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**Event Programme**  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
Open 10am to 4pm each day  
Russell Park, The Embankment & Mill Meadows



• Food & Drink • Vehicle Exhibitions • Kite Flyers & Demonstrations • Green Earth Area • Year of Reading Tent •  
• Funfair • Come & Try Sports Area • Watersports • Trade Stalls • Dragon Boats (Sunday) • Bandstand Concerts •



# Welcome!

**This year's Bedford Kite & Motoring Festival is cram-packed with family entertainment!**

From professional kite flying displays and exquisite vehicle exhibitions to an array of food, drink, crafts, rides, sports, music, and river activities, there really is something for everyone.

Using this guide, you will be able to navigate your way around the site to make sure that you don't miss a thing...



## Key Timings

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# Vehicle Exhibition Highlights

**The Bedford Kite & Motoring Festival 2025 is not just about classic cars, although there are dozens of them! It features cars that are a Century old, right up to ones that are brand spanking new!**

We celebrate the imagination, the ingenuity, convenience and sheer joy of driving.

Over 200 vehicles will be on display in Russell Park, the Embankment and Mill Meadow Islands. What sets us apart from most car shows is that we show cars in motion, (as they should be!) through the Fab Fifty Cavalcade of Iconic Vehicles

This will make its way at 10am, both days, from the Oasis, down Cardington Road, Newnham Avenue and The Embankment, Town Bridge and on to the festival site at Mill Meadows.

Here's a small taster of some to look out for...



## Model C Ford

The 2004 Model C Ford (only in black of course!).  
Top speed 38mph - really!



## Robin Hood

Based on the Lotus / Caterham.  
Top speed 120mph - on a good day!



