

# Big Splash 2025

## Easy Read Access Guide

### Welcome to Big Splash 2025!



We want everyone to enjoy the Big Splash Festival.

This guide tells you how we are making the festival accessible.

### Need Help?



You can call us on 01633 656 757.



You can email us at  
[Riverfront.BoxOffice@NewportLive.co.uk](mailto:Riverfront.BoxOffice@NewportLive.co.uk).



You can ask our staff or volunteers for help at the festival.

They will wear yellow Big Splash t-shirts.



You can visit the Riverfront Box Office.  
Open between 9am and 6pm.

You can find the location using this link:  
What3Words: [///descended.prom.pulse](#)



You can visit the Information Station at Usk Plaza outside Bistro Pierre.

Open Saturday 11am to 5pm and Sunday 11.30am to 4.30pm.

What3Words: [///cost.frost.agrees](#)

## Getting to the Festival



The Riverfront Theatre, Kingsway,  
Newport NP20 1HG

What3Words: [///goal.bottle.proud](#)



The Riverfront Theatre is opposite Newport Bus Station and Friars Walk.



It is a 10-minute walk from Newport train station.

## Parking and Access



There is no visitor parking or access to the drop-off point at The Riverfront during the festival weekend.



The Riverfront car park is closed during the festival weekend.



There will be a funfair here during the festival.

What3Words: [///latter.liability.aura](#)



You can use these pay and display car parks:

Friars Walk (across the road from the theatre).

What3Words: [///unions.spent.urban](#)

Kingsway Centre (30+ disabled spaces, lifts to all floors).

What3Words: [///wage.major.falls](#)

NCP Newport North Street.

What3Words: [///worm.bless.items](#)

# Moving Around the Festival



You can walk, use a wheelchair or mobility aid.



There is level access and dropped curbs on main routes.

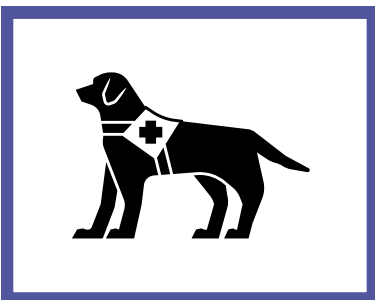


Routes are mostly flat.















Some acts will walk around the city.

You can watch them as they pass by or follow them.



Assistance dogs are welcome.

## Accessibility Icons and Their Meaning

|                                                                                     |                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | This area may be noisy.                                                                                             |
|    | This area may have flashing lights.                                                                                 |
|    | This area will have a quieter area or chill space.                                                                  |
|    | This area will have an audience or crowd.<br>There will be clapping here.                                           |
|    | You can take part in this activity                                                                                  |
|   | You can make a noise here                                                                                           |
|  | Toilets                                                                                                             |
|  | Accessible toilets                                                                                                  |
|  | British Sign Language interpreted performances available                                                            |
|  | Information points                                                                                                  |
|  | Audio described performances available (see audio timetable)                                                        |
|  | These acts may be worrying because they look dangerous. For example, they may include fire or performing at height. |

## Wet Weather



If it rains, some events may move or be cancelled.

You can find out what will happen if it rains here: [Wet Weather Plan](#)

## Large Print Timetables

**Large  
Print**

You can get large print timetables at the Riverfront Box Office and Information Stand.

## Audio Programme

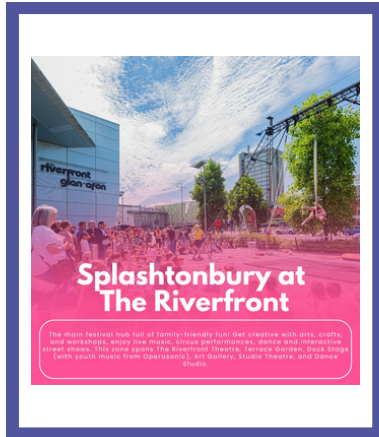


You can listen to the audio programme here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-83602250/big-splash-2025-audio-programme>

# Big Splash 2025 Zones

## Splashtonbury at the Riverfront



This is the **main festival zone**.

