

**FESTIVAL OF THRIFT**

**23 & 24 SEPTEMBER**

**10AM TO 5PM**

**IN BILLINGHAM**

**TOWN CENTRE &  
JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK**

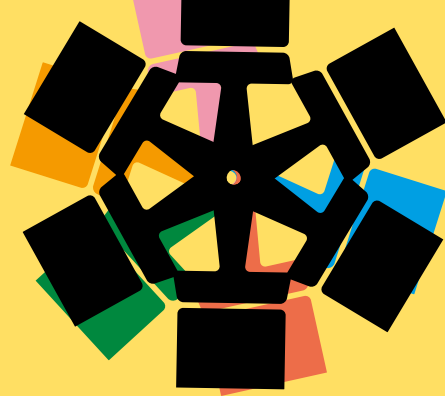
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ENTRY**

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**LET'S THRIFT AGAIN**

FESTIVAL OF THRIFT  
**PROVOKING  
PERFORMANCES  
AND  
SUSTAINABLE  
HANDS-ON FUN**





# WELCOME TO BILLINGHAM



**SHIFT TO THRIFT**  
**FESTIVAL OF THRIFT**

**SUSTAINABLY**

**YOURS**



MUSIC



PERFORMANCE

## THE FESTIVAL OF THRIFT ISN'T JUST AN EVENT; IT'S A CATALYST FOR CHANGE.

Welcome to the first Festival of Thrift in Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees – a spectacular free celebration of sustainability, creativity and community spirit! As the heart of this town and adjoining John Whitehead Park come alive with vibrant colours and contagious energy, we invite you to embark on a journey unlike any other.

In Billingham, a new chapter unfolds as we introduce the Festival of Thrift to new audiences as well as long-term Thrifties. Our mission is to ignite a passion for sustainable living, inviting both locals and visitors to embrace a lifestyle that nurtures our planet, protects our places and helps our communities to thrive.

Step into a world where creativity knows no bounds. Engage with interactive installations, and captivating performances that challenge the conventional and spark conversations about our collective responsibility towards the environment.

From the slow fashion movement to technologies that support positive change there is so much to discover. This year we have made nearly all of our workshops free to give people access to learning new sustainable living hacks and have wonderful creative experiences. We aim to champion local businesses and make every corner of the festival grounds a testament to the potential of sustainable choices.

The Festival of Thrift isn't just an event; it's a catalyst for change. It's a place where generations converge to share ideas, where innovation merges with tradition, and where every action, no matter how small, contributes to a sustainable future. So, whether you're a sustainability enthusiast, a culture vulture, an artist, a food lover, or simply someone looking to immerse yourself in a weekend of inspiration, the Festival of Thrift welcomes you with open arms.

**TANYA STEINHAUSER AND DOMINIC SOMERS,**  
CO-CREATIVE DIRECTORS  
**EMMA WHITENSTALL,** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
& THE FESTIVAL OF THRIFT TEAM



## JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK



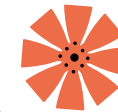
**THE IMAGINED MEADOW** is a place to just be. Come and spend time with family and friends, feel a sense of community and embrace moments of joy and wonder. Enjoy fantastic performances and delightful free workshops that will create new shared memories, making the imagined become real.

**WILD by Motionhouse**  
**Saturday 12:00 & 15:00 / Sun 12:00 & 16:00**

A daring dance-circus production, exploring our relationship with the natural environment. A major hit with audiences since 2019, with its gravity-defying dance, acrobatics and circus.



**OUT OF THE DEEP BLUE**  
**by Autin Dance Theatre**  
**Sat & Sun, 11:00 & 13.30**



An interactive promenade and a physical theatre duet – transporting you into another world, to tell a story about our own. Enjoy dance, movement and masterful puppeteering.



Vinyl DJ's by Neil Massey

Out of the Deep Blue by Autin Dance Theatre



WILD by Motionhouse

**THE WHEEL by IOU Theatre**  
**Sat & Sun, 10:30-12.30 & 13:30-15:30**



A giant mobile, kinetic sculpture. Within a gleaming self-propelled hubless wheel, a miniature character walks inside on a seemingly endless journey towards an unknown destination.  
*A Festival of Thrift commission.*

**THRIFTY PHOTO BOOTH by The Institute of Thrifty Ideas Sat & Sun, throughout the day**  
Find a thrifty outfit or just show off your own thrifty styles. Choose your sustainability commitment to help lead the change and have your image taken to prove it.

