




# Welcome to the Mill Road Winter Fair 2019!

Every year, on the first Saturday in December, Mill Road is transformed. People take over from cars, shopkeepers turn out and set up their stalls, and we provide spaces for local businesses and charities to sell crafts, gifts and refreshments all along the street. Interspersed with the stalls are buskers, circus performers, dancers, poets and story tellers to entertain and inspire.

The theme of this year's fair is 'Nature', so if you are reading this in advance of the fair please start thinking about ideas - for costumes, stall decorations, parade props, etc.

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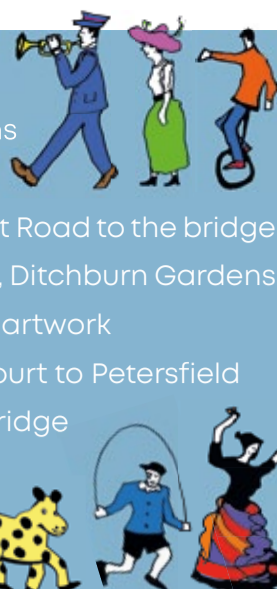
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The Winter Fair is run entirely by volunteers but we need your donations to help stage it every year. Please donate at [www.millroadwinterfair.org](http://www.millroadwinterfair.org) and look out for the collection buckets on the day.

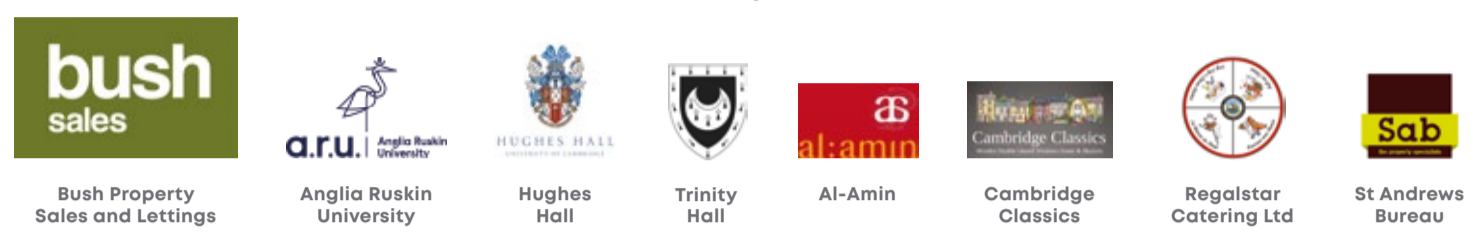
## Key events

- 9.00 Road closure begins
- 10.30 Winter Fair begins
- 10.30 Fire engine pull, East Road to the bridge
- 10.30 Opening ceremony, Ditchburn Gardens
- 11.30 Unveiling of bridge artwork
- 12.00 Parade, Millcroft Court to Petersfield
- 15.20 Final parade, the bridge to Petersfield
- 16.15 Winter Fair ends
- 17.30 Roads re-open



Please visit [www.millroadwinterfair.org](http://www.millroadwinterfair.org) for the most up-to-date information and times

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# MILL ROAD WINTER FAIR



## What's on

The marquee will again be on **Petersfield Green**, packed with craft stalls. Outside will be more stalls and the mysterious, meditative labyrinth. Walk through to **Anglia Ruskin University** for a warm, lively welcome to the fair's biggest indoor venue, featuring children's activities, exhibitions, dance and music.

**Donkey Common** will have a mix of market and craft stalls, as well as a fire pit offering the chance for a warm meet-up and chat. A fire engine will be parked alongside, on **Mortimer Road**, so you can have a close look and talk to the crew.

**Ditchburn Gardens** will have two marquees with a mix of stalls, a music stage and a warm café inside. Nearby, the **Cambridge Mosque** on Mawson Road and the **Salvation Army Hall** on Tenison Road will host activities.

The food fair will be based in the **Gwydir Street Car Park**, on **St Barnabas Road** and in the access road to the new **Ironworks** (formerly the council depot site). Visit this new venue and find out about Ironworks. There will be two fabulous music stages in this part of the fair: in the former **Lloyds Bank Car Park** and at Ironworks, so you can eat, drink and linger to enjoy the music

and stalls. Nearby, there will be more indoor stalls and activities in **St Barnabas Church**, to the rear in the **St Barnabas Centre**, in the **Bath House**, at the **David Parr House Visitor Centre**, and down the steps beside the bridge at **Railway House**.