There will be fun for families.

You can enjoy arts, crafts and workshops.

There will be live music, circus, dance and street shows.

Areas within this zone are:

### Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///goal.bottle.proud](https://www.what3words.com/#!/goal.bottle.proud)



Shows will happen outside the theatre front doors.

You can stand on the steps at the front of the theatre to watch the shows.

There will be no seating.

There is a ramp to the left of the steps to access the theatre.

Music will be loud in this area.



The **Mini-Makers Parade** starts at the Riverfront Theatre on Sunday 20 July at 3pm.

It will go around the theatre and along the river.

It will end at the Celebrate Stage.

The route is flat and takes about 30 minutes.

There will be a Samba Band. **It will be noisy.**



There will be some performances inside the Riverfront Theatre.

These will take place in the **foyer**, opposite the Box Office.

**This area may be busy or noisy.**

## The Terrace Garden



You can find this zone using this link:  
What3Words: [///action.listed.baked](#)



You can get to this garden from the café inside the theatre.

It is on the ground floor and has level access.

**Workshops** will take place here.

You can sit and relax in this space.



## The Art Gallery



You can find this zone using this link:  
What3Words: [///petty.bills.decay](#)



You can get to the **gallery** from inside the theatre.

It is on the ground floor and has level access.

You can sit down and **take part in activities** here.

## The Studio Theatre



You can find this zone using this link:  
What3Words: [///grew.guilty.grow](#)



You can get to here from inside the Riverfront Theatre.

It is on the ground floor and has level access.

You can **take part in an activity** here.

It will be dark and there will be flashing lights.

## The Dance Studio



You can find this zone using this link:  
What3Words: [///nods.elite.canny](https://www.what3words.com/:///nods.elite.canny)



This is on the **first floor** of the Riverfront Theatre.

You can use **stairs or a lift**.

**Dance workshops** will happen here.

There will be some seating.

**It will be noisy.**

There is natural light and fluorescent lighting in this room.

This room may be used for other activities if it rains.

## Basement



You can **get** to the **basement** using the **lift** inside the Riverfront building.

Skate workshops will happen in the basement.

Go to **Level -1** to watch the skating.

There is a viewing platform with some seats.

This level is wheelchair accessible.

It can be **noisy** in this area.

Go to **Level -2** if you want to take part in skate lessons.

**Be careful** when you leave the lift:

- There is a **low beam** above your head.
- Skaters may already be using the space, so **watch out** for people skating.

There are **no windows**, so no natural light.

The room has **bright fluorescent lights** on the ceiling.

It can be **noisy** in this area.

## Chill Space



This is on the **first floor** of the Riverfront Theatre, in the Conference Room.

You can use stairs or a lift to get here.

This is a **quiet space** to take a break.

It can also be used as a **prayer room**.

Prayer mats are available.

**No food, drink or phone calls in this space.**

**Please keep noise low.**

This room has natural light and fluorescent lighting.

Please ask for the lighting to be turn off if it is too bright.

## Operasonic presents The Dock Stage



You can find this zone using this link:  
What3Words: [///danger.grant.door](https://www.what3words.com/#!/danger.grant.door)



This is a small stage outside the Riverfront Theatre.

There will be sofas and chairs to sit on.

It will be **noisy**.

# Celebrate Stage Zone



You can watch live shows from local groups and artists.

You can walk along Big Splash Boulevard.

There will be games, stalls and fun by the river.

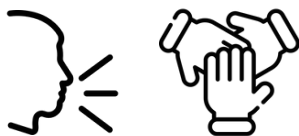
## Areas within this zone are:

### Big Splash Boulevard:



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///factor.yards.stop](#)



This is a paved area by the river.

It goes from the Riverfront Theatre towards Newport Bridge.

There will be **stalls, games and workshops**.

You can join in or buy things.

There is level access.

There is not much seating.

## Celebrate Stage Area



You can find this zone using this link:  
What3Words: [///spaces.deflection.shirts](https://www.what3words.com/space/deflection/shirts)



This stage is at the end of the 'Red Wave' area.