**VINYL DJ'S by Neil Massey**  
**Sat & Sun, 10.30-11.00, 11.45-12.00, 12.40-13.30, 14.45-15.00**  
Playing the finest in old school soul funk and reggae. Neil and his guest vinyl DJs will be playing original vinyl and keeping the crowds entertained.







Random Acts of Kindness

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** – small green acts of kindness for the planet and each other by The Institute of Thrifty Ideas

**Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:00, 12:30-13:00 & 14:30-15:00**

Watch the Random Tandem bike as it travels through the festival with its two colourful cyclists astride inviting you to witness an 'act' chosen by random and performed just for you.

**THE BAGHDADDIES**

**Saturday, 15:40-16:10**



Exuberant and rampant brand of world music is an exhilarating cocktail of Balkan melodies, ska and latin grooves and sizzling brass played with furious energy and theatrical humour.

**FAT CAT BRASS**

**Sunday, 15:40-16:10**



A brass band like you've never experienced before. There's 4 horn players and 2 drummers.... who perform on STILTS!

**MARINA JOSEPHINA**

**Saturday, 14:15-14:45**



Marina Josephina is a solo artist from Stockton-on-Tees with Jazz, Soul and R&B influences. Marina Josephine released her debut single 'Fools Like Me' this April. Since then, she has performed across the North East at events such as, BBC 6 Music Songs.



The Baghdaddies

**THE MASSIVE THRIFTY DANCE BATTLE (WITH EXTRA BAD DANCING)**

**Saturday, 16:00**

Get Ready to groove and giggle at the Festival of Thrift's Newest Sensation!

Introducing the Massive Thrifty Dance Battle with Extra Bad Dancing – where infectious beats collide with outrageously bad dance moves for a showdown of epic proportions! Join us as style icon Wayne Hemingway, the sensational Lucky Dip Disco, and the Vinyl DJ extraordinaire go head-to-head in a battle that's all about getting YOU move, laugh and be silly.

**THINK**

**GLOBALLY**

**ACT**

**LOCALLY**



## THE ALLOTMENT PATCH

Step into **THE ALLOTMENT PATCH** and immerse yourself in a world where food, growth and nature unite. Explore a vibrant landscape of performances, hands-on workshops, demos and insightful talks that celebrate the beauty and importance of the natural world, sustainable food production, biodiversity and the joy of nurturing nature's bounty.



The Bees by Artizani

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Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:30 / 12:30-13:30 / 14:30-15:30

Explore multiple hives each hiding a unique, unexpected interior world. Wander amongst the honey-perfumed Bee Colony. Each hive contains a surprising twist.



### THE HIDDEN MUSIC OF TREES by Jason Singh

Sat & Sun, 10:00-12:45 & 13:45-16:15

An augmented reality outdoor installation. Experience music that has been generated entirely by trees in John Whitehead Park through the interface of phones and a free app.

### TEABREAK by Trigger

Sat & Sun, 10:45 / 13:00pm / 15:00

A heart-warming new show, as you stir your cup, gently glide through the history and ritual of tea with a transportive audio piece and live dance performance. Follow the journey of tea across continents and centuries, onto our shores and into our teapots as the great comforter of our time.



### ANNIE SLOAN & WAYNE HEMINGWAY IN CONVERSATION (BSL provided)

Saturday, 13:30

Annie Sloan ([www.anniesloan.com](http://www.anniesloan.com)) is widely considered one of the world's leading authorities in paint, colour and style. Join her and Wayne Hemingway of Hemingway Design – a multi-disciplinary design studio focused on place, people and positive social impact as they discuss sustainable design and what the future looks like for consumers and sustainable businesses.

## JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK



TEABREAK by Trigger

### LISTENING POST by The Institute of Thrifty Ideas

Sat & Sun, various times throughout the day

The listening post offers escape. Sink into some comfy beanbags allowing you a space to listen to some audio treats that may bring delight to your soul.

Re-discover some of the great talks we had over the years, including the delightful conversation with Booker Prize winning author Ben Okri about creativity and courage and his environmental fable for adults and children, 'Every Leaf a Hallelujah'.

### THE LONG TABLE

Sat & Sun, Various times throughout the day (see workshop schedule)

New for 2023! Take a seat at our communal table in The Allotment Patch and explore the journey from plot to plate and everything in-between. We'll be hosting activities exploring growing, foraging, food, wildlife and ecology through a range of workshops, demos and talks over the weekend.







Welcome to **CAMP THRIFT** – a playground for the young and old alike! Join us for creativity and adventure as we invite you to build cozy dens, make joyful noise and lose yourself in enchanting tales. It's a world of imagination and fun where memories are made, laughter echoes, and the spirit of creative play knows no limits.

