FIRST ART

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EVENT GUIDE

Light Night

ASHFIELD

FREE

Sutton-in-Ashfield Town Centre

Fri 11 - Sat 12 February 2022
5.30pm - 9pm

www.firstart.org.uk/lightnightashfield

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Welcome to the first ever Light Night Ashfield!

Are you excited to see Sutton-in-Ashfield like never before? Get ready for two nights of light-tastic performances and artworks.

Taking place at different locations across the town centre, Light Night Ashfield is the chance to experience a wide range of local, national and international artists on your doorstep, all for free.

Light Night Ashfield is produced by First Art, a local arts charity that aims to inspire more people to experience and shape cultural events and activities in Ashfield, Mansfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

Your Event Guide

In this guide you'll find details of what's happening when and where, along with more information about the artworks and performances on show.

At the back you'll find a full timetable and map with all the locations and venues marked out as well as where you can find toilets, First Aid and the Light Night Info Point.

Light Night Info Point

Over the two nights we'll have plenty of friendly faces to help you get around. There'll also be a Light Night Info Point based at the Main Stage area in the Sutton Market North Car Park, where we will be able to provide any information or support you need.

Shows and Activities

All the shows and activities are suitable for all ages unless otherwise stated. There's further access information over the page.

Filming and Photography

Please be aware we'll be filming and taking photos at the event. Please let one of the stewards know if you don't want to be included.

All information in this event guide is correct at the time of going to print and subject to change without notice.

Thanks

A huge thanks to our funders and partners who've helped to make Light Night Ashfield possible.

We'd like to thank the staff and pupils at Leamington Primary Academy and Regency Dance Centre for working with us and being part of Light Night. Thanks to Junction Arts for facilitating the lantern-making workshops.

First Art is a registered charity (no. 1193429) and a Creative People and Places Programme, funded by Arts Council England. Find out more at **www.firstart.org.uk**

First Art leads the First Art programme in partnership with Creswell Heritage Trust at Creswell Crags, Junction Arts, The Prince's Trust and Ault Hucknall Environment Action Group.

Please share your thoughts

We hope this is the first of many future FREE Light Nights in Ashfield. To make this happen we need just 5 minutes of your time to complete a short survey. The more surveys we get back, the more chance we have of getting funding and support for future events. There'll be an evaluation team handing out surveys over the two nights so please fill these in if you can. It really makes a massive difference to us.

You can also complete the survey online by scanning the QR code or by visiting **www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/lightnightashfield**.

Keeping Covid Safe

We want everyone to enjoy the event and whilst much of it is outdoors, please remember to keep a safe distance and be mindful of those around you. For those events and activities taking place indoors, we would recommend wearing a facemask whilst moving around but please feel free to remove when taking part in an activity.

We will have hand sanitiser at performance and installation sites.

Accessing Light Night

We're working to make Light Night Ashfield as safe, accessible and easy as possible for everyone to enjoy. At the event you will find:

- An Induction Loop at the Light Night Info Point.
- Large print formats of this guide can be picked up from the Info Point. A digital version of this brochure is also available at **www.issuu.com/firstart**.
- Noise cancelling headphones available from the Light Night Info Point (please note we have a limited number).
- Our friendly team of stewards are also on hand to help wherever they can.

You can also find out more from our Event Access Guide on our website at **firstart.org.uk** or by emailing us ahead of the event at **access@firstart.org.uk**.

Getting here

By Car

Idlewells has kindly offered to provide free car parking to those attending Light Night (please note spaces are limited).

There are also a number of car parks in the town centre. Please note Sutton Market North Car Park will be closed on 11 and 12 February due to this event.

By Bus

Sutton-in-Ashfield Bus Station is situated next to Idlewells, in the town centre.

Please go to **www.firstart.org.uk/lightnightashfield** for further information on parking and getting to Light Night Ashfield.

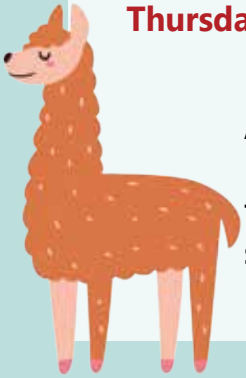
FREE
FAMILY EVENT

FEEL GOOD FAMILIES

HALF TERM PETTING FARM

Join us, from 9.30am - 3pm on:

Tuesday 15th February - Hucknall Market Place
Wednesday 16th February - Portland Square, Sutton
Thursday 17th February - Kirkby Plaza



A free event for all the family!
Exciting activities will include Willow tree animal farm, Face painting, Circus skills, Crafts and much more....

