

The Big Feast Easy Read Visual Story



The Big Feast

**Friday 22 &
Saturday 23
August 2025**

**Stoke-on-Trent City Centre (Hanley)
11am-5pm FREE**

Event Funders



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About The Big Feast



The **Big Feast** is a **free** festival that happens in **Stoke-on-Trent city centre (Hanley)**.



A **festival** is an organised set of **special events**.



The Big Feast is an **outdoor** event where art and artists appear in **streets** and **buildings** around Stoke-on-Trent city centre (Hanley) for people to enjoy.



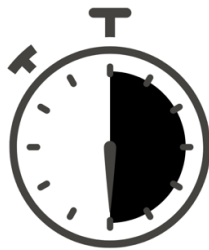
The Big Feast is an **annual** event. This means it takes place **every year** on the **third weekend of August**.



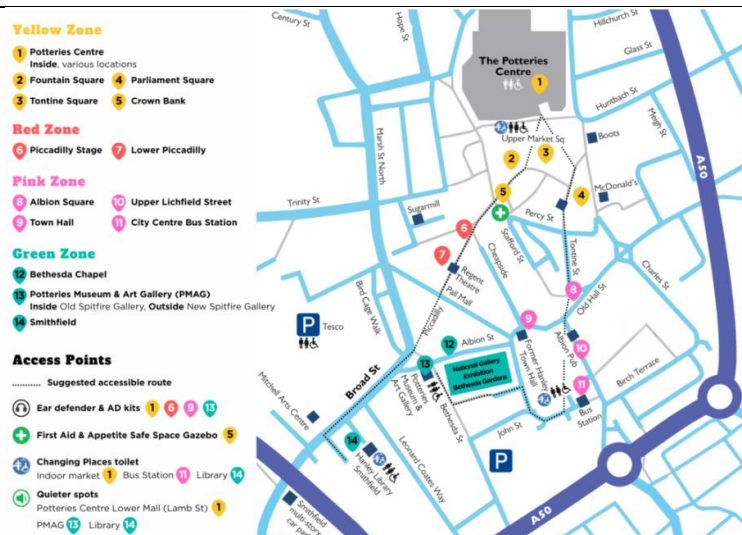
This year the Big Feast is happening on **Friday 22** and **Saturday 23** of August.



Events **start** at **11am** and **end** at **5pm** each day.






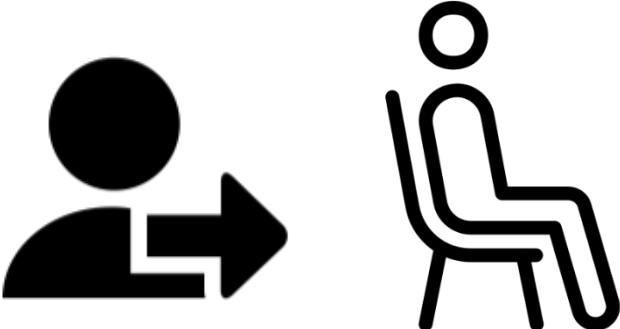
Most events last
around **30 minutes**.



The Big Feast events happen in lots of **different places** around the City Centre.



A **programme** is available for The Big Feast. The programme tells you **all the things** that are happening at the festival. You can get a programme from the volunteers at the festival. Or download one from this link [The Big](#)

	Feast 2025 Brochure - Appetite
	<p>Lots of people come to the Big Feast.</p>
	<p>Everyone is welcome at the Big Feast.</p>
	<p>You can move around during the Big Feast.</p>
	<p>You can leave and come back to performances.</p>

	<p>Performers love it when you clap and make noise.</p>
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Finding Your Way Around The Big Feast	
	<p>During the festival you can ask for help.</p>
	<p>Look for the people wearing this Appetite logo or Appetite t-shirts. These are Appetite Stewards and are there to help.</p>

Performance Areas at the Big Feast

- Yellow Zone**
- 1 Potteries Centre Inside, various locations
 - 2 Fountain Square
 - 3 Tontine Square
 - 4 Parliament Square
 - 5 Crown Bank

- Red Zone**
- 6 Piccadilly Stage
 - 7 Lower Piccadilly

- Pink Zone**
- 8 Albion Square
 - 9 Town Hall
 - 10 Upper Lichfield Street
 - 11 City Centre Bus Station