### **DEN BUILDING with Chris Harman**

**Sat & Sun, 10:30-12:30, 13:30-16:30**

A family friendly drop-in activity using a range of materials from bamboo, piping, eco-friendly zip ties, recycled and reusable materials to build your very own dens with and admire your ingenious creations.

### **FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE**



**by Whippet Up plus Amelia Coburn**  
**Sat & Sun, 11:30am, 13:00 & 15:00 (Sat plus Amelia Coburn, Sunday BSL signer provided)**

Giant puppets will lead you to Whippet Up's hand-crafted puppet theatre. 'For the People, By the People' tells ancient and new tales from across the Tees Valley including a new tale about Billingham.

**SMALL**

**CHANGES**

**BIG**

**IMPACT**



Den Building with Chris Harman



For the people, By the People  
by Whippet Up plus Amelia Coburn

### **Make your own Puppet Show by Whippet Up** **Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00, Drop-in (workshop will run in-between Whippet Up performances)**

**All ages**

Experiment with table-top puppet theatres, lots of different puppets, scenery, props and sound to put on your own short puppet show!

### **TRASH BANG MAN by Billy Hickling**

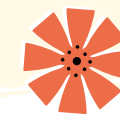
**Sat & Sun, 12:00-13:00, 14:00-15:00**

Come along and make music with Billy, the TrashBang! Man, who will teach you how to make wondrous sounds out of your household rubbish...





Welcome to the Bandstand, where artistic rhythms and captivating melodies collide! Immerse yourself in the soulful sounds of brass music, let poetry weave its magic through the air, surrender to the funky beats of the Lucky Dip Disco and be captivated by tales of the sea... as this eclectic stage becomes a hub of artistic expression that's sure to resonate with your heart and soul.



**FLOOD by Theatre Temoïn (BSL signer provided)**  
**Sat & Sun, 11:45-12:25 & 14:30-15:10**

A dynamic physical theatre set to a sound installation which depicts a conversation between UK coastal communities & the world's ocean as both feel 'seasick'.

**LUCKY DIP DISCO**  
**Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:15 & 12:30-13:30**

An all-ages disco turning around the box of 7's to invite the audience to search for their favourite music memories. 'Best Mobile DJ' – National UK Award 2020.

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Flood by Theatre Temoïn

**TOWN CENTRE**



Fat Cat Brass

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**Sunday, 11:15-11:45 & 13:30-14:00**

A brass band like you've never experienced before. There's 4 horn players and 2 drummers....who perform on STILTS!

**TEES WOMEN POETS**  
**Saturday, 14:00-14:30**

The Teess Women Poets are presenting a selection of poems of nature, place and the environment.

**STEEL SISTER'S WOMEN'S  
 COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
**Sunday, 14:00-14:30**

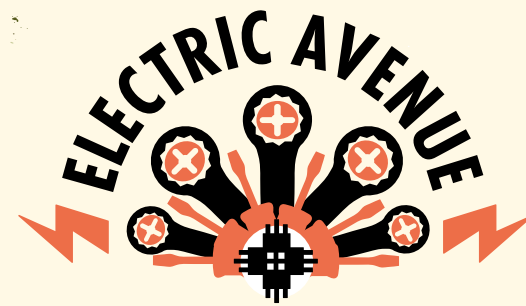
**SUSTAINABILITY**

**STARTS**

**WITH**

**YOU**





New for 2023! **ELECTRIC AVENUE**  
An interactive zone for all the family to learn about the power of renewable energy, green technology and careers. Save money and the planet with innovative solutions for the home & more!

#### **HYDROGEN CARS**

**Sat & Sun, all day drop-in workshop**

Hands on activity for kids – learn how the magical power of the sun and water can power a hydrogen car!

#### **WONDERFUL WIND POWER**

**Sat & Sun, all day drop-in workshop**

Kids can make a paper windmill while their adults can experience the world of offshore wind through some cutting-edge VR technology.

#### **WHEELS TO WORK**

**Sat & Sun, all day drop-in**

Demonstrating an innovative way of overcoming transport barriers by hiring an electric motorbike or electric bicycle to working age people in the Tees Valley.

#### **EGGCELLENT EGGS!**

**Sat & Sun, all day drop-in**

Join Teesside University Net Zero Centre demonstrating how calcium carbonate can be made from the humble eggshell.