Sign up to Feel Good Families to receive updates about more family friendly activities in Ashfield
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Feel Good Families

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Dundu

Created by Tobias Husemann and Stefan Charisius

Friday 11 February

5.45pm* Starting from 5 Portland Square

6.45pm Starting from 1 Main Stage

7.45pm Starting from 3 Idlewells

All performances last 30 minutes.

Please note this is a walkabout act so will move from the start locations.

**Lantern procession*

Dundu, which means You and You, is an illuminated 5-metre tall puppet that has enthralled spectators worldwide.

This glowing gentle giant walks amongst the audience, creating a sense of wonder and togetherness in all ages.

Original live music and stellar puppeteering help bring this walkabout performance to life and is sure to amaze all that see it.

You can also catch **Dundu** as part of the show **Sense of Unity** with **Spark!** on Saturday – see page 8 for details.

Photo: © Tempo Media

Spark!

Worldbeaters Music

Friday 11 February

6.15pm Starting from 5 Portland Square

7.15pm Starting from 1 Main Stage

8.15pm Starting from 3 Idlewells

All performances last 30 minutes.

Please note this is a walkabout act so will move from the start locations.

International street theatre that promises a magical musical, lighting and movement spectacle. **Spark!** is a light-up drumming sensation that will bring rhythmic beats with their walkabout high-impact show. Watch as the mysterious characters composed of light and sound transform the landscape around them.

Spark! is brought to you by Worldbeaters Music based in the North East of England in Whitley Bay, who have taken the show across the globe to huge acclaim.

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Photo: © Sarah Hickson

Sense of Unity

Dundu and Worldbeaters Music, produced by Activate Performing Arts

Saturday 12 February

6.00pm Starting from 1 Main Stage

Performance lasts 50 minutes.

Please note this is a walkabout act so will move from the start location.

Saturday night sees **Dundu** and **Spark!** come together in this spellbinding walkabout performance.

As dusk falls, follow a parade through Sutton town centre and discover the puppets of baby Dundu and the gentle giant Dundu. Will they find each other? Will they get on? You'll hear rhythms and sounds from across the globe.

German company, Dundu features West African Kora (a type of harp), while UK-based Worldbeaters bring their dynamic drumming to the performance.

Expect playful puppets, high-energy music and a visual spectacle as Sutton-in-Ashfield experiences Sense of Unity.

Produced by Activate Performing Arts, this is a collaboration between German outdoor puppeteers, Dundu and UK percussion ensemble Worldbeaters. It was originally funded by Arts Council England and developed in Newbury Corn Exchange's 101 Outdoor Arts Creation Space.

Photo: © Electric Egg

The Invisible Man

Altered States

Friday 11 February

5.30pm Starting from 4 Low Street

6.30pm Starting from 3 Idlewells

8.00pm Starting from 5 Portland Square

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm Starting from 4 Low Street

7.00pm Starting from 3 Idlewells

8.00pm Starting from 5 Portland Square

All performances last 30 minutes.

Please note this is a walkabout act so will move from the start locations.

Come face to face with the man who isn't there – or is he? Join the mysterious doctor as he stewards a scientific marvel in this interactive walkabout performance. Journey with them and learn how their experiments have gone wrong, and what powers they have unleashed – will you see more or less than you've bargained for?

Neon Ballroom

In collaboration with Regency Dance Centre

Saturday 12 February

7.00pm – 9.00pm
2 Regency Dance Centre

Limited access as the venue requires stairs to enter the ballroom. Drinks available at the bar.

Working with Regency Dance Centre, we will shine a UV light on this cultural gem in the heart of Ashfield, as we light up the ballroom with a series of dazzling dances from professional dancers and pupils from Leamington Primary Academy.

Dances include:

Leamington Primary Academy
7.00pm & 8.00pm

Oliver Johnson and Sophie Heyworth,
Amateur Champions Showdance
7.50pm & 8.50pm

Latin dances
7.10pm / 7.20pm /7.45pm / 8.10pm / 8.20pm / 8.45pm

Ballroom dances
7.15pm / 7.40pm / 7.55pm / 8.15pm / 8.40pm / 8.55pm

Glow in the Dark Fitsteps Workshop
7.25pm & 8.25pm *(lasts 15 mins)*

Photo: © Silent Noize

Light Night Silent Disco

Silent Noize

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
6 Sutton Community Academy

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
6 Sutton Community Academy

Sessions last 30 minutes.

Don a pair of light-up headphones, lose yourself and dance like nobody's watching at the Light Night Silent Disco!

Limited capacity – no booking required.

