

THURSDAY ★ ODD SOCKS *The Manor Hotel* 17:15 - 21:30 **Booking Required**

Fast, funny, and completely made up on the spot – Odd Socks bring the chaotic energy of “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” and “Shoot from the Hip” to Exmouth Festival! Expect outrageous games, quick-fire comedy, audience suggestions, and plenty of unexpected laughs. No script, no safety net... just plenty of fun improvisation. With special guests The Three Amigos. Come along, shout out your ideas, and watch the madness unfold!



FRIDAY

Western Spirit	17:00	Manor Gardens Band stand	Fun line dance activity
Collywobbles	17:45	Manor Gardens Band stand	Power-pop and grunge with whimsy
Sam Dowden	19:00	Manor Gardens Glade Stage	Feelgood originals and covers mashed up via loop station
Silent Disco	19:00	Manor Gardens Band stand	Family friendly party with two channels of hits till 10pm Booking Required
East Devon Rock Choir	18:00	The Strand	Rock and pop classics and layered harmonies from the large and lumious choir
Just Liv & Bob	19:00	The Strand	Livvy layers raw, wrenching honesty with soulful treacle backed up by the estimable Bob King on blues guitar
Airhead	20:15	The Strand	Laurie Ward and John McLoughlin with full 5 piece band in an epic set spanning the decades

SATURDAY

Beats & Cats	11:00	Manor Gardens Bandstand	Exciting, interactive music workshop with playful rhythms, beatboxing, and movement
Luna Barge	12:00 (BSL)	Manor Gardens Bandstand	Energetic, uplifting, indie-folk duo
Pariah	13:15	Manor Gardens Bandstand	Battle of the Bands winners with garage-funk swagger and rousing harmonies
Burnt Daylight	13:30	Manor Gardens Bandstand	Sunny jangly indie pop- expect earworms
Gareth Davie	14:15 (BSL)	Manor Gardens Bandstand	High-energy pop with a trunk of funk and peppy storytelling.
Reuben's Daughters	15:45 (BSL)	Manor Gardens Bandstand	Rootsy and soulful alt-pop in an intricately woven melodic tapestry
Avtar	16:45	Manor Gardens Bandstand	Flashmob-style workshop of Bollywood banghra moves

★ INDIRA ROMÁN & AJÍ PA'Ū *Manor Gardens Bandstand* 17:15 - 18:15

This band's name means “Chilli for you”, and promise a spicy fusion of Salsa, Cumbia and Caribbean Sounds matched by the irresistible pulse of a superb band – this is a stomping live set, of insistent riffs, pure groove, furious percussion and tropical melodies. Fresh and hot, sweet and spicy.



Cakeygirl 18:15 **Manor Gardens Bar Stage** Singing, beatboxing, rapping and scattered beats in uniquely haunting trip-hop

RIOHNACH CONNOLLY & ★ HONEYFEET *Manor Gardens Bandstand* 19:00 - 20:10 (BSL)

Swampy jazz, raucous brass, fractured funk, blues balladry, and gorgeous folkloric textures. Don't miss this mix of protest soul, twisted folk, deep groove and joyful abandon. Connolly's powerhouse vocals lead the charge, blending mischief, protest and vulnerability into something fiercely human and utterly live.



Kitty Stewart Trio 20:15 **Manor Gardens Bar Stage** Glittering takes on 90's dance and hip-hop bangers

★ MIXTAPE SOCIAL CLUB *Manor Gardens Bandstand* 21:00 - 22:00

“Where strangers become family and the dance floor becomes home”. The Mixtape Social Club aren't just a great night out—they're an unstoppable movement. Born from a simple philosophy: Bring the fun back to the dancefloor, ditch the egos, and let real connection happen through the universal language of groove! Like an old-school mixtape brought to life, you never know what's coming next. One moment you're lost in a dusty funk break, the next you're riding a disco edit so smooth it feels illegal, then suddenly you're dropping into bass-heavy hip hop that shakes your ribcage.



