



Events 2026-27

October 2026 to March 2027



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Hylands Estate Events brochure for October 2026 to March 2027!

After a big summer of weddings and welcoming the first ever State Fayre festival to Hylands Park, we're ready for something a bit more festive – and spooky!

We're delighted that the makers of Enlightened are returning to us this year with not one, but THREE big events this year. The Alice in Wonderland drone show took place in September, and they will be getting hearts pounding with their brand-new Fear Fest events – with adults and family versions available.

A favourite for us at this time of year, Christmas at the Stables will also be returning to The Stables for one night only. Plus, our Open Estate Days continue into 2027, rain or shine!

We look forward to welcoming you to Hylands Estate!

The location key will help you with where these events take place, and we also highlight where these events are free to attend:

HH Hylands House

BL Back Lawn

ST The Stables

FREE Free Event

HP Hylands Park

FP Free Parking

GP Grand Pavilion

Photography throughout by Claire Naylor, Starr Brothers, Chris Cook, or supplied by the event promoters.



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HYLANDS OPEN ESTATE DAYS

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10am - 3pm

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DEC

Join us for our regular Open Estate Days, every second Sunday of the month! Our food and craft market outside the front of the house is delivered in partnership with Essex Foodies Market.

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This event features the very best the Estate has to offer, including:

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Family friendly activities and storytelling sessions (excluding December).

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Open artists' studios and live music, all free at The Stables. Visit our resident creative community and buy some of their unique pieces from the shop.



Hylands House free open house, historic exhibitions and guided tours (closed Oct to Dec).

Visit our website for the latest dates and information.
hylandsestate.co.uk/explore/openestate



Our Christmas Open Estate Day takes place on Sunday 13 December! Visit the Grand Pavilion to pick up some last-minute gifts and treats, and even something for yourself. We will still have our usual free activities for all the family to enjoy too!

Our free family activities and storytelling are programmed thanks to generous funding from The Friends of Hylands House.



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HYLANDS FEAR FEST EXTREME & FEAR FEST SPOOKY TRAIL

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A brand-new Halloween experience is set to terrify and delight visitors this autumn as Hylands Fear Fest makes its debut!

This immersive series promises spine-tingling thrills, family-friendly fun, and an unforgettable seasonal atmosphere.

Running nightly from Friday 16 October to Sunday 1 November, Hylands Fear Fest will transform Hylands into a chilling Halloween playground, featuring two distinct experiences designed for different audiences.

Fear Fest Extreme (ages 15+): Step into the darkness at Fear Fest Extreme, a high-intensity outdoor scare experience set within the haunting grounds of Hylands Estate. Designed for thrill-seekers, this adrenaline-fuelled event throws you into a nightmarish world with unexpected encounters lurking around every corner.

Fear Fest Spooky Trail (ages 7+)
The Fear Fest Spooky Trail is a fun-filled Halloween adventure perfect for families looking to enjoy a touch of mischief and magic together. Winding through the gardens of Hylands Estate, this immersive trail brings the spirit of Halloween to life with little spooky surprises along the way.

hylandsfearfest.com



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CHRISTMAS AT THE STABLES

FREE

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5pm – 9pm

We're delighted to bring back Christmas at the Stables for 2026!

Mark your calendars for Thursday 19 November and get ready for a magical evening filled with live music, festive cheer, and local traders offering artisan food, drinks, and gifts. It's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season.

Make The Stables at Hylands Estate your one-stop-shop for Christmas this year. Whether you are yet to start on your Christmas shopping, fancy a festive refresh of your decoration collection, or just need a few more treats for friends, family and of course, yourself – this event will have everything you need to make your festive season extra special.

Feeling inspired for more? Our community of artists, designers, makers and creatives will be opening the doors to their studios on the ground and first floor of The Stables for visitors to explore.

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ENLIGHTENED

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This winter, Enlightened returns to Hylands Estate, bringing a bigger, brighter, and even more magical light trail experience. After last year's sell-out success, the event is back with a breathtaking new route, brand-new installations, and a truly immersive festive atmosphere.

From twinkling tunnels of light to dazzling laser projections, every step along the trail is designed to captivate and amaze. Whether it's your first time or a returning favourite, Enlightened at Hylands Estate is a must-visit festive experience for all ages.

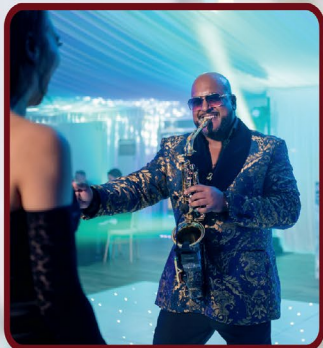
enlightenedmoments.co.uk





HYLANDS
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Christmas Parties



Celebrate in style with a three-course festive feast, bubbles, and dancing in our stunning Grand Pavilion.

