

Prestwich Arts Festival is a creative community led annual festival established and run completely by volunteers and enjoyed by participants from across Prestwich and Greater Manchester. Our first event was held in 2018 which attracted national media coverage, we have run annual events since with a scaled back offer in 2020 due to Covid-19. We're here to bring enjoyment of the arts to as many people as possible, to celebrate the talents and creativity of our diverse local community, to bring people together, to showcase all that Prestwich has to offer and to have fun!

Prestwich Arts Festival aims and objectives:

- **Community** connecting communities through creative endeavour
- **Learning** providing opportunities for people to get involved and learn a new skill
- **Participation** engaging a team of passionate and enthusiastic volunteers
- **Inclusive & Accessible** something for everyone regardless of circumstance or ability
- **Showcasing** lifting the lid on local talent, delivering immersive, engaging and fun activities
- **Celebrating** our cultural diversity and range of independent businesses
- **Placemaking** encouraging civic participation to encourage people to regard Prestwich as a place to value and respect.

We are very excited to be planning for Prestwich Arts Festival's return this year (**25th -26th September**), using the arts as a vehicle to safely reunite our community and spark joy for locals and visitors alike after last year's restrictions prevented most of our events being held. This year's programme will be finalised following community consultation and a call out for commissions. Previous events and activities have included family friendly theatre, pop up play, arts trail, poetry workshops, live music, comedy nights, life drawing and drop-in art sessions. We have funding secured to commission our third street art wall mural and are considering some online events this year too.

We passionately believe that bringing art into the heart of our community is important and impactful work. We hope to engage with over 500 people this year and are looking to our local community now, hoping that you are able to help us make Prestwich Arts Festival 2021 our best year yet!

How can you support Prestwich Arts Festival?

We would love to work with you to create mutual benefit for your business and Prestwich Arts Festival. **Working with our business community is a key part of what we do to showcase local venues through festival events – we are keen to hear from any local venues that might be able to host an event this year.** Secondly, competition for funding is evidently tougher than ever for small community groups like ours with many of the local grants we have previously relied upon being unavailable this year, leaving a funding shortfall of circa £3,000. **We are reaching out to our local community in the hope that, with some additional donations, we are able to offer another exciting programme this September. Is your business able to kindly make a donation towards our running costs this year?** We would be delighted to acknowledge your support on our on active social media and website to further boost your local profile. We would love to hear from you if you have a partnership idea that you would like to discuss and of course, any donation of any size would be greatly appreciated and will genuinely have a positive impact on the our community after such a tough year for all.

Thank you for considering supporting Prestwich Arts Festival, we look forward to working with you!

Feedback and Photos from previous years:



"Magical, family friendly event within the heart of a fabulous woodland!"

"Really enjoyed the live music event at St Margaret's Tavern showcasing some local talent. The Dragons in the Clough was a fantastic and magical event for the whole family."

"Although I have created art all of my life, I was always nervous about attending a life drawing class where other people might see it. This was a great way to get me out of my self-imposed isolation in a friendly and supportive environment. I've already recommended this to several friends."



"Enjoyable film and part of local festival, which is great. Film light hearted but thoughtful."



"What a lovely welcoming and inspiring festival. My son has just come back from the Tony Walsh performance, gone straight to his sister's bookshelf and is sat quietly absorbed in a Tom Gates book. A big thank you to all involved."

"A brilliant celebration of creation available on your doorstep! Thank you!"