East Devon All Stars	11:00	The Strand	East Devon's very own majorettes group
Vibiza Dance Fitness & Swagga Fit	11:30	The Strand	Uplifting movement session and performances bringing Diversity-inspired street dance to the stage.
Talent Box	12:00	The Strand	Joyful musical mayhem with infectious enthusiasm
La La Choir	13:00	The Strand	A 350-strong Devon community choir who bring big energy, uplifting tunes and singalong moments
Exmouth Ukes	14:00	The Strand	Community ukulele group playing an eclectic range of music
Exmouth Youth Theatre	14:45	The Strand	Talented youngsters, singing their hearts out with fabulous harmonies.
Exmouth Musical Theatre Choir	15:30	The Strand	Bringing the Queen to the scene, fresh from their riotous rendition of We Will Rock You
Raymond Wylie	16:15	The Strand	Simon and Garfunkel with a West Country flavour, blending harmonies with fiddle, guitar, concertina and harmonica

★ SOUND OF THE SIRENS (BSL) *The Strand* 17:30 - 18:30

Alchemical duo Abbe and Hannah bring their multi-instrumental talents, evocative storytelling, and deeply personal song writing to The Strand. Blending folk, pop, and acoustic influences, they craft songs that resonate with sincerity and emotional depth, as on their new album 'The Other Me', where they explore nuances of personal transformation with their trademark depth and texture.



SATURDAY CONTINUED...



Rowan Stuart 18:45 *The Strand*

Atmospheric alternative music with soulful vocals, rhythmic guitar, organic-electronic grooves, and cinematic atmosphere

★ MADAME THESPIA PAVILION CAFÉ 19:00 – 21:00

Booking Required

Madame Thespia and her longsuffering companion Gustave LeGrump will host an eclectic night of comedy, music, poetry, storytelling and more. No one knows exactly what to expect... least of all, Madame Thespia herself!

Madame Thespia's open mic nights are designed to platform creatives from under-represented backgrounds, including (but not limited to!) neurodiverse, LGBTQ+, non-binary, global majority, late career and early career artists.

Dressing up is encouraged (theme is "Gaia & the Green Man", the weirder the better) - with a prize for the best costume!

Exmouth A Capella	12:00	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	Dedicated local choir performing delicate arrangements
Chhaya Youth Dance presents	12:30	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	Faultless: The illusion of a perfect world unravels, leading to wild and grotesque chaos
RA Dance Fitness	12:45	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	Individual and group pieces by young dancers
ECC Dance Students	14:15	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	Exmouth College students perform choreography created as part of GCSE and A level work
Starting Pointe	14:45	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	Students from Exmouth's ballet school perform

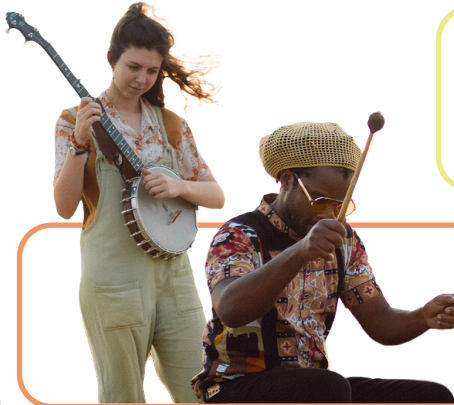


★ FLEUR DARKIN PRESENTS MY MUSES TAKE CARE OF ME 16:00 – 17:00 *Imperial Hotel Gardens*

My Muses Take Care of Me is a poetic, visually striking dance-theatre work exploring care, wildness, and feminine transformation. Performers move through cycles of resilience and renewal, wearing sculptural salmon-skin armours and accompanied by a powerful score blending Purcell, Arvo Pärt, Robbie Burns, and contemporary electronica.

SUNDAY

Erin Allgrove	11:30	<i>Manor Gardens Bandstand</i>	New story about mischievous and loveable Seagull Scruff
At Least 3	12:00	<i>Manor Gardens Bandstand</i>	Laid back soulful funk and smooth grooves
Cat Rose	12:30	<i>Manor Gardens Bandstand</i>	Folk/ indie singer with ethereal tones and mysterious melodies
Forward Poetry presents Toby Campion, Bella Cox and K Patrick	13:30	<i>Manor Gardens Bandstand</i>	Bold, fearless and vital poetry that combines lyric intensity with clarity, humour and urgency



★ LADY NADE 15:00- 16:00 *Manor Gardens Bandstand*

Lady Nade blends Folk, Americana, Soul, Jazz, Blues, and Roots into a warm and heartfelt sound. Her compositions explore themes of love, friendship, loss, and hope, through her uniquely tender voice. Spellbinding.



