WOKINGHAM BOROUGH'S FOREST OF IMAGINATION 2025

2025 forest of IMAGINATION
WOKINGHAM BOROUGH



22-25 MAY 2025
DINTON PASTURES
REIMAGINED

ART INSTALLATIONS
CELEBRATE CREATIVITY
FREE ACTIVITIES WITH ARTISTS

CONNECTING COMMUNITY AND NATURE

BRING YOUR IMAGINATION!

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2025 forest of IMAGINATION
WOKINGHAM BOROUGH

Now entering our twelfth year, Forest of Imagination is taking over Dinton Pastures, from 22 – 25 May 2025. This year's theme will highlight vibrant biodiversity through stories and creative interventions. Taking advantage of the diverse landscapes and habitats, Forest of Imagination's physical presence will enhance the green setting of Dinton Pastures and the wider landscapes of Wokingham Borough.

22-25 MAY 2025
OPENING TIMES

FREE EVERYONE WELCOME!

OPENING NIGHT:
WEDNESDAY 21 MAY, 5-7PM

SCHOOLS' DAYS:
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 22-23 MAY, 10AM-3PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 22-23 MAY, 3-5PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 24-25 MAY, 10AM-5PM



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Wokingham Borough Council is working with Bath Spa University, House of Imagination and Grant Associates to deliver 'Forest of Imagination Wokingham'—an exciting arts programme for the borough that shines a light on the importance of nature connection, our collective imagination and social action.

Wokingham Borough Council have been awarded funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with a proportion of this dedicated to delivering a free project for schools and communities, which culminates with this four-day event for schools and members of the public in May 2025.

The project contributes to the Council's strategies for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, Children, Climate Emergency, and Arts & Culture, and will explore themes of local biodiversity and environment.



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DINTON PASTURES COUNTRY PARK

Thank you to the participating schools and community groups across Wokingham Borough as well as our Artist Network Development artists, mentors and students from the University of Reading.

INSTALLATIONS AND ARTISTS

CREATED FOR YOU TO ENJOY AND TO DEEPEN YOUR CONNECTION WITH NATURE
EXPERIENCE HOW INSECTS SEE THE WORLD WITH 'INSECT VISION'
ENJOY A MEAL WITH 'MOTHER NATURE'S SUPPER CLUB'
LISTEN OUT FOR 'WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM A DROP'

FOREST SHELTER
CARPENTER OAK
Looking for shade, shelter, or inspiration? The Forest Shelter has workshops for all—discover, play, create or rest for a while. This lasting gift to Dinton Pastures is built for connection, learning, and wild ideas come rain or shine.

WALKING WITH
ANDREW AMONDSON
Follow the signs. Take your time. Notice everything. Walking With invites wonder and reflection and takes us on a path connecting us to each other, and the nature around us. Look for the signs between the heart of Forest and Dinton Activity Centre.

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM A DROP
MATTHEW LEECE
Drip. Ting. Pause. Mist sparkles, leaves drip, and metal bowls sing as you move them. Listen carefully: this water-filled soundscape invites you to play with rain, make music, and learn from a single drop.

WILLOW CROWNS
ANDREW GRANT
Even the trees are celebrating! Giant hats crown the willow trees, adding colour and playfulness. Stand beneath them, look up, and see nature differently—how does it change your view?

BIODIVERSITY TOTEMS
GRANT ASSOCIATES
Spot birds, mammals, insects, and more on the colourful Wildlife Totems by architect Andrew Grant. Each sculpture celebrates Dinton's rich biodiversity—look closely and find the human totem. Can you become part of nature's family?

INSECT VISION
MATTHEW LEECE
Step into a bug's eye view with giant insect antennae, by artist Matt Leece. Touch, look, and imagine seeing like an insect: ultraviolet light, extra eyes, and a whole new perspective!

MOTHER NATURE'S SUPPER CLUB
COMMUNITY
The Forest Table invites you to a playful, theatrical experience where nature has a voice. Taste the future, imagine new foods, and rethink living well with nature. Pull up a chair—listen closely.

WOVEN TOGETHER
ANDREW AMONDSON AND COMMUNITY
Co-create an evolving woolly artwork inspired by string theory, human connection, and the hidden patterns found in nature. Follow a red woollen trail to a vibrant meadow installation where we invite you to weave with wool, play with colour and bring alive the magic of connection.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR ARTISTS OR VISIT FORESTOFIMAGINATION.ORG.UK/WB/ARTISTS-WB



EXPLORE THE FOREST AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND...

LOCATION MAP



PLEASE SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK! SCAN QR CODE TO COMPLETE FORM

FREE EVERYONE WELCOME!

ART INSTALLATIONS AND ACTIVITY TENT SYMBOLS
Please refer to the event guide programme overleaf for full details of workshops and activities at these locations.

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EXPLORE THE FOREST! CAN YOU FIND ALL THE INSTALLATIONS?

