

FRINGE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY

30 JULY

HORSE THEMED WATERCOLOUR
EVENT WITH NIKKI BENNETT

10AM–12PM, Horncastle Library

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

FREE HORSEY CRAFT/ STORY/ PUN/
POEM WORKSHOP

10AM–12PM, Horncastle Library



BACKGROUND

For hundreds of years, Horncastle was known for its Horse Fair which was always held near the feast of St Lawrence on 10th August. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries it became one of the biggest horse fairs in Europe, attracting traders from across the globe. Now back for a third edition this year's event will honour the history and create new traditions for Horncastle.

HORNCASTLE HORSE FAIR

7–9 AUGUST 2025

THURSDAY 7 & FRIDAY 8
AUGUST

LUMO WORKSHOP DROP-IN CREATIVE SESSIONS

10AM–12.30PM & 1.30–4PM,

Community Centre

Lumo Workshop drop-in creative sessions for all ages—come and join Nadya & Lou and make your own clackers, folk decorations and bell sticks. All items to be kept at the community centre until the procession.

PARKING & ACCESS

Parking is available at St Lawrence Street car park and Cattle Market car park. Public toilets with accessible facilities are available on St Lawrence Street and at the community centre. All main sites are wheelchair accessible, although the ground may be rough and uneven in places. Dogs are welcome at Horncastle Horse Fair sites (except the marked nature reserve area) but they must be kept on short, fixed leads at all times.

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

JOIN LOCAL HISTORIAN BOB WAYNE AND LEARN ABOUT
THE HISTORY OF HORNCASTLE CANAL

10–11.30AM, Meet at the Community Centre

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

A SHORT TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE PIT PONY
BY BRIAN BURBIDGE

6.15–7PM, Community Centre

A SPECIAL OPEN MIC NIGHT

7–10PM, Just One More Bike

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST

DISPLAY OF ALL WORK CREATED ON 2 AUGUST

9AM–1PM, Horncastle Library

THANK YOU

Horncastle Horse Fair is a community event, produced by Sessions Arts working with East Lindsey District Council, Horncastle History & Heritage Society and a team of Community volunteers. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their time and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Joanna Pass, Marilyn and Michael Heatt, Brian Burbidge, Ian Marshman, Adam Cartwright and Kate Giffen.



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A FREE ARTS &
COMMUNITY EVENT
FOR EVERYONE!

CELEBRATING
OUR HERITAGE, CREATING
NEW TRADITIONS



**SATURDAY 9
AUGUST
10AM-4PM**

**PERFORMANCES IN
THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE GARDEN**

**ALL RISE BY
CREATIVE HEIGHTS**

10.20-11AM & 1-1.40PM

NEW aerial performances by members of
Creative Heights & Sessions Arts.

**FOLK DANCE REMIXED:
DJ CEILIDH JAM**

11.15AM-12.15PM &

1.50-2.50PM

Folk dance & music performance
that you can get involved with!

**HARRIE THE
HORSE PUPPET
12-12.30PM &
2-2.30PM**

**HORNCASTLE
COMMUNITY
CHOIR
12.30-1PM**

**DANCE 10
2.50-3.20PM**
Community dance
performance.

**HORSE FAIR
PROCESSION
3.30-4PM**

LIVE MUSIC IN THE WALLED GARDEN

There'll be live music from a range of local musicians throughout the day in the Walled Garden at Banovallum House, including Nigel & Teri, The Outdoor Cats, Mike Wisdom and others and Alford Morris will be wandering around and entertaining everyone too!

THE MANE EVENT



HORSESHOE TRAIL

Get creative with our Horseshoe Trail! Pick up a whitewashed horseshoe from Horncastle Community Centre to decorate and return by 7th August, or download a template from Facebook to colour and pop in your window to show that your house, shop or business is part of the horse fair!

PLUS!

**LUMO WORKSHOP
MAKE A FESTIVAL
ARCH
FABULOSO ORGAN
TAPPIN IN
PERFORMANCES
BOMBER THE
SHIRE HORSE
RHUBARB
THEATRE'S
COMEDY
GYMKHANA
VINTAGE BICYCLES
ILLUMINATED
PEGASUS
REFRESHMENTS
HORSE FAIR &
NATURE CALLING
FILMS
MOBILE
BILLBOARDS AND
CREATIVE
ACTIVITY BY
NATURE CALLING**



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