Karl Zumar 16:00 *Manor Gardens Bar Stage* From finger picked blues and slide guitar to flamenco-tinged instrumentals

★ KATE GRIFFIN & MATCHUME ZANGO 16:45 – 17:45 *Manor Gardens Bandstand*

Kate Griffin (UK banjo player) and Matchume Zango (Mozambique multi-instrumentalist) have forged a cross-cultural collaboration celebrating the universal power of traditional music. Rooted in British folk and African rhythms, their music blends earthy grooves and dancing melodies into a bright, joyful new sound. Driving banjo lines meet intricate percussion and chiming timbila, creating something both grounded and uplifting—rhythmic, melodic, and full of life.

Alex Dobson	17:45	<i>Manor Gardens Bar Stage</i>	Laid back lyrics and dancing tunes
Irie Fire	18:30	(BSL) <i>Manor Gardens Bandstand</i>	Mixing roots, ska, dub, rock and blues to create a special reggae sauce
Chris Ostler	19:30	<i>Manor Gardens Bar Stage</i>	Transatlantic country-rock and pop with verve and energy

★ NOT THE COWBOYS **(BSL)** 20:15 – 21:30 *Manor Gardens Bandstand*

Yeehaw! They're back - it's the return of this renowned gang of western renegades playing a mix of thigh-slapping covers in their unique cowboy-country style. Imagine a cross between George Ezra and the Wurzels playing a Bon Jovi and Black Eyed Peas mash-up... and you'll be close. Sing, dance and throw your cowboy hat in air as we round off Exmouth Festival cowboy style!



Exeter Morris	11:15	<i>The Strand</i>	Devon's oldest Morris side in their distinctive green waistcoats
Magic Carpet	11:45	<i>The Strand</i>	A theatrical performance from this inclusive group
Grimpsound Border Morris	12:00	<i>The Strand</i>	A long-established mixed gender border side who declare themselves loud, dark, and ...silly
Centre Stage	12:30	<i>The Strand</i>	Highlights from their summer programme, featuring numbers from big musicals past and present
Glory of the West	13:15	<i>The Strand</i>	Women's Cotswold morris side based in the Exeter since 1976
Alastair K	13:45	(BSL) <i>The Strand</i>	A journey through song and story along the south coast in the lawless golden age of smuggling



★ MOSCOW DRUG CLUB 15:00- 16:00 *The Strand*

Named after the BB Gabor song about an underground Jazz club during the cold war, this Berlin cabaret-style band play a heady and waggish mix of Jazz French musette Latin Grooves and New Orleans Swing. Combining their original material with songs by the likes of Jaques Brel, Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen & Eartha Kitt, they deliver an intoxicating and intimate musical experience.

SW Lindy Hoppers	16:15	<i>The Strand</i>	Hopping for 20+ years, watch their skilful demonstration, and join in if you swing!
Just Misbehavin	16:45	<i>The Strand</i>	The cat's miaow! Swing, jazz and dance music topped with the voice of Lyn Thornton
Mahara Jujitsu	11:30	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	A demonstration of this dynamic martial art that's often described as 'human chess'
Songs of Wild Things' with Iryna Ilnytskya	13:00	<i>Imperial Hotel Gardens</i>	Iryna, mezzo-soprano, and John Draisey, piano, explore the timeless bond between nature and human emotion through music from Handel, Arne, Bizet, Rossini and more

SUNDAY CONTINUED...

★ **JASON SINGH'S
PLANTS AS COMPOSERS**
Imperial Hotel Gardens
14:30 - 15:15

The sound of the wild - this is a live music performance generated by plants, Fungi and Mycelium. Rooted in meditation, mindfulness and relaxation, audiences experience ambient soundscapes generated live by plants and fungi, with elements of field recordings and vocal improvisations. This performance also includes a talk about bioinspiration and a Q&A.



