



Festival Programme 2025

Saturday 21 June

Events taking place at Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham...

Location	Activity	Time
Hexham Library	Welcome & opening	11 – 11.10am
Joe Morris MP and Helen Mills, Audience and Sales Manager at Queen's Hall will open the festival, welcoming guests and giving an overview of the programme.		
Queen's Hall Arts Centre (Hexham Library, Galleries, White Room)	Net Zero Fair	11am – 2pm
This fair builds on the success of the previous Net Zero Fairs organised by Ariane Baty. Stall holders this year include Environment Agency, Tyne Rivers Trust, Grow Hexham, Hexham Space for Nature, Intelligen plus more exciting local groups and organisations passionate about environmental action.		
Main Theatre	Screening: <i>Climate Change Catastrophe!</i>	11am – 12pm
A new climate change show, made by kids, for grown-ups. This filmed theatre show by Cap-a-Pie theatre will give you inspiring perspectives on one of the biggest challenges of our time – climate change. It's all about what children think about climate change – their hopes, fears and ideas for the future.		
Find out more and book online >		
Main Theatre	Climate Catastrophe Q&A: Katy Vanden, Alistair Ford, Meryl Batchelder	12.10 – 12.40pm
Following the first screening of their show <i>Climate Change Catastrophe!</i> (above), Cap-a-Pie producer Katy Vanden will be joined by engineer Alistair Ford and climate educator Meryl Batchelder to answer audience questions about climate change and sustainability.		
Find out more and book online >		

Studio	Talk: Mike Domingue – Home Renewable Energy Solutions	11.30am – 12pm
<p>This talk will cover everything you want know about home renewable energy solutions but were afraid to ask! From solar panels to air source heat pumps and home batteries, Mike will talk through the options for domestic renewable energy solutions, including information about local installers and be on hand to answer any questions you have about green energy.</p> <p>Find out more and book online ></p>		
Studio	Talk: Humshaugh Net Zero	1 – 1.30pm
<p>This presentation will outline the formation of Humshaugh Net Zero, highlight the key initiatives undertaken by the community, and detail the development journey of their proposed community solar project—from its inception to its current status.</p> <p>Find out more and book online ></p>		
Main Theatre	Screening: Climate Change Catastrophe!	2 – 3pm
<p>Another screening of a new climate change show, made by kids, for grown-ups. This filmed theatre show by Cap-a-Pie theatre will give you inspiring perspectives on one of the biggest challenges of our time – climate change. It’s all about what children think about climate change – their hopes, fears and ideas for the future.</p> <p>Find out more and book online ></p>		
Foyer	Clothes Swap	All day
<p>New outfits don’t need to break the bank, or the planet. Clothes swaps are an accessible and fun way of refreshing your wardrobe whilst saving you cash and reducing clothing waste in landfill. Bring your unwanted items to Queen’s Hall during <i>The Future is Now Festival</i> and swap them for something else on our Clothes Swap rail!</p>		

Events taking place elsewhere...

Hexham Abbey Car Park	Electric Car Display	9am – 4pm
<p>Come along to learn more about electric vehicles old and new! Switching to an electric car can save money and protect the environment, it’s a switch that embraces a future where technology and sustainability go hand in hand.</p>		
Forum Cinema, Hexham	Film Screening: The Lorax	2pm
<p>Twelve-year-old Ted (Zac Efron) lives in a place virtually devoid of nature; no flowers or trees grow in the town of Thneedville. Ted would very much like to win the heart of the girl of his dreams, Audrey (Taylor Swift) but to do this, he must find that which she most desires: a Truffula tree. To get it, Ted delves into the story of the Lorax (Danny DeVito), once the gruff guardian of the forest, and the Once-ler (Ed Helms), who let greed overtake his respect for nature.</p> <p>Find out more and book online ></p>		

