

Community Festivals

Date	Festival	Description	Contact	MCC Contribution
Jan/Feb	Chinese New Year	Commences with Dragon leaving Town Hall and leading parade to Chinatown where there is a short ceremony, dragon and lion dances, Kung Fu display, folk music and dance performances plus street fair, stalls and workshops to demonstrate cultural arts & crafts. Attendance approx 50,000	Stewart Yip	Events Unit advice and marketing support plus £15k (06/07)
March	Irish Festival Parade and Launch	Parade of Irish associations, schools, groups and bands from the Irish Centre to Albert Square and back in celebration of St Patrick's Day. Has previously comprised Irish Festival Market, Irish Café, dance competitions and workshops in the Town Hall which are open to the public.	Ester Dolan	Events Unit advice, marketing support plus £15k event unit sponsorship and £5k civic hospitality funding towards cost of launch event.
April	St George's Day Parade	Parade from Miles Platting through Ancoats to City Centre comprising dancers, schools, floats, bands. Attendance approx....	Thelma McGrail	Events Unit advice and marketing support plus £9k (06/07)
June	Exodus Festival	Unique showcase of the arts and culture of Manchester's large and diverse refugee communities which takes place at Platt Fields Park during Refugee Week. Two main stages with high-quality music, dance, poetry and drama performances, interactive workshops, children's activities, vibrant site decoration, a world crafts, clothing and information market, food from around the globe and live radio broadcast. 300 performers, 800 workshop participants, 75	Faye Salisbury	Events Unit advice and marketing support plus £10k (06/07)

		organisation stall holders.		
July	Manchester Summer Mega Mela	Celebration of South Asian culture at Platt Fields Park for people from all communities and age ranges. Features main stage (with plans for a community stage in 2008) sporting events, stalls displaying and selling different artefacts and a funfair. Food stalls. Approx 1000 participants (inc volunteers) and approx 50,000 attendees.	Sajjad Hussein N Khan Moghal	Events Unit advice and marketing support plus £15k (06/07)
August	Caribbean Carnival of Manchester	The event takes place in and around Alexandra Park and comprises: Carnival Parade, Maas bands, masquerades, live entertainment, development workshops (eg costume making, steel pan training), educational awareness, Queen, Prince and Princess Show, youth promotion. 3600 participants, 20,000 attendees	Sonia Stewart Mike Bisson	Events Unit advice plus marketing support plus £15k (06/07)
August	Manchester Pride Parade	Celebration of the LGBT community and recognised as the largest carnival activity in the North West attracting over 200,000 people to the streets and over 80 organisations participating.	Sarah Rowland	Events Unit advice and marketing support plus £25k (06/07 ringfenced for the parade element only)
October	Dashehra Diwali Mela	Celebration of the Hindu festivals of Dashehra and Diwali taking place at Platt Fields Park. Workshops in schools eg dance and lantern making. Community artists, fire drawings and lights. Includes food and other stalls, music, dances and fireworks plus the burning of an 8m high ten headed demon king Ravan. Approx 200 participants and 5000 attendees.	Mrs Rajyashree Dutta	Events Unit advice and marketing support plus £15k (06/07)

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE

COMMITTEE: Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 13 November 2007

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SUBJECT: Community Festivals and Events

Purpose of note

To provide members with contextual information relating to the themes and funding arrangements for community festival and events

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DATE	AREA	FESTIVAL / EVENT	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT	MCC CONTRIBUTION 2007
JUNE	NORTH AREA	Queens Park Festival	Community / Family Fun day which includes children's activities, local artists/bands have a stage as part of this festival, home made food stalls, archery, wood carving, ethnic minorities have traditional stalls, a parade through the park is organised which is attended by the local schools and the schools choose the theme for the parade and this is then incorporated as part of their National Curriculum etc. in partnership with North Manchester Regeneration Queens Park boarders Harpurhey and Cheetham Hill so it brings all the communities and different cultures together.	Kylie Ward/Julie Connor	£10,000
JUNE		Crumpsall Carnival	Community / Family Fun day in partnership with Friends of Crumpsall Park this day is community based and focused on bringing together all the	Kylie Ward/Friends of Crumpsall Park	£2,000