★ **SAXON TALES WITH
FOUR OF SWORDS**
Imperial Hotel Gardens
16:00 - 16:45

Inspired by the epic poem Beowulf and other Anglo-Saxon and Germanic sources, this performance explores this land's indigenous mythology, rich with strangeness, heroism and moral ambiguity, wrapped up into an exciting and bombastic ritual performance. Enter a mythic landscape, and encounter wild and ancient tales of heroes, gods and giants. Precious fragments of Anglo-Saxon narratives, the foundation stones of English culture, draw on the uncanny presence of the sea and the liminal spaces where human and monstrous worlds collide...



★ **THE SALMON RUN
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**
Imperial Hotel Gardens
17:00 - 17:20

The Salmon Band performs a new piece of music inspired by the incredible journey of the critically endangered Atlantic salmon who return from the sea to swim and leap up the river Exe to spawn in the Exmoor streams of their birth. This is a Tidelines collaboration with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Participate and Exmouth Festival.



SATURDAY & SUNDAY

THE FABULARIUM PRESENTS
★ **CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS**
Imperial Hotel Gardens

Wondrous woodland creatures share stories of courage and adventure, and songs of celebration and friendship. And to round off the weekend, the last session is a wild party! Join in the games, dance, and let your inner animal run free

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:00 - 11:45	12:15 - 13:00 (BSL)
13:30 - 14:15	13:15 - 14:00
15:15 - 16:00	17:15 - 18:00



★ **UNCLE TACKO'S FLEA CIRCUS**
Manor Gardens Circus Tent
15:00 - 15:30

Fleas performing incredible feats of strength and agility all under the watchful eye of Uncle Tacko. Fantastic family fun.



SHANTIES ON THE SHORE SUNDAY

THE BEACH STAGE

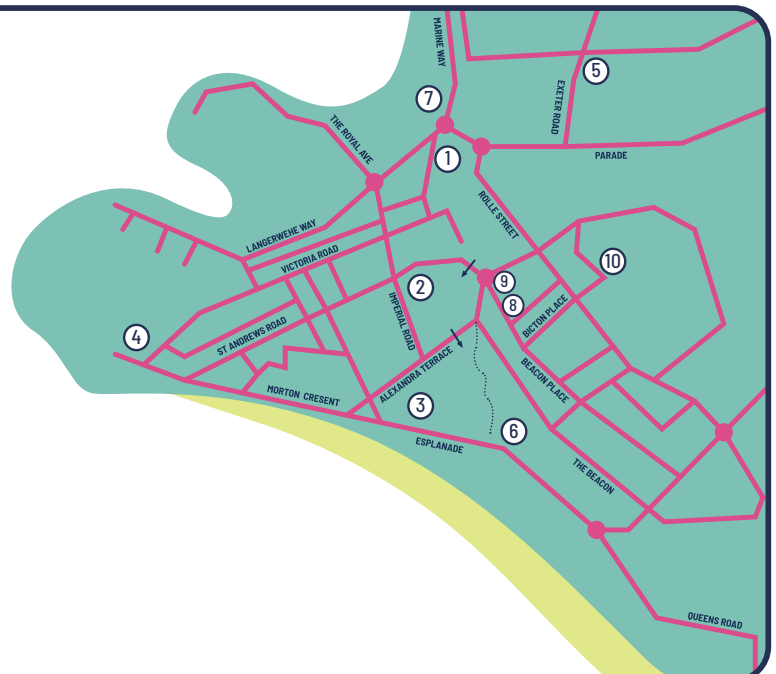
12:00 **The Exmouth Shanty Men**
12:15 **Simon the Harpist**
13:00 **Ceri Stafford**
13:30 **Cask**
14:15 **Bow Movement**
15:00 **Hot Tuna**
15:45 **Mizzen Crew**
16:30 **The Exmouth Shanty Men**
17:15 **Midsummer Gurnards**
18:30 **All hands finale**

THE BICTON STAGE

13:00 **Midsummer Gurnards**
13:45 **Mizzen Link**
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15:15 **Ceri Stafford**
16:00 **Simon the Harpist**
19:30 **All hands finale**

