

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



The Urban Playground Team present Steam

Saturday 1pm – 4pm
Sandygate Square

Urban explorers discover the skeletal remains of a machine that changed the world. Inspired, they shovel coals on the fires of the past and bring to life scenes from the silent movies, the wild west, the first world war, and glimpse the dark future of inner city commuting.

You guys are the perfect example...
Ashley Banjo

The original performance-parkour company combine dance, physical theatre and free-running in an extraordinary physical show for the whole family. The team have toured across five continents winning awards and wowing audiences with their unique style. Burnley expects!

The first performance will be followed by a free open workshop for ages 12yrs + (no upper limit). If you ever fancied yourself a freerunner, the UPGTeam will provide expert instruction in a safe friendly environment on their bespoke set.

Extreme sport and cutting edge theatre – this is free running as you've never seen it before...
BBC1

TOWPATH EXPLORERS & THE LOCK KEEPER'S QUEST

Join the Adventure!

Saturday & Sunday 11am – 4pm

Sandygate Square to Burnley Wharf

Festival favourites the Towpath Explorers are back - but they desperately need your help! Their good friend Lock Keeper Sam has uncovered a dastardly plot to capture the beautiful boats of Burnley Canal Festival. The Explorers have been busy and have already recovered 13 stolen Lock keys - but they don't know which key opens which lock!

Join them to solve 13 clues, name 13 locks and match 13 keys along the length of the towpath from Sandygate to Burnley Wharf. The Towpath Explorers' immersive adventure is the perfect opportunity for families on the lookout for excitement to explore the charms of the waterside. Delve into the mystery and unlock the secrets of the canal!



Live Music Stage by More Music

Sunday 11am – 5pm
Sandygate Square

More Music have put together a showstopping Sunday lineup on the LIVE MUSIC STAGE with disco dancefloor fillers, Irish dance-a-longs and bhangra beats to get you off your seats!

With folk songs, Bollywood hits, spiritual qawwali and bhangra beats, Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band explode with a vibrant and colourful celebration of Jaipur life.

JD73's Electric 2 bring back-to-the-future soul, fierce funk and disco drama to the canalside, while Freetown's own PapaSam Alafia's Afro-funk and World stylings are sure to bring out the sunshine.

Full of the rat pack style, The Boogie Bill Roberts Trio will have you jump-jiving and slip-sliding before the fantastically named Price of My Pig inject disco, reggae, funk and afrobeat rhythms into traditional folk tunes for a high octane ceilidh.

We have a real treat to close proceedings too, with multi-award-winning songstress Jess Gardham lending some of the best soul vocals we've ever heard to her unique pop, soul and acoustic fusion.

Sat 26th & Sun 27th August 11am till 5pm

FESTIVAL HUB AT SANDYGATE SQUARE,
BURNLEY WHARF, FINSLEY GATE & ALONG THE TOWPATH

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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Canoeing on the Canal Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Festival Hub at Sandygate Square & Finsley Gate

Get on to the water with ship-shape boats holding up to three people. There are free canoeing tasters sessions all weekend from Sandygate or the quieter space of Finsley Gate. With cabled together canoes forming a stable platform, everyone can get involved.

Ragtag Arts Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Burnley Wharf Sunday, 11am–5pm Festival Hub at Sandygate Square

Ever wanted to run away and join the circus but felt you lacked the skills? Ragtag Arts are here to help. With all ages circus workshops and their fantastic briefcase of stilts, poy, hula hoops, juggling balls and unicycles, you'll be ready to go. Join them on Sunday at Sandygate too, to paint a giant cardboard canal boat!

Sol Cinema Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Sandygate Square

With glamorous usherettes, a red carpet and popcorn galore, visitors will be treated to a unique sun-powered cinematic experience.

Sign Writing with The Cunning Craftsman Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Festival Hub at Sandygate Square

Chris Dorning - The Cunning Craftsman - will be delivering a sign-writing masterclass at Sandygate. With guidance from a true expert, participants will learn the tricks of the trade and take home a handpainted sign.

The Fairground Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Burnley Wharf

All the fun of the (traditional) fair! Take a whirl on the waltzers, hook yourself a duck, jump in a Pepper Pig Bug or get down on a Bouncy Castle: there's fun to be had for kids of all ages.

Festival Food Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Festival Hub at Sandygate Square & Burnley Wharf (for icecream)

The Festival is bringing an exceptional selection of international and locally based street food traders to the canal; with Dim Sum Su's Oriental snack food, Deli Delite's handcrafted halal and Shirley's handmade Lancashire pies, you'll have to save some room for Christine's Cakes, and of course, there's always room for your Fairground favourite foods and Nelson's ice-creams.

Waterbus with Canal Cruises Sat & Sun 11am–5pm between Burnley Wharf and Finsley Gate

All aboard Ruby! A beautifully refurbished 12-seat barge offering rides between Sandygate and Finsley Gate. It will be busy and you may have to queue but it's a fabulous way to take in Burnley's canalside heritage and sail stylishly between the festival sites. Ride one way, stroll back the other! *Small charge to cover costs.*

Weavers Triangle Visitor Centre Sat & Sun 11am–4pm Burnley Wharf

Step into the past with a Victorian schoolroom, an Edwardian bathroom and an authentic weaver's dwelling – you can even have a go at weaving! Fun awaits the whole family with a children's corner, winding trails and tricky quizzes.



Walkabout Theatre with the Sense-O-Matic and Ben Farmer Sat & Sun 11am–5pm Sandygate Square and along the towpath

Our roaming performers will enliven the towpath with a dash of music and theatre, including a group of Victorian-inspired scientists and their splendid scientific contraption - the Sense-O-Matic by Same Difference Arts. Look out for Ben Farmer too, who'll be running his accordion through all sorts of folk ditties.

Float Workshops Sat 1pm–5pm Festival Hub at Sandygate Square

Canal community groups have come together with artists to create floats in the age old tradition of procession. Artists have worked with groups including Canalside Community Centre, Burnley Wood, Gannow Community Centre, The Jinnah Centre and Valley Street Community Centre. Share in the process with Artist Workshops on Sandygate from flagmaking to figureheads (and taking in songwriting) with artists Ruth Shorrock, Laura Jamieson, Michelle Wren and Jennifer Reid. The project will be celebrated by the Broadside Balladress Jennifer Reid and her newly formed community choir - 12 noon Saturday.

Programme subject to change



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