For safety purposes, each party will be designated their very own disco zone to dance in.

Friday & Saturday

Photo: © Urban Projections

The Light Cycle

Urban Projections

Friday 11 February

6.00pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 12 February

6.30pm – 9.00pm

Various locations around the town centre – keep your eyes peeled.

The Light Cycle is a bike with personality. Created by Mansfield-based multimedia artist Rebecca Smith of Urban Projections, The Light Cycle will illuminate the streets, buildings and sites of Sutton town centre. Catch this projection featuring pieces created for the 2021 Ashfield Arts Festival and 'Dawn Chorus' a piece commissioned by First Art for Remote Access in 2020, created by Urban Projections and Fabric Lenny.

With thanks to Ashfield Arts Festival for their support.

Photo © Emily Hands / First Art 2022

Glow in the Dark Doodling

With Dizzy Ink

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
6 Sutton Community Academy

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
6 Sutton Community Academy

Who doesn't love a doodle? Let's take it to the next level with glow in the dark doodling using special UV ink. Come and get stuck in with Dizzy Ink, who'll guide you as you doodle away. Let's keep it clean kids!

Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday & Saturday

Photo: © Paul Blakemore

Luma

Air Giants

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
6 Sutton Community Academy

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
6 Sutton Community Academy

An 8-metre long, inflatable robotic snail, Luma loves an audience. She has a gentle, welcoming and otherworldly presence. Her movement is inspired by the flexible and contorting motion found within the animal kingdom.

This joyful and hopeful work champions both nature and technology, and reimagines what robots can be for.

Luma is the creation of Air Giants, a new creative robotic studio founded in 2020. They are a small team of artists, roboticists, puppeteers and software engineers based in Bristol.

Photo: © Alison Smith

The Nectary

Alison Smith and Dr Chris Hassall

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre

Hear the 'hum of the earth' as you immerse yourself in The Nectary. Stand and listen to recordings of pollinating insects as you place your head inside a series of giant glowing flower heads, handcrafted from recycled materials by Leeds-based artist Alison Smith.

Created with Dr. Chris Hassall, lecturer in Animal Biology at the University of Leeds, this light and sound installation explores what we can gain from listening to nature, both for our own wellbeing and to develop understanding of the delicate ecosystems of which we are a part.

The Nectary was developed with funding from Light Night Leeds, the University of Leeds and From the Fields.

Photo: © Lamar Francois Photography

All You Need Is Love

First Art, 2021

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre

Inspired by The Beatles song of the same name, this 7-metre wide neon sign was commissioned by First Art to brighten up and spread love across communities throughout Ashfield, Mansfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

Supported with love from local singers and musicians, channelling the Valentine's Day vibes.

This sign was made for First Art by Neon Workshops, based in Wakefield.

Photo: © Lamar Francois Photography

Signs of Hope

Raphael Daden with First Art, 2021

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre

These alternative neon 'road' signs are a playful way to offer words of encouragement and hope during the tough times we have all been through.

Designed to go in the windows of shops and other spaces, these neon signs shine brightly with positivity, offering inspiration to us all. There's four to look out for.

The signs were commissioned by First Art and created by Nottingham-based artist Raphael Daden.

Photo: © Matthew Andrews

Big Knitting

Victoria MacLeod, 2015

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre (outside)

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
3 Idlewells Shopping Centre (outside)

A set of jumbo knitting needles and luminous wool created by mixed-media textile artist Victoria MacLeod. Knitted by MacLeod on drain pipes, this magnificent piece can't help but make you smile as it glows above the street.

Big Knitting, Victoria MacLeod, produced by Artichoke for Lumiere Durham, 2015. Commissioned by Durham County Council.

Photo: © Benjamin Kay

With Many Hands, For Many People

A CMYRGB installation by Benjamin Kay

Friday 11 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
4 Low Street

Saturday 12 February

5.30pm – 9.00pm
4 Low Street

With Many Hands, For Many People is a colour-changing, illuminated installation exploring the relationship between printed ink and projected colour.

CMY stands for Cyan, Magenta and Yellow - colours that form the basis of all physical media produced using pigment, like paper magazines. RGB stands for Red, Green and Blue - the colour basis for all digital media produced using light, such as on a computer screen.

Watch how the colours of the artwork change under different light.

Benjamin Kay is a Nottingham-based artist. CMYRGB is a part of Benjamin's practice exploring the colour theory behind CMY and RGB.

CELEBRATE LIGHT NIGHT AT IDLEWELLS

This February, Sutton-in-Ashfield will come together in partnership with First Art to celebrate Light Night - and Idlewells Shopping Centre will be shining its own light on this unique event.

