music together through singing, rhyme, movement and play. Discover for ages 1+ and their grownups. 10.00 - 10.30am. Explorers for ages 4+ and their grownups 10.45 -11.15am All welcome!	10:00AM-11:15AM, Free
Methodist Church - Lawn (Venue 3)	Madame Zucchini Creative workshops and walk around fun for all the family. Create your own vegetable characters in the vegcraft workshops, everyone is guaranteed a unique experience in her wonderful world of vegetables.	10:30AM-12:00PM and 2:15PM-3:45PM Free
Memorial Gardens (Venue MG)	Paint the People (Face Painting)	11:00AM-4:00PM, POA
Library (Venue 19)	Rhyme & Storytime Rhyme & Story Time for preschool children with Paul at 11am at Holmfirth Library. Children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.	11:00AM-11:30AM, Free
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	Cafe Orchestra See Sunday for description.	11:30AM-12:30PM, Free
Memorial Gardens 2 (Venue MG)	Circus Skills with Craftydevilz Come along for free and have a try at juggling, diablos, stilts, poi, hoops, pedal go, skate bikes and loads more stuff. For all ages and abilities, so come along, get down with the kids and show them how it's done! (Children must be accompanied by an adult)	12:00PM-4:00PM, POA
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	MHV Recorder Ensemble A recent addition to wide range of ensembles at Musica Holme Valley. This intergenerational group perform arrangements of traditional pieces and popular songs.	12:30PM-1:00PM, Free
Methodist Church - Lawn (Venue 3)	Madame Zucchini Theatre Mme Zucchini will perform her Vegetable tribute to Star Wars! And you can create your own space vegetable 🚀	1:00PM-1:45PM, Free
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	MHV Choir & African Drummers An intergenerational choir and drumming group performing African Rhythms combined with European creative techniques and an opportunity to join in. Do join us to make some noise and have a laugh!	1:00PM-1:30PM, Free
Library (Venue 19)	Storytime 'Storyteller' for children of all ages with Keith at 1pm. Children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.	1:00PM-2:00PM, Free
Methodist Church - Lawn (Venue 3)	Hardeep Hardeep Sahota is a Cultural Ambassador of Lawrence Batley Theatre and founder of World Bhangra Day. He is passionate about celebrating the beauty of Bhangra music & dance and preserving the cultural heritage of the Panjab.	2:00PM-2:45PM, Free
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	MHV Guitar Orchestra The Holme Valley has a strong tradition of guitar playing. This music centre group bring lots of guitarists together to rehearse and experience playing as an ensemble whilst learning some fun tunes!	3:00PM-4:00PM, Free
All (Venue All)	The Grand Parade The Grand Procession sets off from Memorial Gardens at 15.30 and processes through the town ending in Victoria Park for the final grand Morris display of the day.	3:30PM-4:00PM, Free
Sid's Cafe (Venue 14)	Spoken Word, storytelling & poetry , MC: Keith Jackson	5.00PM-6.00PM, Free

Sunday Family Events

Venue	Artist	Details
Coopers Yard (Venue 6)	Huddersfield Samba workshop and performance This is your chance of a taster session. Numbers limited so it's first come first served. Huddersfield Samba practise on Wednesday evenings at Holmfirth Civic Hall so if you have tried it and like it - go and join !	11:00AM-12:30PM, Free
Memorial Gardens (Venue MG)	Paint the People Face Painting	11:00AM-4:00PM, POA
Memorial Gardens 2 (Venue MG)	Ukulele Jamboree Just turn up on the day, bring a uke or be part of the audience and enjoy! To download your song sheets, please visit musicakirklees.org/events and scroll to Holmfirth Festival of Folk.	11:00AM-12:00PM, Free
Methodist Church - Lawn (Venue 3)	Legacy Steel Band Legacy Steel Band is a project of the Huddersfield African Caribbean Cultural Trust, a charity dedicated to preserving and promoting Caribbean culture and music, including and the art of the steel pan, they have been running for 3 years and are a 15 piece band who appear at local events.	11:30AM-12:00PM, Free
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Coopers Yard (Venue 6)	Cafe Orchestra Folk instruments, but not as you've heard them before. The Cafe Orchestra plays an eclectic range of music from medieval to modern day and from Brazil to Birmingham on concertina, accordion, mandolin and banjo with bass and drums for extra oomph.	1:00PM-2:00PM, Free
Methodist Church - Lawn (Venue 3)	Legacy Steel Band (See above)	1:00PM-1.30PM, Free
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	MHV Folk An intergenerational group providing educational folk experiences to instrumentalists of all ages and abilities to explore new arrangements of traditional music and new music too.	1:30PM-2:00PM, Free
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	Family Ceilidh with Moonraker Ceilidh Band Come and have fun at our family dancing!	2:00PM-3:15PM, Free
Methodist Church - Inside (Venue 3)	Highly Strung An intergenerational group of guitar and ukulele players who come from a very different musical backgrounds with some members following a traditionally classical guitar route and others being self-taught. They meet every Tuesday evening to form Highly Strung and perform tunes from a range of genres.	3:30PM-4:30PM, Free

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