

Preston Event Programme 2025



21 April // Avenham & Miller Park Egg Rolling

Egg Rolling is a big Easter tradition, going back over 150 years! Each year brings an eclectic mix of workshops, street theatre and live music. However you spend your day, no visit to Preston's Egg Rolling is complete without bringing your own Easter egg and rolling it down the hill with hundreds of other people.

3 & 4 May // Flag Market The Preston Bank Holiday Weekender

Preston's huge outdoor music festival returns for 2025, and this time, the organisers are upping the ante! Expect regional bands, nostalgic artists and recognisable names from the music world.

8 May // Flag Market VE Day Beacon Lighting Event

Join us for a poignant VE Day 80th anniversary civic event, centred around a symbolic beacon lighting ceremony with a tribute from cadets and veterans.

19 May - 7 June // Various Locations Preston Jazz Festival

The Preston Jazz & Improvisation Festival is back, with a multitude of free events taking place across the city, culminating in the finale: *Jazzin' the Park!*

24 - 25 May // Moor Park Caribbean Carnival

Preston's annual Caribbean Carnival celebrates the flamboyant and creative Caribbean culture within the city. The Carnival features a procession where people of all ages and communities join together, bringing the city to life with an array of colours, fantastic costumes, live music and dancing.

31 May // Winckley Square Gardens Young Jazz in the Square

Step into the vibrant atmosphere as talented young jazz musicians showcase their exceptional skills. Hear their passion, energy, and talent as they take to the stage. It's an afternoon of young jazz brilliance that you won't want to miss!

7 June // Moor Park Race for Life

Race for Life is a series of runs taking place around the country that give people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities the chance to come together and help beat cancer. They're strictly non-competitive, and you can take it at your own pace.

7 June // Winckley Square Gardens Jazzin' the Park

Jazzin' the Park is a free live music event that brings together diversity and community through music and art. Situated in the beautiful surroundings of Winckley Square, the event is part of The Preston Jazz & Improvisational Festival.

22 June // Avenham & Miller Park Windrush 77 Festival

Join us as we commemorate the extraordinary contributions and cultural heritage of the Windrush generation. Immerse yourself in a day filled with music, dance, art and inspiring stories.

28 - 29 June // Moor Park Rockprest

Rockprest is back at Moor Park with a line-up featuring some of the UK's top rock and indie tribute acts, food and beer stalls, and funfair attractions. It's a guaranteed rockin' event for both festival revellers and families.



12 July // Flag Market

Preston City Mela

Preston City Mela is a vibrant celebration of South Asian arts, culture, tradition, and heritage. Bursting with performances, music, dancing, stalls, food and workshops.

16 August // Flag Market

VJ Day 80th Anniversary

Join us for an unforgettable Victory over Japan Day on its 80th Anniversary in Preston, where history comes to life through a range of events and performances.

16 August // Bus Station Apron

Preston City Wrestling

PCW is coming to the Preston Bus Station apron with a spectacular show that you don't want to miss. Dive headfirst into this free event and get involved in the singing and cheering.

12 - 21 September // Various Locations

Heritage Open Days

Explore Preston's historic buildings and places with the FREE annual national festival.

20 September // Flag Market

Encounter Festival

Discover a creative extravaganza at Encounter Festival, including top-notch performances, vibrant installations, and exciting activities. Celebrating the arts, culture, and heritage of Preston.

27 September // Flag Market

Preston Pride

Everyone is welcome as the city celebrates Preston's LGBTQ+ communities with live music, guest appearances, and a variety of information stands and stalls.

9 November // Flag Market

Remembrance Sunday

Show your respect and remember the service and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedoms. There will be a short service followed by an opportunity for the public to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

11 November // Flag Market

Armistice Day

Take time to remember on Tuesday, 11 November. There will be a two minute silence at 11am - on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at Preston Cenotaph.

22 November // Flag Market

Christmas Lights Switch On

Join the city and a host of famous faces as we light up Preston for Christmas. There'll be performances for all the family, and some very special guests.

Take a look at our colourful calendar of upcoming events, including independent events, performances and workshops, taking place in and around the city.



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7 March	Laughter at the Lounge Comedy Club	The Guild Lounge
24 - 26 March	Mini Drama Festival	The Guild Lounge
28 March	Guy Fawkes' Mother	The Guild Lounge
March - September	Heritage Guided Walks	Various Locations
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4 & 11 December	Three Wartime Christmases in Winckley Square: Talk	Central Methodist Church
14 December	Winckley Square Christmas Concert	Winckley Square