Join our team on the **11th and 12th February** from **5:30pm - 9pm,** with activities and events taking place throughout the centre. Our car park and public toilets will remain open until 9pm, with free parking available on both evenings.

WiFi

idlewells.co.uk

idlewells Shopping Centre

Friday

Start time	Show / Act	Lasts	Location
5:30pm	Luma	Until 9.00pm	6 Sutton Community Academy
5:30pm	Glow-in-the-dark Doodling	Until 9.00pm	6 Sutton Community Academy
5:30pm	Big Knitting	Until 9.00pm	3 Idlewells Shopping Centre (outside)
5:30pm	Signs of Hope	Until 9.00pm	3 Idlewells Shopping Centre
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5:30pm	With Many Hands, For Many People	Until 9.00pm	4 Low Street
5:30pm	The Invisible Man	30 mins	4 Starting from Low Street
5.30pm	Light Night Silent Disco	Until 9.00pm	6 Sutton Community Academy
5.45pm	Dundu (with lantern procession)	30 mins	5 Starting from Portland Square
6.00pm	The Light Cycle	Until 8.30pm	Various locations (see listing)
6.15pm	Spark!	30 mins	5 Starting from Portland Square
6.30pm	The Invisible Man	30 mins	3 Starting from Idlewells
6.45pm	Dundu	30 mins	1 Starting from Main Stage
7.15pm	Spark!	30 mins	1 Starting from Main Stage
7.45pm	Dundu	30 mins	3 Starting from Idlewells
8.00pm	The Invisible Man	30 mins	5 Starting from Portland Square
8.15pm	Spark!	30 mins	3 Starting from Idlewells

Saturday

Start time	Show / Act	Lasts	Location
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6.00pm	Sense of Unity	50 mins	1 Starting from Main Stage
6:30pm	The Light Cycle	Until 9.00pm	Various locations
7.00pm	The Invisible Man	30 mins	3 Starting from Idlewells
7.00pm	Neon Ballroom	Until 9.00pm*	2 Regency Dance Centre
8.00pm	The Invisible Man	30 mins	5 Starting from Portland Square

*See page 10 for dance schedule

Map & Locations

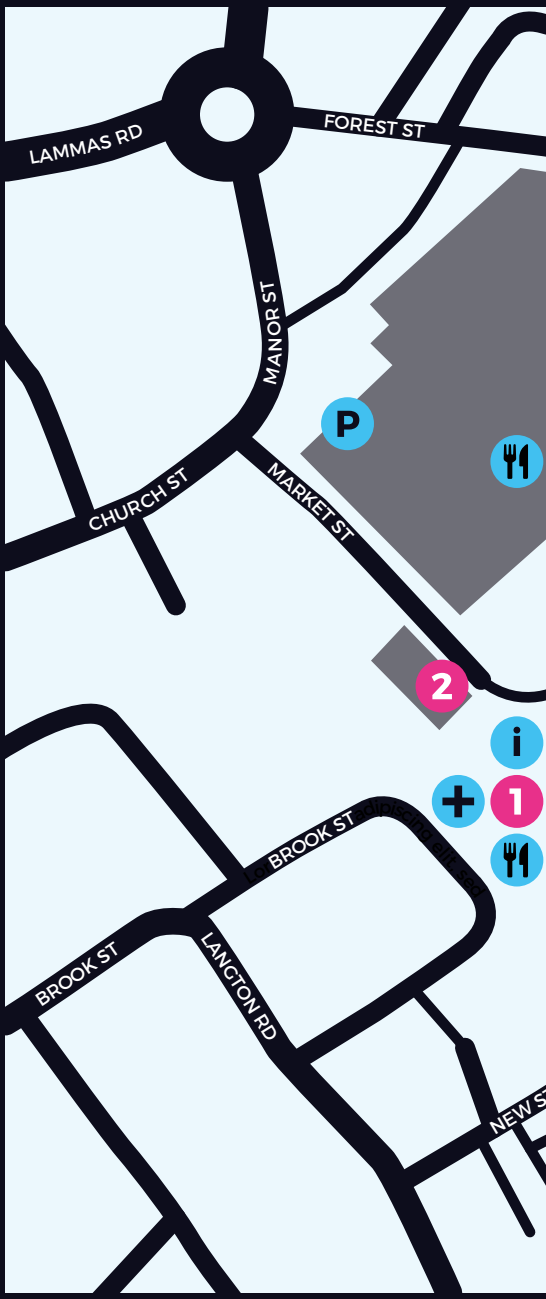
Performances and artworks can be found at sites and venues across Sutton-in-Ashfield Town Centre. See each of the performance/artwork listings for details.