FESTIVAL MAP

- ① The Strand
- ② Manor Gardens
- ③ Imperial Hotel Gardens
- ④ The Beach Pub / Marina
- ⑤ Exmouth Library
- ⑥ Exmouth Pavilion
- ⑦ Exmouth Train Station
- ⑧ Manor Hotel
- ⑨ Seadog Gallery
- ⑩ Bicton Stage



CIRCUS TENT *Manor Gardens*

CIRCUS PLAYTIME *learn to hoop, juggle and diablo with Ben and the gang*

SATURDAY 11am - 1pm | 1:30pm - 3pm **SUNDAY** 11am - 1pm | 1:30pm - 3pm

SPANGLES THE CLOWN *Hilarious family show packed with audience participation and circus tricks* **SATURDAY** 1pm

UNCLE TACKO'S FLEA CIRCUS

Fleas performing incredible feats of strength and agility **SATURDAY** 3pm

BEN THE JUGGLER *Comedy circus skills show with audience participation & a hint of danger* **SUNDAY** 1pm | 3pm



ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY 11am | 1:30am | 3:15pm **SUNDAY** 12:15pm | 2pm | 5:15pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

WATER EXPLORATION TEAM *Discover the wonder of our blue spaces, through adventure and curiosity aboard the HMS Puppeteer. An interactive installation for ages 4+*

SATURDAY 10am - 5pm **SUNDAY** 10am - 5pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

ACTIVITIES

LINE DANCING WITH WESTERN SPIRIT *Suitable for all ages and to all genres of music*

FRIDAY 5pm - 5.40pm **Manor Gardens Bandstand**

RE:WILD SHAKESPEARE *An interactive 'play' workshop inspired by The Tempest with Maggie Irving & Claire Hadfield.*

FRIDAY 6pm - 7pm **Manor Gardens Circus Tent**

BEATS & CATS *Interactive music workshop with playful rhythms, beatboxing, and movement*

SATURDAY 11am - 12pm **Manor Gardens bandstand**

KIDS COVE *Soft play area and games for little ones from the Exmouth play café*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am - 5pm **Manor Gardens**

VR WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST *Experience the wonder of A la Ronde's iconic Shell Gallery through Virtual Reality*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am - 5pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

YOGA WARM UP *Start your day with a gentle yoga session by choreographer and accredited Iyengar Yoga teacher Fleur Darkin*

SATURDAY 10am - 11am **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

NELKIN LINE WITH MAGGIE IRVING *Learn this stylish line dance of simple gestures by choreographer Pina Bausch*

SATURDAY 11am - 11.45am **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

INDIAN DANCE WITH AVTAR

learn some classic Bollywood moves **SATURDAY** 4.45pm - 5.15pm **Manor Gardens**

SHANTY SINGING WITH EXMOUTH SHANTY MEN - *Learn seafaring songs with Exmouth's finest maritime singers*

SATURDAY 5pm - 6pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

WAVE QI GONG - *A mindful session of movement, Qi Gong cultivates life energy (Qi) through movement, breath, and meditation*

SUNDAY 10am - 11am **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

MAHARA JUJITSU - *A demonstration of this dynamic martial art that's often described as 'human chess'*

SUNDAY 11.30 am - 12.15pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

NATURE BEATBOXING WITH JASON SINGH- *Learn to recreate the sounds of nature using voice and movement. 5 yrs+*

SUNDAY 1pm - 2 pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

LAUGHTER YOGA WITH KAT - *A unique and enjoyable way to move your body and relax your mind, with breathwork and yoga movement*

SUNDAY 4.15pm - 5.15pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

ARTS & CRAFTS

CLIP CLUB *Think book club but talking about short films or film clips.*

WEDNESDAY 7:30pm - 9:30pm **Manor Hotel**

THE HONOURING CLOTH WITH WALKING FOREST *Come and stitch any 'non-human wild being' you wish to honour on this collaborative artwork* **Booking Required**

SATURDAY 10am - 12:30pm | 1:30pm - 4pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

CREATIVE CABINET *Nature themed printing activity from the Thelma Hulbert Gallery team*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11am - 5pm **The Strand**