Meet @ Queen's Hall Foyer	Edible Hexham Tour & Space for Nature	1.30pm
Walk and eat your way around Hexham with Transition Tynedale's tour of the Edible Hexham beds which are dotted around the town. Everyone is invited to pick and use the various leaves, herbs and fruit that grow in them. With climate change and potential food shortages increasingly on the agenda, it is more important than ever to think and grow local. Find out more >		
Hexham Community Garden	Solstice Forage and Feasting	2pm onwards
Grow Hexham and Hexham Library will be hosting their Solstice celebration in Hexham Community Garden. Join the team for a hands-on afternoon to forage for herbs and ingredients to make and share a yummy, fresh, seasonal community meal. There will be entertainment and activities to make the most of the longest day!		
Prudhoe Wildlife Garden: what3words: rivals.sound.amused	Prudhoe Space for Nature	10am – 2pm
Prudhoe Space for Nature volunteers have transformed a forgotten piece of wasteland in the centre of the town into a wildlife garden. Come and enjoy the wildlife and habitats in this tranquil space and the lovely views across the Tyne Valley. Find out more >		

Sunday 22 June

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Location	Activity	Time
White Room	Workshop: Green Bee Craft – Jean Mending	10 – 11.30am
Join Green Bee Craft for a denim mending/patching workshop and learn how to give a second life to old clothes! This workshop will cover patching, embellishing and visible mending techniques - bring along your own jeans or learn the techniques on our practice material. Find out more and book online >		
White Room	Talk: Climate Action North – Rewilding Network	1 – 2pm
Sharon is an environmental practitioner with over 30 years of experience helping businesses improve their green credentials. Passionate about rewilding and conservation, she heads up the North East Rewilding Network, connecting rewilding projects, people and business across the region. This includes the "Pollinator Parks" campaign to rewild 30% of business parks by 2030. Find out more and book online >		
Studio	Workshop: Marvellous Microbes	11am – 12pm 2 – 3pm

Suitable for those aged 4-7 (and their grown-ups!) in this workshop, you'll journey into the marvellous world of microbes through storytelling and creative activities. Hear stories about wonderfully strange and amazing microbes - these tiny superheroes are paving the way for environmental sustainability in ways you wouldn't believe.

[Find out more and book online >](#)

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Events taking place elsewhere...

Hexham Town Centre

On Yer Bike Tynedale

12pm – 4pm

On Yer Bike Tynedale returns as part of *The Future is Now Festival!* Building on a successful debut in 2024, the event sees a temporary 500m cycle lane set up around central Hexham, enabling cyclists of all ages and abilities to enjoy car-free social space and feel the joy of active travel.

Forum Cinema, Hexham

Film screening: Once Upon a Time in a Forest

2pm

Once Upon A Time In A Forest tells the story of 22-year-old Ida who, driven by her love for the forest, becomes the leader of the new Forest Movement, coming face to face with industry giants and confronting generational bias.

[Find out more and book online >](#)

Horsley Woods

Living Woods: Taster Session

10am – 2pm

Living Woods are welcoming new volunteers to join them in a taster session at Horsley Woods to learn more about their organisation and ways you can get involved. Living Woods are passionate about managing local woodlands sustainably in order to protect wildlife and retain community knowledge of traditional skills.

[Find out more >](#)

Other Events...

Hexham Community Centre

The Jubilee Garden at Hexham Community Centre is a true hidden idyll in the centre of Hexham. The space is free to use for community groups as a spot for a peaceful lunch or place for a small activity.

The Jubilee Garden is maintained by Garden Volunteers, who meet every Thursday, 11am - 1pm. The garden focusses on reusing materials in inventive ways, promoting pollinators and produce in our planting and providing an accessible space to enjoy gardening with wheelchair accessibility and various heights of beds to suit sitting or standing gardeners.

To book a time to use the garden please email to info@hexhamcommunitycentre.org.

Nurture Project Community Forest Food Garden, Haydon Bridge

The Nurture Project, is a newly formed CIC, a not for profit community organisation aiming to enhance the physical, mental and social wellbeing of individuals, communities and their environments through educational outdoor experiences, supporting people through the current climate and cost of living crisis, building stronger, more resilient communities and bringing people together to connect with nature, themselves, and each other.

The Community Garden provides a nature rich, multi-sensory environment fully accessible and inclusive to all, a place for the whole community to come along and grow collaboratively, sharing skills and techniques to grow healthy food produce, reducing food miles.

The Community Garden is open to the public every Thursday, 12.30 – 4.30pm.

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