There will be outdoor accessible toilets at the Main Stage area. Toilets can also be found in Idlewells Shopping Centre, Sutton Community Academy and Regency Dance Centre (Sat night only).

Site Key

1. Main Stage (Sutton Market North Car Park)
2. Regency Dance Centre
3. Idlewells Shopping Centre
4. Low Street
5. Portland Square
6. Sutton Community Academy
- Light Night Info Point
- Food and drink
- Accessible toilets
- First Aid point
- Car parking*

Free parking at Idlewells from 5.00pm. More parking info at* ***www.firstart.org.uk*



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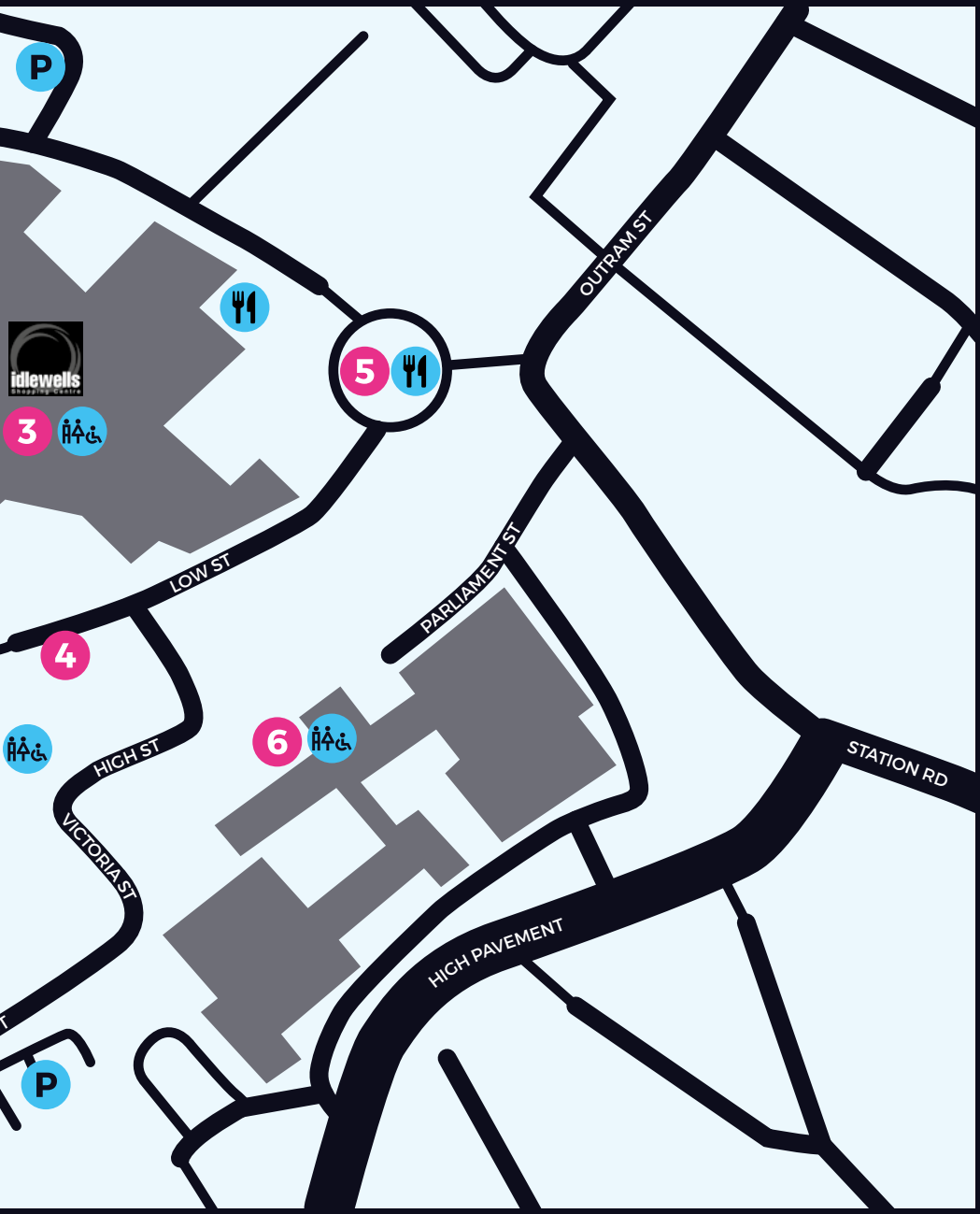
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