**Great Eastern Street Car Park** will be taken over by Extinction Rebellion and, opposite, the **Argyle Street Housing Co-op (ASH)** will host their usual lively music stage and stalls.

Camecycle will set up a pop-up park, with refreshments from local cafés, in the heart of the fair at **Romsey Parade**, Cambridge 105 will broadcast live from a stage outside **Tesco**, and the Thirstybus will be at **Hope Street Yard**.



The fair's HQ will be at **Mill Road Baptist Church**, with information about how to get involved next year.

**St Philip's Church** is planning a fabulous programme of indoor, family-friendly events and activities.

Back by popular demand, the Shake Your Tail Feather stage can be found on the corner of **Thoday Street**, and the **Salisbury Club** will be open for interactive activities arranged by Cambridge Hands-On Science. Please continue to the warm welcome at **Romsey Mill**, which will host the annual Art Show, along with creative and festive activities for all the family.



But the best of the fair is always the street performances. There are 14 busking spots and the usual brilliant circus performers, dancers and poets at intervals along the street.



## Get involved

### Volunteer

The fair is organised and run on the day by volunteers. A committee meets throughout the year to coordinate the infrastructure, communications, IT, stalls, parade and performances that come together on the day. It's a great way to meet people and engage with your Mill Road community, so please do get in touch if you'd like to help run next year's fair.

But even more importantly, please consider giving just a couple of hours to help as a steward at this year's fair. We can only run the fair if we

have enough stewards to meet vital safety standards, so we need your help. Please see [www.millroadwinterfair.org/volunteering](http://www.millroadwinterfair.org/volunteering)



### Parade

Calling all schools, community groups, families and anyone who would like to join in.

The parade will start at Millcroft Court (opp. Thoday Street) at midday and will be cheered along Mill Road to Petersfield Green.

Parents walk with their children. Just dress up (nature themed) and turn up. Contact [parade@millroadwinterfair.org](mailto:parade@millroadwinterfair.org) for information.

### Sponsor/Donate

We are only able to stage the fair each year thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and



individual 'Friends of the Fair'. We are looking for sponsorship from local businesses, so please consider whether you can support us - in return we will sing your praises in future publications and on our website. If you are interested in either sponsorship or becoming a 'Friend of the Fair', please email [treasurer@millroadwinterfair.org](mailto:treasurer@millroadwinterfair.org)

The fair does not have charitable status, but will work closely with a new charity, Love Mill Road, which is evolving from the Suzy Oakes Trust and aims to sustain a thriving Mill Road community. Donations to Love Mill Road will help to fund the fair, as well as the activities and projects of other Mill Road charities and community organisations.



## Important information

Stewards wearing hi-vis jackets with Mill Road Winter Fair on the back are available to assist you and help ensure your safety. Please comply promptly with any instructions from stewards.

- If you see anything suspicious or unsafe, please report it to a steward immediately.
- In an emergency, follow instructions from stewards or the emergency services.

### First Aid

- If you require First Aid, please ask the nearest steward.

### Event Control

- Event Control and First Aid are both located in the Baptist Church, 178 Mill Road, on the corner of Stockwell Street - see map overleaf.

### Missing children

- Please arrange your own family meeting point in case you become separated. Report missing children to any steward or Event Control.

### Road closure

- Between 9.00am and 5.30pm on the day, Mill Road (between East Road and Coleridge Road), the top of Gwydir Street and the top of St Barnabas Road will all be closed to traffic (including cyclists), although activities will stop at 4.15pm. Diversions will be signposted.
- Pedestrians should exercise particular care before the road is fully closed.
- Re-opening will occur gradually, so drivers and pedestrians should take extreme care.
- Pedestrians will be required to make way for

emergency and other vehicles within the closure area, from time to time.

If you have any questions about the road closure in advance, email [info@millroadwinterfair.org](mailto:info@millroadwinterfair.org) and on the day phone 07591 116145.



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