FOREST SHELTER

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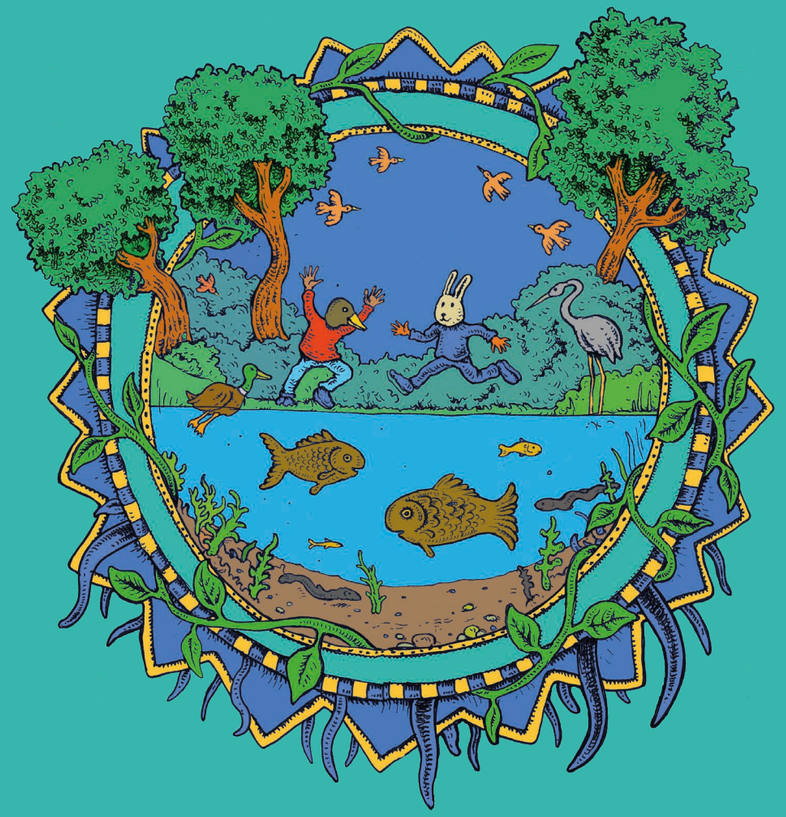
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FREE WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES... EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY 24 MAY OPEN TO ALL

Booking not required for general admission – just come and explore!

10:00, 12:30, 15:00

BUGS BUGS BUGS: A CRITTERLY CROWD OF SCRAPPY STOOLS

Amy Teh

Build your own "bug" stool using scrap timber in this playful workshop celebrating insects, circular design, and imagination. Craft creature-like seats, contribute to a collaborative bug drawing, and explore mindful movement inspired by your creation. Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

PLEASE BOOK

D 10:00, 12:30, 15:00

MORE THAN HUMAN PORTRAITS

Sam Furness

Welcome to the studio! Join Sam using the Forest as a studio, capture photos, shapes and textures. Explore the intricate beauty of the natural world—the ultimate artist.

PLEASE BOOK

A 10:00 – 13:00

STOP MOTION ANIMATION

Ghazala Pratt

Create a short stop-motion film using iPads and forest materials. Build models, animate, and tell your own woodland story.

A 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00

EARTH CLUB FIELD STATION

Hannah McDowall & Aya Al-Tamimi, Patchlarks & Canopy

Step into a world where art, science, and storytelling come together in this hands-on creative experience. Meet the Earth Dwellers and explore a different theme each session.

11:00, 13:30, 16:00

MOTHER NATURE'S SUPPER CLUB

Kilter Theatre

You are invited as a special guest of Mother Nature! Sit at the table, choose a creature to represent, dream up nature's response to humans and prepare to meet Mother Nature herself.

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C 12:00 – 13:00

WHAT DO WE IMAGINE?

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Professor of Imagination Dr Penny Hay and Director of House of Imagination, Wayne Lindsay, host a playful workshop for Wokingham Borough councillors, exploring how nature-inspired imagination can help us shape creative, inclusive solutions for a thriving, sustainable future.

E ALL DAY

FORESTS, PEOPLE AND ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Lyfta

Step inside another world in this workshop. Explore immersive digital storyworlds and short films. Travel from the UK to the Amazon, via the Philippines and India, with soundscapes and powerful global stories.

Humans, Forests and Animals

At 2:30pm join Lyfta for a 45min talk on how immersive stories from around the world can help us connect and learn differently. Family-friendly—all ages welcome.



ALL DAY

WALKING AND WEAVING

Andrew Amondson

Walking and Weaving is a wondering wander through the Forest of Imagination, finding connections to nature and one another along the way. Meet at the *Walking With* sign near the play park.

B ALL DAY

EXPLORING BIODIVERSITY

The Natural History Museum

Hands-on science and nature activities for all ages—designed to spark curiosity and inspire action for the planet. Explore birdsong with Nature's Voice, build biodiversity tech with LEGO DNA sequencers, draw your own mini-beasts, and get creative with fungi models. Activities, games, and self-led discovery sheets, this event brings the Natural History Museum's cutting-edge research and commitment to nature right into the heart of the community.

C ALL DAY

DRAWING WITH NATURE

Pippa Pixley

Join author Pippa Pixley for a nature drawing workshop. Explore using natural materials like squishy mud, twisty twigs, and colourful stones to create your very own artwork.

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CURIOUS LINES

Natalie Bedford

This sensory workshop uses simple lines for movement, imagination, and connection. Discover how we're all part of a web of living threads.

D ALL DAY

MAKE A FOREST CREATURE

Grant Associates

Sculpt birds, insects, and mythical beasts from foil. Finish with weatherproof material & create your own forest companion to take home.

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10:00, 12:30, 15:00

STORY FORAGING

Bertie Brown & Matilda Shearing

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THE SPIRIT OF THE DIDGERIDOO

James Sibley

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SELF-LED EXPLORING BIODIVERSITY

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Discover the wonder of nature in our local parks and outdoor spaces, find out about the Museum's latest research into nature and biodiversity, and explore actions you can take to help nature thrive. The Natural History Museum will have some self-led activities you can pick up and explore nature with.

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Activity Tents

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