

Derry City & Strabane District Council Halloween Festival Friday 29th - Sunday 31st October 2021

"We are delighted to share with you our plans for this year's Halloween Festival which will see celebrations throughout the city from Friday 29th-Sunday 31st October 2021. As society plans some tentative steps back towards life as we knew it pre-Covid, the Council Festival and Events Team have been working on the best way to deliver Derry Halloween in a way that complies with restrictions like social distancing without compromising the wonder and magic that has come to be expected as standard, for this international event.

Traditionally the festival has created an enchanted world of illusion and wonder within the confines of the city walls and adjacent streets, Fast forward to the current day and the necessity for the implementation of a city wide Halloween Festival has become evident, in order to accommodate this event in a post-lockdown, Covid-19 climate. For Derry Halloween 2021 we will create an even more fantastical and adventurous trail of illumination, animation and installations across the locale, entitled '**Awakening the Walled City**'.

Awakening the Walled City

The geographical area that this trail encompasses, will create a crowd-friendly circuit that can accommodate considerable footfall, social distancing and crowd management while enabling people to enjoy a variety of themed locations and experiences safely and at their leisure. There will be three themed zones as follows;

Zone One – Foyle Marina, **Foyle Arts Building, Magee UU, North West Regional College**, Queens Quay and Queens Quay Roundabout

Zone Two – Shipquay Street, The Diamond, Cathedral Quarter, The Fountain & Newgate Arts Centre and Fahan embankment

Zone Three – Ebrington Square, St Columb's Park, St Columb's Park House and Greenway.

Each zone will feature a range of installations, displays, dressing and animation as well as a pre-booked only experience, to assist with crowd control, on both sides of the river.

For up to date details on the event visit www.DerryHalloween.com

Traffic restrictions

Motorists are advised to expect some delays and diversions in the City Centre during the three days of the event.

In the interest of safety, the following roads will be closed to traffic or have traffic restrictions in place for the event:

- Road Closure at Shipquay Street, Butcher Street, Bishop Street within, Ferryquay Street between the hours of 14.00hours and 22.00hours.
- Bishop Street car park will have a partial car park closure in place, however during the event access and egress from the Carpark will be via Bishop Street Car Park
- Society Street car park will be closed from 29th – 31st October.
- Road closures will be introduced along the Queens Quay from Harbour Square Roundabout to Queens Quay Roundabout from 5.00pm until 10.00pm

Parking:

City side car parks: Foyleside Shopping Centre Car Park East, Foyleside West and Quayside Shopping Centre, Foyle Road, Magee Campus (Lawrence Hill), Fort George (TBC), Strand Road, Victoria Market, Society Street, Bishop Street, Carlisle Road and William Street.

Waterside car parks: Alfred Street, Bond's Hill, Distillery Brae, Simpsons Brae, Spencer Road Car Park and Waterside Health Centre and Oakgrove School.

Motorists are advised that there are likely to be delays when exiting some car parks during the parade and after the fireworks display.

Parking restrictions:

Drivers are reminded that normal on street parking restrictions will be in place and that they should avoid parking anywhere they may be blocking entrances to residences or businesses or where they may be obstructing emergency access. In addition to this the car parks at Queens Quay and Foyle Street will be closed on Friday 29-31 October. Strand Road car park will be an accessible car park only.

No parking will be permitted along Baronet Street, Fletcher Avenue and on the left hand side of St Columb's Road.

Drop off: Vehicles stopping to drop off passengers are advised to park in a safe location and to avoid the immediate vicinity of Queen's Quay and the Limavady Road / St Columb's Road Junction in order to minimise traffic congestion.

Please note the Peace Bridge will be closed for the Fireworks Display from 9.30 until 10.00pm.

We thank you for your continued support for Council events and hope this event brings you good business opportunities. We ask you for your co-operation again this year and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the events team on 07738544452 or on the event line 02871376504.

Yours faithfully

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