Fix It Café

**TOWN CENTRE**



Sewing workshop

#### **FIX IT CAFÉ**

**Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30**

**Billingham Library**

Bring along something to fix and our experienced fixers will help you 'find your fix' from Flymos to iPads and Teas Mades to Tape recorders.

**DON'T**

**BE**

**WASTEFUL**

**BE**

**RESOURCEFUL**





Conscious Threads (Fashion Show)



Step into SLOW FASHION ALLEY – your gateway to sustainable style and conscious choices. Explore curated fashion, dive into enlightening talks, and experience the thrill of our Charity Shop Supermarket, where pre-loved treasures find new life, and every choice becomes a step towards a more sustainable wardrobe.

**CONSCIOUS THREADS (FASHION SHOW)**  
by Creative Producer Abigail Dennison  
Sat & Sun, 11:00 – 'Style evolution with Lucy Jane Fashion', 12:45 – 'New and emerging designers', 14:00 – 'A homage to trailblazer Vivienne Westwood'

Where fashion meets sustainability in a stunning display of eco-conscious creativity. This future facing fashion show brings together some of the brightest minds in the industry.

**CHARITY SUPERMARKET POP UP**  
Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00

A curated collection of fashion & accessories from the uk's best charity retailers. Every pound spent in a Charity Super.Mkt pop up furthers environmental benefits and social good.

**Charity Shop Supermarket and the SLOW FASHION movement – a panel talk with Wayne Hemingway and invited guests (BSL signer provided)**

**Saturday, 15.15-15:45 (immediately after the BEST IN SHOW catwalk)**

Dive into the heart of sustainable style with industry visionary Wayne Hemingway and invited guests in an exclusive panel talk at the Festival of Thrift.

## TOWN CENTRE



Join us as we explore the revolutionary Charity Shop Supermarket and delve into the essence of the slow fashion movement. Discover how your fashion choices can shape a more sustainable future while gaining insights from the forefront of conscious fashion innovation.

**BEST IN SHOW**

**Saturday, awarded throughout the day, 15:00 culminating in BEST IN SHOW catwalk**

Unleash your inner fashionista at the Festival of Thrift's 'Best in Show' event – where your unique style takes center stage and shines! Dress to impress in your finest thrifty attire, vintage treasures, and sustainable gems.

Join us for a runway of self-expression and fashion finesse that celebrates your individuality and love for all things thrifty. 'Best In Show' rosettes will be awarded throughout the day, look out for our judges Wayne & Gerardine Hemingway, Alan Vaughn & the WE Great Ladies.





Conscious Threads (Fashion Show)

### **SWAPSHOP by Teesside Hospice**

**Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00**

Bring your unwanted fashion items and accessories to the ever-popular Swapshop as it returns for another year of thrifty swaps. Limited to 20 items per person – due to capacity.

### **FASHION & ACCESSORIES STALLS**

**Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00**

An eclectic mix of traders selling alternatives to fast fashion. Handmade, second hand, upcycled and stylish – shopping with a conscious ...

### **RAGTIME! & HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CURRENT 'THREAD COUNTS' EXHIBITION**

**by Tees Valley Arts**

**Sat & Sun, all day drop-in (please bear in mind that there may be a slight wait at busy times) Billingham Library**

JOIN THE FREE DROP-IN SESSION where you can learn the ancient North East tradition of hooky and clippy mat making and contribute to the community rag rug project.

VIEW A POP UP OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CURRENT 'THREAD COUNTS' EXHIBITION which celebrates personal acts of creativity that disrupt the Fast Fashion industry and contribute to an environmentally and socially conscious way of making.

Saturday, various times throughout the day  
JOIN ACCLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHER CASEY ORR and have your portrait taken wearing one of artist JJ Perangie's upcycled garments.



Fashion & Accesories Stalls

### **PRELOVED FASHION – REPAIR & PATCHING STATION by Teesside Uni Fashion department**

**Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30**

**Billingham Library**

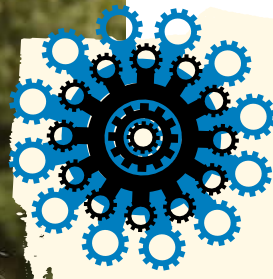
Drop-in over the weekend to see Teesside Uni's fashion students and staff at their sew station and breathe new life into your preloved and second-hand clothing.

**DECADES**

**NOT**

**SEASONS**





## WALKABOUT & POP UP

**LAU (LANGUAGE – DHOLUO) cloth/fabric**  
A promenade performance by Alan Vaughan,  
Zinzi Marsh and Rapasa Otieno  
Sat & Sun, 14:15-15:00, appearing in  
various sites

Deriving from traditional practices of the Luo people of Kenya, Nguni from South Africa, and the West African/Caribbean Moko Jumbie stilt walker, LAU proposes that clothing is psychologically important, that we derive meaning from dressing and wearing, that the clothing and ritual dressing itself can have significance beyond the mundane.

