

# RUSHLAKE GREEN 2024 LITTLE ARTS FESTIVAL

## Newsletter December 2023



### Happy Christmas from the Little Arts Festival

In this first newsletter we can report a very promising start to the Little Arts Festival project that will reach fruition in August 2024. We've already attracted an excellent initial line-up of arts events by local groups and individuals. And this is just the beginning of what we hope will be a wide-ranging festival representing everything from theatre, poetry and craft-making to all genres of music, dance and the visual arts. We've also been encouraging our many supporters to join our extended festival family.



### The programme is beginning to take shape



The festival line-up already includes several live music acts from baroque and choral recitals to brass band music, retro rock and a DJ set. There'll be the welcome return of the previously popular 'Open Art' exhibition where anyone can contribute their art pieces, and an Open Garden with sculptures (and possibly live music) accompanied by tea and cake. There will also be an interactive theatre activity and several spoken word and literature events. So keep your diary clear for the period from 1st to 24th August 2024 when the Little Arts Festival will wow audiences in and around Rushlake Green.

### Local encouragement is hugely appreciated

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have already shown their support by signing up as Friends or Sponsors. Your active support is particularly valuable at this early stage in the project. The more people we can get signed up as supporters, the stronger is our case when we go to grant providers and other sources of funding. And your feedback is a great encouragement for our hard working volunteers.



### Show your support by becoming a Friend



Signing up as a Friend of the Little Arts Festival couldn't be easier and it's just £5 (or more), or £10 (or more) for family membership. And by signing up as a supporter you'll get early news of the festival programme as it develops. We see our supporters as very much an extension of our project group and we will be looking for opportunities to involve people more (if they're so inclined) as the project develops and evolves. There's a membership form at the back of this newsletter. So, if you haven't already done so, why not register your support for the project today by becoming one of our Friends.

### Become a Sponsor

We've had a very encouraging response to our invitation to make a significant contribution to the viability of the project. We've had both businesses and individuals coming forward to back the project. And unless they choose to remain anonymous, all Sponsors will be fully recognised in the period leading up to the festival, and throughout the event. Again, sponsorship is easy and can be £50-100 (or more).



### We need your ideas and contributions



We are still very keen to hear from anyone with ideas or contributions to add to the festival programme. In particular we'd love to hear from those involved in poetry and creative writing as we hope to include these in the festival. We will also be inviting local crafts people to get in touch because the previous festival event, featuring local 'makers', was tremendously well received.

Are you involved in graphic art, graphic novels, animation, game design, online music production? Have you got a band, or are you a singer or player and you'd like an opportunity for an open mic session? The stage could be yours.

Whatever, email us at: [thelittleartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:thelittleartsfestival@gmail.com)

# Rushlake Green 2024 Little Arts Festival

## Volunteers, Friends & Sponsors registration form

Please return this form to:  
**Little Arts Festival Friends, % the Rushlake Green Village Stores, TN21 9QD**  
Or, if you've paid online, you can email a scan/photo of the completed form  
(marking it 'Friends') to: [thelittleartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:thelittleartsfestival@gmail.com)

TICK AS MANY BOXES AS YOU WISH!

I would like be a Volunteer . . . . . ☐

I would like to become a Friend of the 2024 Festival  
by donating £5 or more . . . . . ☐

We would like register for Friends Family Membership  
of the 2024 Festival by donating £10 or more . . . . . ☐

I/We would like to Sponsor the 2024 Festival  
by donating £50 - £100 (or more) . . . . . ☐

I am enclosing a donation cheque for . . . . . £ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheques payable to 'Little Arts Festival'

I made a BACs/Online payment for . . . £ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BACs/Online banking payment details: The Co-operative Bank.  
Account: Little Arts Festival Sort Code 08 92 99 Account number 65779237  
In the BACs/online reference box include: 'LAF24' and your Surname and initials

### My/Our contact details are:

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