

Programme Map

GETTING HERE

Lesnes Abbey is a 10 minute walk from Abbey Wood Station.

Buses to the Abbey – 244, 229, 496, B11 and 301

Buses to Lakeside Centre – 177, 229, 244, 301, 401 and B11 (bus stop Newacres Library)

Paid parking available on Gayton Road or free on-street parking on Bazalgette Way. Parking restrictions in place on Hartslock Drive.

..... Accessible/walking route

💡 Follow the balloon as it makes it's way from Abbey Way to Southmere Lake.

🍽️ Food & drinks

🚻 Toilets 🏥 Medical



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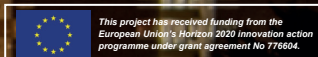
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Artist Programme

Join us for this unique illuminated walk and explore extraordinary artworks and landscapes. From the 12th century Lesnes Abbey ruins, filled with recorded local voices to light installations on Southmere lake, celebrating Thamesmead's flora and fauna, this will be an evening like no other. For more information, please visit www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk

1. THE Y ON THE LAKE + TOILET

Thamesmead's newest cafe is now open offering fresh food, great coffee and an amazing terrace that overlooks Southmere Lake.



2. LANTERN WORKSHOP AT THE Y ON THE LAKE

Join local artist Miyuki Kasahara at a unique workshop to create a bespoke, upcycled lantern to help light your way on the trail.

3. ROAMING PERFORMERS

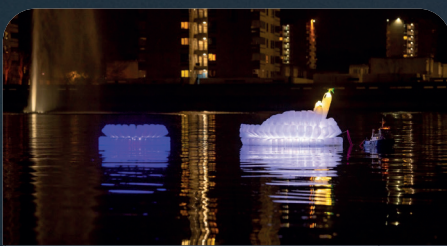
Walking performers to welcome you at the start of the trail.

4. THE RECOVERY POEMS

Light poems by Robert Montgomery and Deanna Rodger, commemorating what has been lost in lockdown and helping us look ahead with hope and positivity.

5. FLOATING CANDLES

Illuminated candles on parts of Southmere Lake.



6. T.U.G.

T.U.G takes inspiration from watching waterfowl on the lake and the simple but elegant lines they make as they swim in each other's wake. A collaboration between local artists Debo Adegoke, Alex Tuckwood and Lisa Cheung with RC boat volunteers.

7. INSTAFROST

Taking inspiration from images of climate breakdown and the melting of the permafrost, local artist Nathalie Coste will premier Instafrost; an illuminated sculpture made of willow and reclaimed parachutes.

8. PROPELLER

Local artist Jackson Payne has created Propeller; an audio-visual installation of holograms dispersed amongst the trees and shrubbery by the lakeside.

9. STORIES IN THE WOODS

Storyteller Rich Sylvester works across Greenwich as a "Guide to Green Spaces and Old Places". Join him in the woods for lively stories about the environment and history.



10. FIELDS OF EVERYWHEN

Artists M+R, aka Neil and Jono, plan to fly their small scale test balloon. They will be collecting local stories, which will then feature on a 23-m balloon, which will fly over Thamesmead in 2022.

11. STALLS AT SOUTHMERE SQUARE

For food on the way, we have Caribbean, Vegetarian/Vegan Noodles and a sweets cart, as well as a stall for light up toys.



12. MID SUMMERLAND

A personal, interactive audio art trail by Greenwich Dance encouraging exploration and play between parent and child.

13. THE CAGE

The Cage will be open with a programme of local talent including art workshops by C-That and Curtis Donovan, basketball competitions for all ages, dance workshops by Dynamix and Kenson, Don Fabio and Drunk Sriracha from RTM spinning tunes + J Cocoa closing on vocals.

14. MUF LIGHTING

As part of the South Thamesmead Garden Estate Project, MUF are testing new lighting that will be installed to enhance Thamesmead's architectural bridges.

15. ELECTRONIC POETRY

Created by local artist Nathalie Coste, Electronic Poetry will display the works of Bonnie, Hassan and Geeta that attended the Black Lives Matter workshop led by Natasha Trent aka Fishmessages.



16. BUTTERFLIES

17. THE HOURGLASS

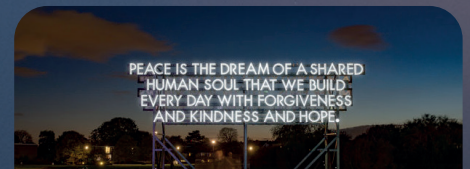
The Hourglass is an impressive 4-metre-high sculptural piece created in collaboration with light wizards Illuminos with an inspiring story by Arji Manuelpillai.

18. NEON NATURE

Neon sculptures depicting scenes of nature

19. ROSES

Handcrafted roses at the entrance to Lesnes Abbey by artist Cristina Ottonello.



20. PEACE POEM

Illuminated poem by Robert Montgomery to mark the centenary of the Armistice and Peace Treaties which marked the end of WWI.

21. FIRE POTS

Fire Pots illuminate the abbey and its surroundings.

22. STALLS AT LESNES ABBEY

Try our range of food stalls including the Sausage Stall, crepes and brownie bar and buy some light up toys.

23. CHESTNUTS KIOSK + TOILET

Chestnuts will be open at Lesnes Abbey especially for this event. With lots of homemade goodies, hot drinks, and of course a welcoming smile.

24. ARBORES VOCALIS

The Abbey cloister has been occupied by a flock of voices, gathered & choreographed by Artist Thor McIntyre-Burnie (Aswarm). They speak & sing about that intangible sense we get from spending time amongst the trees of Abbey Woods. A Gregorian style plainsong co-written with Jeremy Jackman and sung by the choirs of Bexley Music Education Hub.



25. LIGHT UP LESNES

Lighting Designer Craig West will transform Lesnes Abbey into a stunning wash of colour through a lighting programme that responds to the voice and song of Arbores Vocalis.