**SUSTAINABILITY SQUAD**  
by Markmark Productions

Sat & Sun, various times throughout the day  
Bringing playful mayhem and joy, the Sustainability Squad will carry out routine inspections to make sure we are all working that little bit harder on our sustainability credentials.

**TEAM BGEE by Markmark Productions**  
Sunday, various times throughout the day

A celebratory street spectacular that unites two Great British achievements... ..incredible sporting success and 70's disco pop from the Isle of Man.

**FAIRIES by WE Great Ladies**  
Sat & Sun, various times & sites

Watch in wonder as enchanting fairies come to life, spreading magic and joy through their captivating antics.

Sustainability Squad by Markman Productions

## JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK & TOWN CENTRE



**RAPSKALLION by Greener Lavelle**  
Sat & Sun, 13:15-13:45 Park roaming, 14:30-15:00 Park/main field. 15:45-16:15 main field  
Sun 12:30-13:00 & 13:45-14:15 & 15:00-15:30

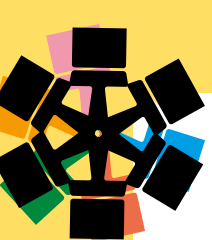
Meet the magnificent RapSkallion green dragon. A large-scale puppet breathing real smoke and seven metres in length that will explore the festival creating playful encounters with the audience.

**APOLLO STREET BAND**  
Saturday, 13:00-13:30 Imagined Meadow  
14:15-14:45 Imagined Meadow  
15:45-16:15 Bandstand

Bringing the streets alive with their funky versions of well-known tunes.

**BLUE DEITY**  
by Tees Valley Festivals Volunteering  
Sat & Sun, various times throughout the day  
A giant 3 metre tall Blue Deity – the collaborative product of a dozen imaginative minds.





# WORKSHOPS

# FREE

Workshops will be popping-up across the festival and you don't need to book like previous years. Whether you decide to drop-in throughout the day to try one of our hands on creative activities; sign up for a workshop to learn a new skill you can share with your community or catch a how to demo; our workshops this year aim to inspire community action to help save our planet. Promoting thrifty hacks to save our resources and save us all money – and the best thing is, most of them are free!

## **CREATE YOUR OWN NATURAL DETERGENT**

by Ecologico

Sat & Sun, 12:00-12:45 (45mins)

All ages, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Book a place on the day (20 capacity)

Imagined Meadow

Step into a world of clean, green laundry with Ecologico's "Create Your Own Natural Detergent" workshop! Let's wash our way to greener future!

## **MAKE YOUR OWN TOILET FIZZ**

by Ecologico

Sat & Sun, 13:30-14:15pm (45mins)

All ages, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Book a place on the day (20 capacity)

Imagined Meadow

Join Ecologico's Sustainable Toilet Fizz Workshop! Say goodbye to harsh chemicals and wasteful packaging, and hello to a sparkling clean, environmentally-conscious bathroom routine.

## **CRAFT YOUR OWN ALL-PURPOSE ECO CLEANER**

by Ecologico

Sat & Sun 15:00-15:45 (45mins)

All ages, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Book a place on the day (20 capacity)

Step into a world of sparkling, chemical-free cleanliness with Ecologico's "Craft Your Own All-Purpose Eco-Cleaner" workshop!

## **MAKE A MINI APPLIQUÉ BANNER**

by Kat Rose Illustration

Sat, 11:00-12:00, 12:00-13:00, 14:00-15:00,

15:00-16:00 (60mins)

10yrs+, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Book a place on the day (10 capacity)

Imagined Meadow

Come along to make a scrap fabric banner! Using second hand fabrics and inspiration from natural objects, choose a design, cut it out, pin it down and sew it before choosing a stick for your hanging to take home and decorate your room.

## **INTRODUCTION TO MONO PRINTING**

by Kat Rose Illustration

Sun, 11:00-13:00 and 14:00-16:00, drop-in between these times

All ages, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Drop-in workshop

Imagined Meadow

Mono printing is a great way to get started with print making! Taking inspiration from your favourite plants, you will learn how to ink a slab with eco-friendly ink and make prints on recycled paper. Great fun for all ages!

## JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK & TOWN CENTRE

## **MUSHROOM SCULPT**

by Threads in the Ground

Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:30, 12:30-13:30, 14:30-15:30

(60mins)

3yrs+, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Book a place on the day (12 capacity)

Allotment Patch

Grow your own "mushroom plastic" sculpture! Get hands-on learning about new bio-materials and nature.

## **OJO DE DIOS (MAKE YOUR OWN GOD'S EYE)**

by Emma Pace with Buy the Kilo

Sat & Sun, running throughout the day

10yrs+

Book on the day at the stall (capacity 10)

Thrifty Market Place

Learn how to make traditional Mexican good luck charms with recycle artist Emma Pace. Emma will share the simple technique using wool scraps and sticks. Participants will be able to choose their own colour combinations and learn about the meaning of these ancient charms.

## **MAKE A JAPANESE FUKIN CLEANING CLOTH**

by Emma Pace with Buy the Kilo

Sat & Sun, running throughout the day

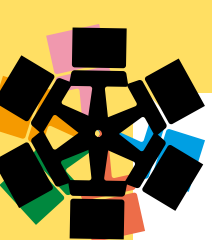
8yrs+

Book on the day at the stall (10 capacity)

Thrifty Market Place

Emma will guide you in sewing together layers of fabric reinforced with decorative Sashiko stitching to make upcycled, durable all purpose cloths. Participants will be able to choose their own fabrics and learn about the Japanese tradition of Fukin.





# WORKSHOPS

# FREE

## **MAKING SUFFOLK PUFFS**

by Gaynor Devaney with Buy the Kilo  
Sat & Sun, running throughout the day  
10yrs+

Book on the day at the stall (10 capacity)  
Thrifty Market Place

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Suffolk puffs are simple to make but can be embellished and so are suitable for people of all skills and ages. We will be making posy brooches from recycled, preloved fabric.

## **EMBROIDERY DARNING ON WOOL**

by Gaynor Devaney with Buy the Kilo  
Sat & Sun, running throughout the day  
16yrs+

Book on the day at the stall (10 capacity)  
Thrifty Market Place

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Embroidery darning on wool will be an opportunity for people to learn a range of embroidery stitches which can be used to make decorative darns on woollen fabric.

## **HELP TO MAKE A PAPER ORIGAMI QUILT**

by Ellie Clewlow  
Sat & Sun, 13:00-15:00  
6yrs+, Children to be accompanied by an adult  
Drop-in  
Imagined Meadow

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Share the ways in which you are making a difference and help to make a paper origami quilt that celebrates our collective action to be more sustainable!

## **JAPANESE INSPIRED VISIBLE MENDING**

by Slow Hand Creative Studio  
Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:30, 12:00-13:00, 14:00-15:00,  
15:30-16:30

12yrs+  
Book a place on the day. (15 capacity)  
Slow Fashion Alley

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The Japanese art of Boro not only mends, but embraces imperfections and adds to the stories of our clothing, a heritage craft that ties in so well with today's conversations on slow fashion and sustainability. This workshop shows that mending doesn't have to look perfect to be beautiful and functional.

## **MAKE A PLANT POT USING RECYCLED BOTTLES**

by Charlotte Tupling, Laura McIlveen and  
Megan Stoddart  
Sun, 10:30-16:30  
All ages, Children to be accompanied by an adult  
Drop-in  
Allotment Patch

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Learn how to make hanging and freestanding plant pots using recycled plastic bottles. This workshop will show how easy it can be to repurpose everyday plastics into useful and decorative objects for your house and garden for growing.

## **MAKE YOUR OWN HAND SALVE**

by Seeds of Change Sunderland  
Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:30 and 12:00-13:00 (60mins)  
12yrs+  
Book a place on the day (10 capacity)  
Imagined Meadow

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During this workshop you'll learn about the concept of making your own toiletries from scratch, the environmental benefits and get resources on ingredients and instructions so you can recreate what you've learnt at home.

## JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK & TOWN CENTRE

## **MELT & POUR SOAP MAKING**

by Seeds of Change Sunderland  
Sat & Sun, 13:30-14:30 and 15:00-16:00 (60mins)  
12yrs+

Book a place on the day (10 capacity)  
Imagined Meadow

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## **PROTEST SIGN MAKING**

by Tees Valley Arts and Blooming Youth Collective  
Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30  
All ages  
Drop-in  
Location: Imagined Meadow

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Calling all Radical beings! Join Blooming Youth Collective for a drop-in event to make change and protest signs using recycled materials

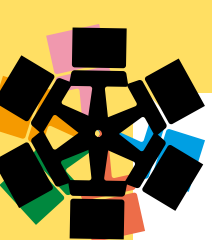
## **RAGTIME**

by Tees Valley Arts  
Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30  
All ages  
Drop-in  
Billingham Library

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Free sessions to learn the ancient North East tradition of hooky and clippy mat making. Part of a new project in collaboration with Borderlands Creative People and Places.