Shows will be on a raised outdoor stage.

There will be bench seating.

There is level access.

Music will be loud and it may get busy.

Some shows will have BSL interpretation.

## Usk Plaza Zone



This is a fun and exciting area with street theatre and circus acts.

You can get your face painted here.

The Information Station is here, where you can ask questions about Big Splash festival.

## Areas within this zone are:

### Usk Plaza Area



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///item.buzz.arena](https://www.what3words.com/#!/item.buzz.arena)

You can get here by **stairs or lift** from John Frost Square (Level 1) to go down to Usk Plaza (Ground Floor).

There is level access from the river side.



This is a small show space near the restaurants on the ground floor of Friar's Walk.

There is a small stage and fake grass to sit on.

Some shows will be on a raised stage.

Some shows will happen on the floor in front of the stage.

There are no chairs here.

It will be **noisy** here.

All shows are safe, but some may include fire or performers doing tricks high up.

These might be upsetting for some people.



## The Information Station



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///cost.frost.agrees](#)

The Information Station is on the ground floor of Friar's Walk, **next to Usk Plaza.**

You can find the Information Station **under the Newport Live gazebos.**

The Newport Live gazebos are directly **outside a restaurant called Bistro Pierre.**



**Friendly staff will be here to help you.**

They will be able to answer questions about the festival.

**Face painting is here too.**

It is popular and there may be queues.

**It may be noisy from nearby shows.**



# Newport Now Creative Quarter



This zone shows local art and culture.

You can visit Gallery 57, The Place and Waterstones.

There will be exhibitions, shows and workshops.

There will be surprise pop-up shows and roaming acts.

## Areas within this zone are:

### Gallery 57



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///copies.spare.spins](https://www.what3words.com/copy/copies.spare.spins)

Gallery 57 can be found on **Upper Dock Street**.

It is two doors to the left of the Mercure Hotel.



You can get to Gallery 57 using steps or a ramp from the street.

Tables and chairs will be set up outside the shop for **children's arts and crafts**.

If it rains, the activities will move inside the shop (ground floor). There is one step at the front door.

Some workshops will be upstairs in the gallery.

There is one toilet, but it's upstairs too.

You can only get upstairs by using the stairs.

Gallery 57 will be one of the quieter spaces.



## Waterstones



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///pardon.live.trick](https://www.what3words.com/pardon.live.trick)

Waterstones is on **Commercial Street**.

It is in between Iceland and Boots, opposite Burger King.



Waterstones is a book shop.

There will be workshops, **storytelling, drawing, and activities** here.

There is level access from the street.

There is some seating inside the shop.

This will be one our **quieter spaces**.

## The Place



You can find this zone using this link:

What3Words: [///rarely.edge.bricks](https://www.what3words.com/rarely.edge.bricks)

This arts venue is on **Bridge Street**.



There is level access and seating.

There will be **activities, art and fun surprises** here!

## Commercial Street



Some shows will move along this street.

There is street furniture along the street if you need to sit down.

The Samba Galez procession will be noisy.

# Audio Description



Packs are required for audio description, and these can be collected from the Riverfront Box Office.

You will need to bring your own **headphones**.

The following events will be Audio Described by **Alastair Still / Word of Mouth**:

## Saturday 19 July

| Where                                  | Who                | When        |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Splashtonbury: The Riverfront Entrance | Circus Raj         | 12:25–12:55 |
| Usk Plaza                              | Felicity Footloose | 13:30–14:00 |
| Splashtonbury: The Riverfront Entrance | Circus Raj         | 16:10–16:40 |

## Sunday 20 July

| Where                                  | Who          | When        |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Splashtonbury: The Riverfront Entrance | Circus Raj   | 11:50-12:30 |
| Usk Plaza                              | Logy on Fire | 14:00-14:30 |
| Usk Plaza                              | Able Mable   | 16:00-16:30 |

## British Sign Language



**Emma Horton** will be doing British Sign Language (BSL) by the Celebrate Stage on **Saturday**.

If you need BSL you can ask our staff and volunteers to help you.