

Castle Green Fireworks FAQ's

The Castle Green Fireworks take place on Castle Green, Hereford HR1 2NW on Saturday 3rd November. The event is run and staffed by a team of volunteers from Friends of Castle Green and St James Primary School PTFA. It is a family friendly community event which has quickly established itself in the Hereford calendar. It is a celebration of our community.

Where can I buy tickets?

Advance wristbands are available to buy from Fodder on Church Street and the Balloon Shop on Commercial Road until 3pm on Saturday 3rd November.

How much are tickets?

In advance, £6 per adult and £4 per child. If there are any tickets left on the evening then these will be sold at the gate for the higher price of £8 per adult and £6 per child. Please bring cash only.

Can I pay by card?

No, cash only please.

Can I buy online?

No, wristbands are only available in advance from the above two outlets.

What time do the fireworks start?

The firework display will start at 7.30pm, but the gates to Castle Green will close promptly at 7.15 to comply with health and safety restrictions. There is strictly no entry after 7.15pm.

How do we get to Castle Green?

Castle Green is located between Green Street, Nelson Street and Quay Street. You can use either the Quay Street or Green Street entrances for access.

Will tickets be available to buy on the gate?

We only have a limited number of tickets available and it is possible that these will sell out before the event, in which case there will be no tickets available on the gate. Buy early to avoid disappointment.

What else is happening?

Gates open at 5.30pm. There will be entertainment from Lil Z Street and Break Dance and Wye Circus Performers and music from Like Radio so come down from 5.30 and have a dance on the Green.

Hot and cold food is available in the form of cakes, soup, vegan chilli, hot dogs and burgers as well as a beer and cider bar, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and soft drinks.

Well priced flashing LED's for children and adults will also be on sale.

A lantern procession will begin at 7.10pm, leaving from beside the Friends of Castle Green Cafe next to Nelsons Column, processing around the Green to finish at the stage ahead of the fireworks displays. Lantern making workshops will take place at St James's School and there will be a community lantern making session - open to all - at the Pavilion, Castle Green on Saturday 27th October. Anyone is welcome to join the procession and take part in the Community workshop.

Can I bring my own fireworks and sparklers?

No. To comply with our insurance, no private fireworks or sparklers will be permitted. If you bring these they will be taken from you before you are allowed to enter the site.

Who organises the Fireworks?

The Castle Green Fireworks are jointly organised by Friends of Castle Green and St James' School PTFA. All profits from the event are split between these two charities.

Are dogs allowed?

There are no restrictions on dogs entering Castle Green as long as they are on a lead. However, due to the nature of the event we would advise that you leave your four legged friends at home with the radio on to avoid distress.

Is there an action plan in case of lost children at the event?

Although we light the Green as best as we can large areas of Castle Green will be dark on Fireworks Night. Please keep your children close. If you wish to add your mobile number to your child's wristband in advance of the event that is up to you.

We have a team of stewards in place should you lose your child. Please report to one of them as soon as possible and we will work together to reunite you with your child quickly.

Can I walk across Castle Green if I don't want to attend the Fireworks?

Castle Green will be open as normal during the day time. However all visitors will be asked to remove themselves from the site at 5pm to comply with health and safety. After 5pm the entrances will be barred and manned by security staff and you will only be able to enter the Green if you have a wristband for the Fireworks event. The Green will open again to the public at 8.30pm. Friends of Castle Green have been granted a licence by Herefordshire Council in order to close the Green between these times.