- Green Zone**
- 12 Bethesda Chapel
 - 13 Potteries Museum & Art Gallery (PMAG) Inside Old Spittire Gallery, Outside New Spittire Gallery
 - 14 Smithfield

Access Points

..... Suggested accessible route

- 1 Ear defender & AD kits 1 9 9 9 15
- 2 First Aid & Appetite Safe Space Gazebo 5
- 3 Changing Places toilet Indoor market 1 Bus Station 11 Library 14
- 4 Quieter spots Potteries Centre Lower Mall (Lamb St) 1 PMAG 13 Library 14



The Big Feast events take place in a number of **different places**.

Each **area** has a different **number**.



Area 1 – Potteries Centre.

Some events will be happening at various places **inside** the Potteries Centre. Some performances will also finish **outside** the Potteries Centre.



Area 2 – Fountain Square

Fountain Square,
near Lloyds bank
and Specsavers



Area 3 – Tontine Square

Near to Butters
John Bee and
Halifax.



Area 4 – Parliament Square

Near to
Weatherspoons and
McDonald's.



Area 5 – Crown Bank

Near HSBC Hanley and Little Dessert Shop.

The **First Aid tent** will be in this area.

This is the area for **lost** children and **lost** people.

Please come here if you have lost someone or are looking for someone.



Area 6 – Piccadilly Stage

Performances will take place on a **raised stage** at Piccadilly/Cheapside. There will be **benches** here for you to sit on.



Area 7 – Lower Piccadilly

Near the Regent Theatre.
Some performances will start at lower Piccadilly and then **move** up and down Piccadilly.

Other performances will move and **finish** near Lower Piccadilly.



Area 8 – Albion Square

This is an outdoor space near B&M.

There will be **benches** here for you to **sit on**.



Area 9 – Town Hall

Outside the old town hall.

There will be **benches** here for you to **sit on**.



Area 10 – Upper Lichfield Street

This is an outdoor area near the Albion Pub.

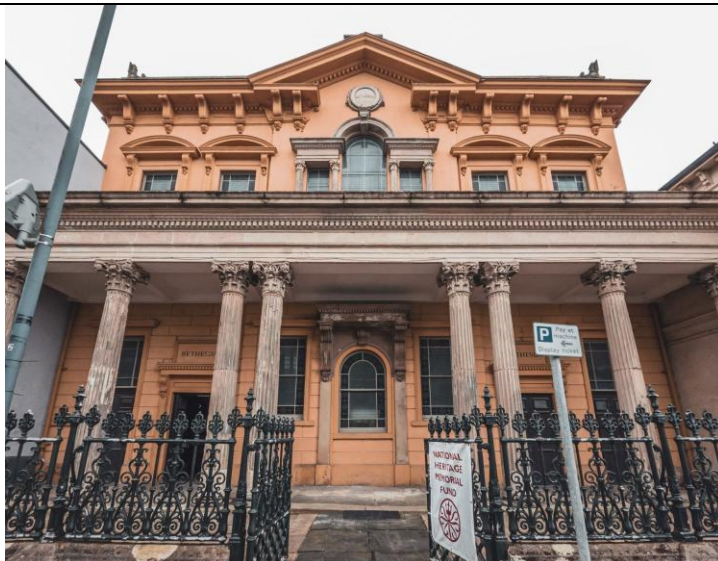
Performances that start here will then **move to a new area** and you can **follow** the performance.



Area 11 – City Centre Bus Station

We will have performances outside the bus station.

There will be **benches** here for you to **sit on**.



Area 12 – Bethesda Chapel

Inside Bethesda Chapel you will find **A Restorative** a relaxing and dreamlike experience.



Area 13 – Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

There will be some events **inside** the museum, like **See Saw** in the **Old Spitfire Gallery**.

Some events will be **outside** the museum on the ramp by the entrance. Other **outside** events will be by the **New Spitfire Gallery**.



There will be **benches** here for you to **sit on**.

