



Leyland Festival Fact Sheet

Important Information:

Date:	15 June 2019
Times:	The festival parade through Leyland Town Centre starts from the McDonald's roundabout at 12 noon, followed by activities and entertainment on Worden Park until 5.30pm
Venues:	Leyland Town Centre for the festival parade and Worden Park for all other festival activities and entertainment.
Price:	Tickets for the festival are just £3 per adult on the day or £2.50 in advance. Tickets can be bought from shops and businesses in Leyland. Children age 16 and under get go to the festival for free.
Theme:	The theme for this year is 'Musicals'. We hope people will be inspired to dress as characters from their favourite musicals. There are so many to choose from – everything from West End classics such as 42 nd Street and Phantom of the Opera to something with a more modern twist such as Lion King or Wicked. Have fun thinking about your costumes. There will be prizes on the day for the best costumes.

Activities & Entertainment on the Day:

Parade:

Leyland Festival parade is a traditional highlight of the festival. The parade route goes along Hough Lane from the McDonald's roundabout right through Leyland town centre, past Tesco and round to Worden Park. It takes about an hour for the parade procession to go through the town.

The parade is made up of festival floats (beautifully decorated flat-bed trucks), a walking procession and some of the cars from the festival car show.

Community groups, dance troupes, bands and entertainers all take part in the parade to make it a fun, exciting start to festival day.

Live Music:

This year we have a new live music stage in the middle of Worden Park which will host a selection of local artists and bands. We also have a very special headline act coming to perform for us!

Car Show:

We have everything from vintage trucks and classic cars to supercars and muscle cars in our car show. So whether you like super-fast Ferraris or a more relaxed classic Mini, there is something for everyone to enjoy in our car show.



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Paws in the Park:

Our ever-popular Paws in the Park dog show will be back again this year, featuring agility demonstrations and a wide range of categories for you to enter your own pooches. Do you think your dog has the cutest face or the waggiest tail? Enter them into Paws in the Park to find out!

Food & Drink:

We will have a wide selection of food and drink stalls at Leyland Festival. From pancakes to pizzas and candyfloss to curry, you'll definitely find delicious treats to tempt your taste buds.

Dance & Sports Arena:

We will have an exciting variety of dance and sports demonstrations and activities performed by local groups and clubs.

Entertainment & Activities:

There will be a whole host of other entertainment and activities for all the family. There is something for everyone at Leyland festival.

History of Leyland Festival:

This year Leyland Festival celebrates its 130th year since the very first event.

The first Leyland Festival was held on Wednesday 29th May 1889 and was organised by the Sunday school teachers of the Parish Church. The Festival was held annually from 1889 - 1936, with an exception of a two years break in 1901-2, and four years during World War 1, 1915 – 1918.

The Festival was revived in 1951 to celebrate the Festival of Britain and the official opening of Worden Park by Leyland Urban District Council. In 1969, following a run of bad weather, it was decided by the festival committee to move the date of the festival to the first Saturday of June. The festival ran in this format until 2000.

In 2009, the British Commercial Vehicle Museum sought support from South Ribble Borough Council to reinstate the parade aspect of the festival with an event called the 'Leyland Homecoming'. Due to demand from the local community, this event evolved back into the Festival the local community knows and loves.

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Over the last few years the Festival has continued to grow in size and popularity. Now thousands of people flock to Leyland each June to enjoy the highlight of the area's events calendar.

In 2016 The Leyland Festival Committee was established as an independent organisation and takes the lead in organising the Festival. The committee is made up of volunteers from businesses and community groups from across the area.

Leyland Festival Picture Collage:

Here are some photos from previous festivals.

