

Malton Christmas Festival FAQ's

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December 2023

9am to 3.30pm (Saturday & Sunday)

www.visitmalton.com/malton-christmas-festival

Q – Where can we park?

A – We have a dedicated festival car park with a free Park & Ride service into town.

- Riverside Meadow Park & Ride. £7.50 per car with a free shuttle bus to the festival for all passengers

From the A64 eastbound follow the signs to our 'Riverside Meadow' car park that is adjacent to the York Road industrial park.

If you use the What3Words navigation app the reference for Riverside Meadow is

(<https://w3w.co/dined.newspaper.comforted>).

The Park & Ride coaches will run continuously from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. The frequency will be approximately every 15 minutes (depending on traffic).

Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome on the shuttle buses.

The shuttle bus service will run from 9am – 3.45pm. The car park closes at 4pm.

Disabled parking will be available at the Park & Ride site but if the disabled person cannot transfer to the coach then we recommend they use the council pay & display car parks at Wentworth Street and Water Lane.

Other Malton car parks:

- Wentworth Street Car Park. RDC Pay & Display
- Water Lane Car Park. RDC Pay & Display
- <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/car-park-directory>

Q – Is there any parking overnight for campers or campervans?

A – The Malton Christmas Market car park (Riverside Meadow) is not suitable for use overnight and the gate will be locked at approximately 4.30/5pm.

We suggest you look for official sites via the Welcome To Yorkshire website:

<https://www.yorkshire.com/accommodation/listings?categories=&dateRange=&location=malton&occupancy=&term=>

Q – Will there be any baby changing facilities?

A – Yes, we have baby changing facilities inside the [Milton Rooms](#)

Q – Where are the toilets located?

A – Public toilets are available in Market Place (opposite The Shambles) and inside The Milton Rooms.

What3Words reference for the Market Place toilets <https://w3w.co/bluffing.clipboard.gardens>

Q – Can I bring my dog?

A – Yes, Malton is generally a very dog friendly town (The UK's most dog friendly market town 2018) and dogs are welcome as long as you are sure they can cope with the conditions. However, the Malton Christmas Festival can be extremely busy so we advise against bringing dogs if possible because their paws could easily be stood on and their leads could trip people up. If you do choose to bring your dog, they must be kept on leads at all times and you must clear up after your dog immediately. If your dog is getting upset or is causing a nuisance to other festival goers then you and your dog may be asked to leave.

Q – How far is the Malton Christmas Festival from the train and bus station?

A – The Malton Christmas Festival is approximately a third of a mile from the train and bus station (5-10 minute walk).

Q – Do I need a ticket to enter the Malton Christmas Festival?

A – The Malton Christmas Festival is free to enter. Food and drink and any produce bought at the Market will need to be paid for. Children’s entertainment (such as fairground rides) will be chargeable. The Be Amazing Arts children’s activity tent (storytelling, crafts, etc,) will operate on a ‘pay as you feel basis’ with a nominal charge made for face-painting. The Festive Land Train, which will take visitors on laps of the Market Place, will also operate on a “pay as you feel” basis.

Q- Are there any children’s activities?

A – Yes! As follows:

- Magical Quests will be running children’s shows throughout the weekend where families can join Emerald the Elf and Santa on a special Christmas adventure. The shows will take place at the Milton Rooms and tickets must be booked in advance: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/magical-quests-north>
- The Be Amazing Arts team will be running their Creativitent throughout the weekend which will be open 9am-3.30pm both days.

The team will be holding their Christmas mini disco, performing arts sessions and our festive storytelling – all free of charge. Kids can get crafty by making their very own lolly stick ornaments and decorate their own stockings - £5 per person per session. Top off your visit with a festive face paint - £5 per person.

You can also find out more about Be Amazing Arts’ Christmas show in Malton, [‘A Christmas Carol’](#), with last remaining tickets for the run available from the pop-up box office at the Creativitent!

Q- Are there any workshops taking place?

A – Yes! As follows:

MUST Forge Blacksmith will be running a “Make Your Own Metal Rose” in a choice of two different materials at the Festival, every hour from 11am-3pm.

Duration: 40 mins to an hour, skill level dependent;

Group Size: 4 people a session.

Cost per workshop:

- copper rose - £45
- steel rose - £35

Participants will come away with a finished rose to take home. Pre-book your space by messaging MUST Forge via [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

North Yorkshire Rotters are back at the Malton Christmas Festival for 2023 with their ‘Christmas love food hate waste’ cookery demonstrations with chef Nigel Brown. Their volunteer ‘Rotters’ will also be giving info and advice about reducing food waste and home composting.

Location Reference: <https://w3w.co/backpacks.cling.princely>

Q – Will there be live music at the Malton Christmas Festival?

A – Yes, the programme is as follows:

Saturday 2nd December

Choir Gazebo

- 9.30am - 3.30pm: SASH Choir: “Preventing Youth Homelessness Together”

Band Gazebo

- 11am - 1pm: Charity Brass

Outside Hoppers at the top of the Market Place (Location ref <https://w3w.co/turns.obliging.upgrading>)

- 10am – 1pm: Salvation Army Band

Sunday 3rd December

Choir Gazebo

- 10am - 11.30am: Richard Shepherd Music Foundation - Malton
- 11.30am - 12.15pm: Singing in Ryedale
- 1pm - 2.30pm: Richard Shepherd Music - Gillamore

Band Gazebo

- 11am - 1pm: White Star Band

Choir Location Reference: <https://w3w.co/props.kennels.troll>

Band Location Reference: <https://w3w.co/petted.publisher.stretch>

Q – Will there be any vegan, vegetarian and/or gluten free food?

A – Yes, there will be several traders selling veggie and/or vegan dishes and/or other special diet options. Please check with the individual vendors to make sure the food/ingredients are right for your requirements.

Q – Who do I contact if I have a question that is not covered in the FAQ's?

A – Please email enquiries@visitmalton.com