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## **WILDER TEES VALLEY**

by Tees Valley Wildlife Trust

Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30

All ages

Drop-in

Allotment Patch

Tips on wildlife gardening and demos on how to make insect boxes from recycled materials and sessions to make your own seed bombs to take home

## **PEDAL-POWERED SMOOTHIE MAKING**

by Sustrans

Sat & Sun, running throughout the day

All ages

Drop-in, please bear in mind that there may be a slight wait at busy times

Cycle Park

Make your own pedal-powered smoothie at the Sustrans stall. The friendly bicycle doctors also be on hand to give your cycle a free health check.

## **HEDGEROW TEA CRAFTING**

by Plant Whisper

Sat & Sun, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30 (60mins)

All ages, children to be accompanied by an adult

Sign up at The Long Table

The Allotment Patch

Learn about the medicinal properties of plants and make your own unique herbal tea to take home using foraged, native herbs and weeds.

## **HARVESTING SUSTAINABILITY**

by Sow Northern

Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30

All ages, children to be accompanied by an adult

Drop-in

Allotment Patch

Learn about no-dig growing methods and how to compost by catching one of our demos! Swap your seeds at our Seed Swap and learn how to get thrifty and preserve veg seeds at our Seed Saving workshop.

## **THE MAKEDO FARM**

by The Playful Maker

Sat & Sun, 10:00-16:30

Suitable 3yrs+, children to be accompanied by an adult

Drop-in

Imagined Meadow

Get creative and help us construct a mega cardboard farm using our MakeDo tools and LOTS of recycled cardboard.

## **BUILDING TOMORROW**

by The Corner Atelier

Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00

3yrs+ children to be accompanied by an adult

Drop-in

Imagined Meadow

Become architects of your own sustainable future! Re-invent using discarded and scrap materials to give what we might consider 'rubbish' a new function. Come play, explore, design and problem solve. Have a go with our hand tools to build a new vision of the future together!

## JOHN WHITEHEAD PARK & TOWN CENTRE

## **POETIC PENNANTS**

by Kirsten Luckins

Sat & Sun, 15:00-16:00

Suitable for 16yrs+

Sign up on the day

Allotment Patch

Join Kirsten to explore many wonderful ways with words and help her make brilliant bunting come alive with alliteration! Help create a collective poem by pooling your impressions of the Festival of Thrift!

## **THE WHEEL MOBILE DRAWING CLASS**

by Sam Rafter

Sat & Sun, 11:30 & 14:30 (60mins)

All ages

Various

The mobile drawing class will pop-up next to The Wheel by IOU, a giant mobile, remote-controlled sculpture.

## **EXPLORE THE ENVIRONMENT WITH LITERACY**

by National Literacy Trust North East

Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00

All ages

Drop-in

Imagined Meadow

Check out the free pre-loved book stall, browse the eco-library and take part in fun reading and writing activities!





# WORKSHOPS

## FREE

### **LEARN HOW TO USE REUSEABLE CLOTH NAPPIES**

by Teesside Cloth Nappy Library

Sat & Sun, 11:00, 13:00 & 15:00 (30min demo)

Suitable for care givers, parents, grandparents and parents to be

Drop-in to a demo

Imagined Meadow

The Nappy Library will be running demos to help families convert to cloth nappies, offering free advice and help.

### **ORIGAMI CREATURES**

by RSPB Saltholme

Sat & Sun, 10:00-17:00

All ages

Drop-in

Allotment Patch

Join the RSPB for paper folding fun and make your very own creatures to take home!

### **THE SENSORY GARDEN & MAKE YOUR OWN ALLOTMENT SOUP**

by Cultivate Tees Valley & Little Sprouts

Sat & Sun, 10:30-14:30

All ages, children to be accompanied by an adult

Drop-in

The Sensory Garen

Explore the Sensory Garden and discover locally grown trees, plants and food through lots of fun activities. You can also make your own allotment soup mix to take home for dinner using locally grown vegetables.

### **FAMILY YOGA, MOVEMENT, DANCE & CIRCUS SKILLS**

by Bare Toed Dance Company

Sat & Sun, 10:30-11:00, 12:00-12:30, 15:00-16:00

All ages and abilities

Sign up on the day at the tent (30 capacity)

Allotment Patch – Talks Tent

Get your body moving! Join Bare Toed Dance Company for a range of yoga, movement, dance and circus classes. Perfect to do together as a family!