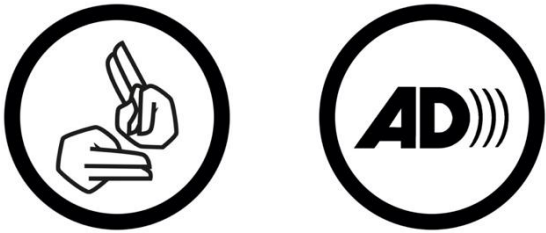
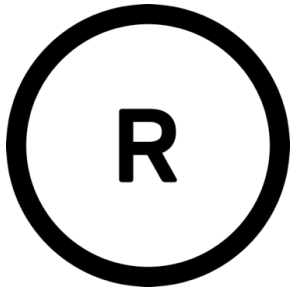




Area 14 - Smithfield

At Smithfield, near the new Hanley Library and the **Smithfield building** which is the big colourful building behind the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery. The Volo VR Swings will be set up **outside**. As well as a variety of

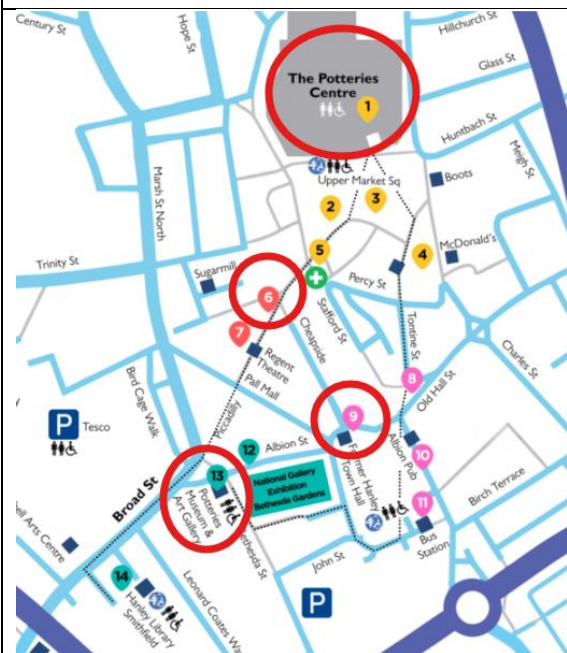
	<p>outdoor performances.</p>
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Access at the Big Feast	
	<p>There is an Access Team at the Big Feast.</p> <p>They can help you and answer any questions.</p> <p>They will be wearing green t-shirts with the Appetite logo.</p>
	<p>The Access Team will be around at the events.</p> <p>They may come up to you and ask if you need any help.</p> <p>You can always ask one of our access team if you need help with something.</p>

	<p>The Access Team will be at each BSL and AD show. You can ask them for help, if you need to.</p>
	<p>Performances at the Big Feast are relaxed. You can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear headphones - Make noise and clap - Come and go - Move around
	<p>The festival is busy and may be noisy at times.</p>
	<p>Quieter areas of the festival can be found at Area 1 Potteries centre lower mall (Iamb street), Area 13 Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Area 14 near Smithfield in the Library.</p>



Noise cancelling headphones are available to **borrow** at the Big Feast just ask one of our **Access Team**.



Noise cancelling headphones and audio described headsets can be found at these locations, **Area 1** Potteries Centre, **Area 6** Piccadilly Stage, **Area 9** Town Hall and **Area 13** Potteries museum and art gallery.







All performances are **wheelchair accessible**. **Viewing areas** will be **reserved** for wheelchair users when we are expecting large numbers.



Some performances will be **audio described**, you can **collect headsets** for these from our access stewards and at the **performance**.

The Big Feast **programme** will tell you which performances have audio description, or you can ask

	<p>one of the Appetite Stewards.</p>
	<p>Some performance will have BSL interpretation.</p> <p>The Big Feast programme will tell you which performances will be signed.</p>
 	<p>There will be a bookable touch tour for the Ancient Giants performance.</p> <p>A touch tour allows you to touch and feel the puppets and costumes before a performance so you can better understand what they look like.</p> <p>Touch tours are helpful to people who find it hard to see. - Find the booking link here Ancient Giants - Appetite</p>
	<p>There are Changing Places toilets at the Indoor Market and Smithfield 1.</p>



Accessible toilets can be found at the **Potteries Museum and Art Gallery**, the **Bus Station**, and the **Potteries Centre**.



We will have more **easy read visual stories** on our website. For more **information** about our events and performances. This is the link to our website.

[The Big Feast is Back for August 2025! - Appetite](#)