RAKU POTTERY *The wild side of ceramics! Glaze an artifact then watch as it's raku fired.*

Drop in during the session times, children must be supervised. £5 - 15

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am - 11:30am | 2:00pm - 3:30pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

ANIMAL TAILS WITH ANNA F

Make your own animal tail to wear **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 10am - 5pm **Manor Gardens**

SALMON RUN

Learn more about wild inhabitants of the Exe, the Atlantic Salmon, and make your own salmon hat out of recycled materials suitable for Salmon Run

SUNDAY 10am - 1pm | 2pm - 4pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

PHOTOGRAPHY WITH EXE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

Learn tips and tricks for amateur photographers eager to capture the Exe Estuary and River Exe. All ages and levels of experience.

SUNDAY 11.15am - 12.45pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

BUCA BUNTING *Community bunting make on hand-crank sewing machines.*

FRIDAY 4pm - 8pm **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 10am - 5pm **Manor Gardens**

ISOLATION CREATION *wild crafts with Hayley Watson* **FRIDAY** 4pm - 8pm, **SATURDAY** 10am - 5pm **Manor Gardens**

EXMOUTH POTTERY *Creature ceramic painting with the community pottery* **£2-8 SATURDAY & SUNDAY** 10am - 5pm **Manor Gardens**

OPEN DOOR *Willow insects and recycled paper making with the Exmouth support org*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am-5pm **Manor Gardens**

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY WITH EXMOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Come and have a go at portrait photography- lights, camera, flash! **SATURDAY** 9.30am - 12.30pm **Exmouth Library**

FELTING - *Drop-in workshop to felt a beetle or a bee (children) or a flower corsage (adults) - £2*

SATURDAY 2.30pm - 5pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

PAPER CRAFTS - *Making paper birds and wreaths with the Exmouth W.I.*

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am - 5pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

WORDS & WRITING

WORD KITCHEN OPEN MIC

An Open Mic for prose and poetry to share your writing in front of a friendly and supportive audience.

THURSDAY 6pm - 7:30pm **Seadog Gallery**

WORD KITCHEN WRITING WORKSHOP

with skilled facilitator Pippa Marriott offers prompts and techniques for getting words on the page - bring pen and paper **Booking Required**

SATURDAY 12pm - 2pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

TRAVEL WRITING WITH RICHARD COLLETT - *Covering how to find unique travel stories, improve your writing and get published*

SUNDAY 2pm - 3pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

FORWARDS POETRY - *This session with Toby Champion considers the idea of what lingers and what stays with us after cultural events*

SUNDAY 3pm - 4pm **Imperial Hotel Gardens**

2026 EXMOUTH FESTIVAL

TRAVEL

We recommend coming by foot, bike, train, bus or ferry.

BIKE: Make the most of the scenery and reach us on the Exe Estuary trail.

TRAIN: Exmouth Train Station is a 5 minute walk from two of the festival sites and 15 minutes to the third. GWR run trains from Exeter every 30 minutes. www.GWR.com

BUS: Buses run from Exeter, Sidmouth and Woodbury. See www.traveldevon.info

FERRY: Ferries run from Dawlish and Starcross

CAR: There is no parking at the festival sites. Long-stay car parks- see Google maps or EDDC website. There are limited roads in and out of Exmouth.
If you are driving, please consider car-sharing.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you have any questions or require access support please email festival@exmouth.gov.uk
Selected performances are **BSL** signed and these are marked with the icon on the programme



YOUR SAFETY

Exmouth Festival is a community event and we ask that your behaviour is appropriate for this family-oriented festival. In order to facilitate the security, safety and comfort of all visitors to the Festival you can expect 24-hour security on site, random bag searches, restriction of personal alcohol supply and Challenge 25 on all festival sites.

THANKS FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN!

The festival is organised and funded by Exmouth Town Council, with additional funding from Arts Council England, East Devon District Council and Devon County Council

A huge thank you to our funders and sponsors for supporting this year's event.



Thanks also to the Exmouth Town Council Staff, councillors and community volunteers for giving up their time to help make this happen.

And lastly, thanks to you for coming along and making it all worthwhile!

Help keep our festival free! Every donation counts

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