

St Annes International Kite Festival FAQ's

What time will the Kite Festival take place?

Friday 13th from 12 noon until 10pm.

Saturday 14th 11am until 10pm (Kite flying to 5pm).

Sunday 15th 11am until 4pm.

Why is the Kite Festival held at this time of year, after schools have gone back?

The timing of the Kite Festival is carefully chosen based on safety considerations and tidal patterns. We can only host the event when tides allow for the maximum safe use of the beach. Unfortunately, there are very few weekends that align with both safe beach conditions and the availability of kite flying groups. Additionally, we aim to schedule the festival during school term times to support the hospitality sector, as it helps balance visitor numbers. So, in essence, it's a combination of ensuring safety, accommodating kite flying schedules, and benefiting local businesses.

Can I fly my own kite at the festival?

Absolutely! You are welcome to fly your own kite anywhere outside of the designated kite flying arenas. We encourage kite enthusiasts to bring their own kites and enjoy the open skies during the festival.

Where can I enjoy the Kite Festival if dogs aren't allowed on the beach as a dog owner?

There will be a designated dog-friendly section to the right of the North Promenade car park at the Kite Festival.

What other attractions can my family enjoy at the Kite Festival?

We have a variety of exciting activities and entertainment for your family, including:

Attractions

- RNLI Open Day (Saturday 10:30am to 4:30pm)
- Fun Fair
- Donkey Rides (not Friday)
- Sand Art
- eBiblio – Magical Bubble Makers (Sunday only)
- Spectacular beach art with Manu

Food & Drink

- A diverse range of food vendors along the promenade
- Local cafes and restaurants in and around St Annes Town Centre

What facilities will be available at the event?

We've got you covered with the following facilities:

- Information point
- Lost children point
- Lost property and security desk
- A dedicated first aid team on constant patrol
- Additional bins and a dedicated litter-picking team
- Extra event toilets

What facilities are there for disabled visitors?

To promote inclusivity, the event will feature an Accessoloo on the Promenade, kindly sponsored by St Annes Town Council. This modern mobile Changing Places toilet facility ensures that everyone can enjoy a full day of fun. Furthermore, the Promenade offers a flat and accessible terrain, making it easy for visitors with disabilities to navigate. Whether you choose to enjoy the kite flying from the Promenade or St Annes Pier, you'll have an accessible and enjoyable experience.

Where can I park?

There are plenty of parking options available, including:

- Additional event parking signposted on South Promenade (with space for up to 600 cars) adjacent to Fairhaven Rd Car Park (FY8 1NW) – Cost is £5 CASH per day (strictly no overnight parking).
- Fylde Council Car Parks <https://new.fylde.gov.uk/resident/parking/car-parks/>
- St George's Road Multi-Storey Car Park
- Motorhomes, coaches and other vehicles - <https://new.fylde.gov.uk/resident/parking/motorhomes-coaches-and-other-vehicles/>

Will there be any fireworks?

Yes, the fireworks will take place on Saturday Evening at approximately 9.30pm. weather permitting.