AUGUST		Newton Heath Festival	<p>different cultures together, the parade includes local schools, boy scouts, cadets, brass bands, and starts from Herristone Road Park to Crumpsall Park therefore parading through the streets of Crumpsall for the local community to enjoy. Food and clothing from around the world can be bought and enjoyed by all, local bands have the opportunity to play to a live audience, activities are organised with local service providers.</p> <p>Newton Heath Festival is held in Brookdale Park, this Fun Day, this day is community based, local bands play, activities organised with local service providers, i.e. Surestart Housing Campaigns Team, GMP, Environment & Operations Britain in Bloom, Sports Development for activities with children, Youth Contact Team, Clowns,</p>	Kylie Ward/ Cllr. Christine Carroll	£2,000
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November		Boggart Hole Clough	<p>Beehives for younger children, Community Pay Back Team (support with initial setting up of the event) this is the only large Park based event in the area.</p> <p>Firework Display / Heliosphere Fun Fair, this event was attended by 9,0000 and is held each year. The area this covers blackley and boarders on Moston & Harpurhey and is enjoyed by all ages.</p>	Kylie Ward/North Manchester Regeneration/Louise McManus	£2,000
DATE	CENTRAL AREA	FESTIVAL / EVENT	DESCRIPTION	CONTACTS	MCC CONTRIBUTION
JUNE		Manchester International Arts Festival	<p>Manchester International Arts Festival includes the following:-</p> <p>FEAST! - a mass picnic on the lake with entertainment at your table: 40 groups of outdoor theatre, circus, strolling musicians, magic, puppetry,</p>	Kirsten Warren/ Anne Tucker Streets Ahead	£20,000

<p>JULY</p>			<p>games and activities, delicious food and good company in a heady mix, spanning two summer evenings. Each night ends with torchlit performances, one an intimate spectacle on the lake, loosely based on the Shakespearean tale 'The Tempest', the other an equally tempestuous flamenco affair of the heart, from Spain. Sunday afternoon features the Exodus world music picnic, with performances from refugee communities who have made Manchester their home. Additionally, in 2007 FEAST plays host to the prestigious international showcase x.trax, that will bring programmers from across the world to Manchester.</p> <p>For Bastille Day, July 14th, Manchester celebrates the fall of the notorious Paris dungeon, with an open air ballroom event entitled Bal</p>		
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AUGUST		Alexandra Park Carnival	<p>Enchanté . Engaging dance music, British premiere of the excellent Petit Théâtre de Pain theatrical cabaret and street theatre, stalls, activities, food... and of course the guillotine! “Vive la révolution!”</p> <p>We end the season in sumptuous glitzy splendour on July 20 and 21 when British Indian company Nutkhut perform Bollywood Steps , a powerful 40 minute dance performance for 30 dancers and live dhol drummers. Traditional and contemporary Bollywood with echoes of Busby Berkeley! Complete with pyrotechnics, water fountains, smoke and a majestic flight of steps!</p> <p>An engaging event, vibrant and total community led with parades, shows and activities</p>	Kirsten Warren	£3,000
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JULY		Heartbreak Productions	A magical new adaptation of 'The Wizard of Oz' takes place a fresh and exciting rendition of this family classic. Then it is Shakespeare's most popular comedy 'Twelfth Night', being performed. Both productions are also being performed at Fletcher Moss gardens in Didsbury, along with 'Cry Blue Murder!' and 'The Merchant of Venice'.	Heartbreak Productions/Alison Davenport	£3,000
August		Party in the Parks	Included in the parties in the park are:- Garden Party Wythenshawe Park, target audience Older people this event had a brass band, DJ who played old time music, teas, coffee and old time entertainment	Wythenshawe Regen/Steve West	£650
			Teddy Bears Picnic, children' s	Alison Davenport	£800

October		Halloween Night	<p>event under 8 years target audience, children's entertainment, face painting, storytelling, food & drink stalls</p> <p>Spooky night with volunteers to bring the community and surrounding areas together for a fun packed evening. The staff and volunteers dress the park and themselves in costumes to a thrilling effect</p>	<p>Dawn Warriner</p> <p>Steve West/Alison Davenport</p>	£ 2,250
	EAST AREA	Party in the Parks	Family Fun Days for all the community with children's entertainers, craft fairs etc.	Steve Downey Friends of Groups	£10,000
		Chorlton Festival			£5,000
AUGUST	HEATON PARK	Feelgood Theatre Productions	<p>Blue Remembered Hills - described as Dennis Potter's contemporary classic</p> <p>A Midsummer Night's Dream -</p>	Janet Kendall	£2,000

			Shakespeare given the Feelgood treatment and set in the 1950s		
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