Limited tables still available select
Fridays & Saturdays in December —
reserve yours today!

hylandsestate.co.uk/christmas-parties

18TH—20TH JUNE 2027 ★ HYLANDS PARK, CHELMSFORD



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THE STABLES

Visit The Stables on your next trip to Hylands Estate! Here's some useful information to guide you when you visit:

ARTISTS STUDIOS & WORKSHOPS

Our public facing studios are open Wednesday to Friday, 10am – 3pm. All studios, including upstairs, are open on our Open Estate Sundays.

Our resident artists, designers and makers offer a selection of workshops that are bookable in advance. From jewellery making to warm glass workshops, get hands on with new skills and make something to take home.

THE DELI

The Deli's newest location in The Stables offers a varied menu that, as well as their usual offering, boasts plenty of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

Opening times

8am to 5pm, every day

ARTIST SHOP AND INFORMATION POINT

The Information Point is where you pick up our multimedia tour headsets plus our Walks and Events leaflets. Make sure you explore the Artist Shop whilst you're there to purchase any unique gifts.

Opening times

Mon to Fri: 10am to 4pm

Weekends: 9am to 5pm

BOOK SHOP

The second-hand bookshop is managed entirely by volunteers of the Friends of Hylands House and carries a good stock of second-hand books covering many subjects and a large selection of collector's books. Contact the Information Point to arrange to make a donation.

Opening times

March to September: Monday to Friday, 10.30am to 3.45pm

Weekends: 10.30am to 4.30pm

October to February: Monday to Sunday, 10.30am to 3pm



GROUP VISITS

This year, we were thrilled to bring back our Group Visit packages for organised trips to Hylands Estate!

Bring your group along for half the day where you can enjoy an exclusive tour experience of Hylands House. We will have a tour guide on hand who will take your guests on a journey from 1730 up to today, covering our architectural and social history along with insights from our restoration which started in the 1980's and was completed in 2007. This tour involves walking around the house and lasts approximately one hour.

Following the tour, everyone can enjoy tasty refreshments which include delicious, sweet treats from our onsite café, The Deli, in the stunning Terrace Room which overlooks the Back Lawn with views of Chelmsford in the distance.

Group Visits cost £30 person
(min 30 guests, max 50 guests).

The cost of each place includes a donation to The Friends of Hylands House. Tours are available on selected dates. Contact a member of our helpful team.



THE FRIENDS OF HYLANDS HOUSE

Celebrating over 30 years, The Friends of Hylands House was formed in 1995 when a group of local people decided to get together with an aim to assist and encourage the development of Hylands House and Hylands Park.

As a voluntary organisation with a committed and thriving membership, we are grateful for their fundraising efforts and projects that support the growth and upkeep of our House and Estate!

To get involved, donate, or become a member yourself, visit their website

friendsofhylandshouse.co.uk



HYLANDS PARK

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

There is plenty to do at Hylands Estate, whatever the weather and whenever the time of year! We have many cost effective and free activities available:

WALKS

Explore Hylands Estate on foot following our five mapped walks. You can find our walks leaflet online or in the Stables Information Point.

GEOCACHING

This activity is a great bonding activity for families, friends, or even co-workers! Find the caches hidden around Hylands Estate.

ORIENTEERING

Try a new orienteering course at Hylands Park. Thanks to the Essex Stragglers Orienteering Society with funding from Active Essex.

THE PLEASURE GARDENS

The ornate Victorian Pleasure Gardens can be found near The Stables with a duck pond home to a variation of fish, ducks, and geese.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Hylands Estate is home to an award-winning accessible castle-themed adventure playground. Find The Deli kiosk nearby for playtime refreshments.

HOW TO FIND US



Hylands Estate has two entrances. The Hylands Park entrance, CM2 8FS, is closest to the Adventure Playground and to visit the park. The Hylands House entrance, CM2 8WQ, is closest to Hylands House and The Stables.

By car

Exit the M25 at Junction 28 on to the A12 towards Chelmsford and Colchester. Exit the A12 at Junction 15 on the A14 dual carriageway towards Chelmsford. Parking charges apply from 9am to 6pm.

By public transport

Public transport is available from the city centre to Hylands. First Buses have services running which stop nearby the park. Check our Explore page on the website for the latest information.

Sustainable routes

Designated cycle and walking routes from the city can be found on our website.



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