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## PAID

### **RECYCLED COPPER RING**

by Bean Creative

Sat & Sun, 10:30-16:30

2yrs+, Children to be accompanied by an adult

Drop-in on the day and pay directly at the stall

£6 per person

Thrifty Market Place

A lovely opportunity to try something a little different by making your own unique, recycled copper pipe ring!

### **MAKE YOUR OWN ROSE**

by Must Forge

Sat & Sun, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00

(40-60min duration)

12yrs +, Children to be accompanied by an adult

£35-45 (steel – £35, copper – £45)

Prebook by messaging *Must forge* on facebook or instagram or book at the stall on the day

Thrifty Marketplace

Join Blacksmiths, Must Forge at their stall to make your own rose from copper or steel.





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## SATURDAY & SUNDAY

## TIMETABLE

	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30
													
		Conscious Threads			Conscious Threads			Conscious Threads		LAU Cloth/Fabric	BSL Best in Show (SAT)	BSL Slow Fashion Talk (SAT)	
		Lucky Dip Disco	(SAT) The Baghdaddies (SUN) Fat Cat Brass	Flood (TO 12:25) BSL	Lucky Dip Disco	(SAT) The Baghdaddies (SUN) Fat Cat Brass	(SAT) Tees Women Poets (SUN) Steel Women's Choir	Flood (TO 15:10) BSL				Apollo Street Band (SAT)	
	Fix it Café   Preloved Fashion – Repair & Patching Station by Teesside Uni Fashion department   Tees Valley Arts Ragtime! & Thread Counts exhibition												
	Hydrogen Cars workshop   Wind Turbine workshop – An interactive zone to learn about Green innovation												
	Various Walkabout entertainment throughout the day												
	Vinyl DJ's (FROM 10:00)	Out of the Deep Blue	Vinyl DJ's	Wild (TO 12:40)	Vinyl DJ's (FROM 12:40)	Out of the Deep Blue	Marina Josephina	Vinyl DJ's	Wild (SAT)			Wild (SUN)	
	Random Acts of Kindness (RAoK)				Apollo Street Band (SAT)		LAU Cloth/Fabric	Apollo Street Band (SAT 14:15)	RAoK (FROM 14:30)	State of Satta (SUN)	(SAT) The Baghdaddies (SUN) Fat Cat Brass		
	The Wheel				The Wheel				The Massive Thrifty Dance Battle with Extra Bad Dancing (SAT)				
		Teabreak		Random Acts of Kindness	Teabreak				Teabreak				
		The Bees		The Bees					The Bees				
		Hidden Music of Trees (FROM 10:00)							Hidden Music of Trees				
	SATURDAY	Movement workshop	Yorkshire & North East Film Archive	Movement workshop			Talk Annie Sloan & Wayne Hemingway	Yorkshire & North East Film Archive	Poetic Pennants (16+)				
	SUNDAY	Movement workshop	Yorkshire & North East Film Archive	Movement workshop	Talk		James Brunt Land Artist	Yorkshire & North East Film Archive	Trees for Tees	Poetic Pennants (16+)			
	Den Building				Den Building				Den Building				
			BSL (SUN) Whippet Up (SAT/SUN)	Trash Bang Man	BSL (SUN) Whippet Up (SAT/SUN)				Trash Bang Man	BSL (SUN) Whippet Up (SAT/SUN)			

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## THANKS TO:

Festival of Thrift is supported financially by Arts Council England, Tees Valley Combined Authority and Stockton Borough Council.

The festival is a touring network partner in Without Walls, a consortium of festivals and arts organisations bringing fantastic outdoor arts to people in towns and cities across England. This year, funding has allowed us to programme Wild, Flood, Teabreak and The Hidden Music of Trees.

Festival of Thrift has also received generous funding from Thirteen Housing to support our fabulous free workshop programme.

We welcome back the Education Training Collective, one of our long-term education partners and say a thank you to new partners St Modwen and Billingham Town Centre who have enabled the festival to happen.

SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK join us this year supporting our Waste Warriors initiative, you'll see this team of enthusiastic volunteers onsite litter picking and sharing their knowledge around waste and recycling.

Kind support from Ingram AV has enabled us to present the whole of the town centre-based programme using only renewable energy and long-term supporter Anderson Barrowcliff once more joins the line-up of festival friends.

And a special mention to Annie Sloan our first Patron of Thrift who is taking a hands-on role at the festival this year, thank you Annie!



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