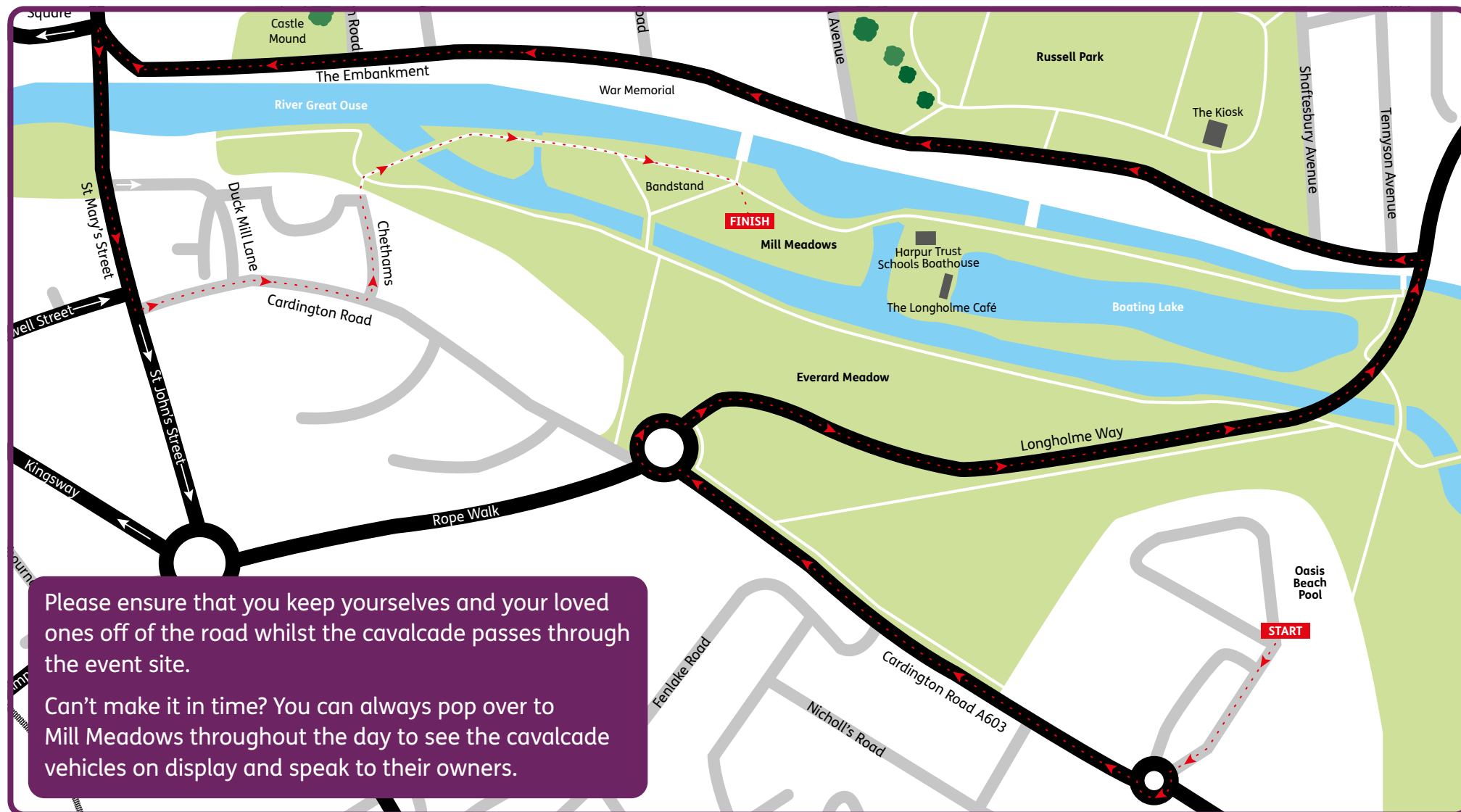
## McClaren 720S V8

One of the most beautiful cars ever made.  
Top speed of over 200mph  
(we are reliably informed) -  
aaaaah!

**All three vehicles are scheduled to take part in the Fab Fifty Cavalcade of Iconic Vehicles, each day at 10:00am along The Embankment Road & Town Bridge to Mill Meadows.**

# Iconic Vehicle Cavalcade

To kick off each day, you will have the opportunity to stand back and see some of your favourite vehicles in action along the cavalcade route.



Please ensure that you keep yourselves and your loved ones off of the road whilst the cavalcade passes through the event site.

Can't make it in time? You can always pop over to Mill Meadows throughout the day to see the cavalcade vehicles on display and speak to their owners.



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# Professional Kite Flying Arena

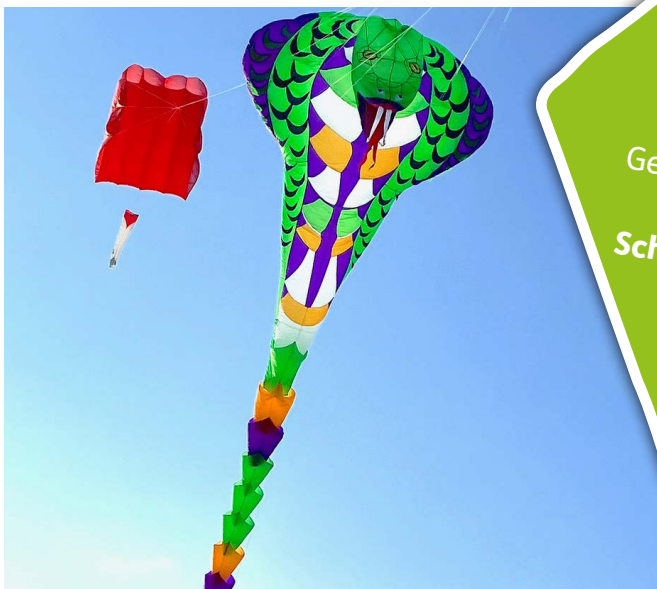
From the beautiful and elegant to the playful and gigantic, there will be a wide range of kites on display this year.

If you can find a spot around the main arena on Russell Park you will be able to learn more about each of them from our highly experienced commentator. Don't forget to wish for some wind so that they can get up in the air to be seen in all of their glory.

Here are some to look out for...



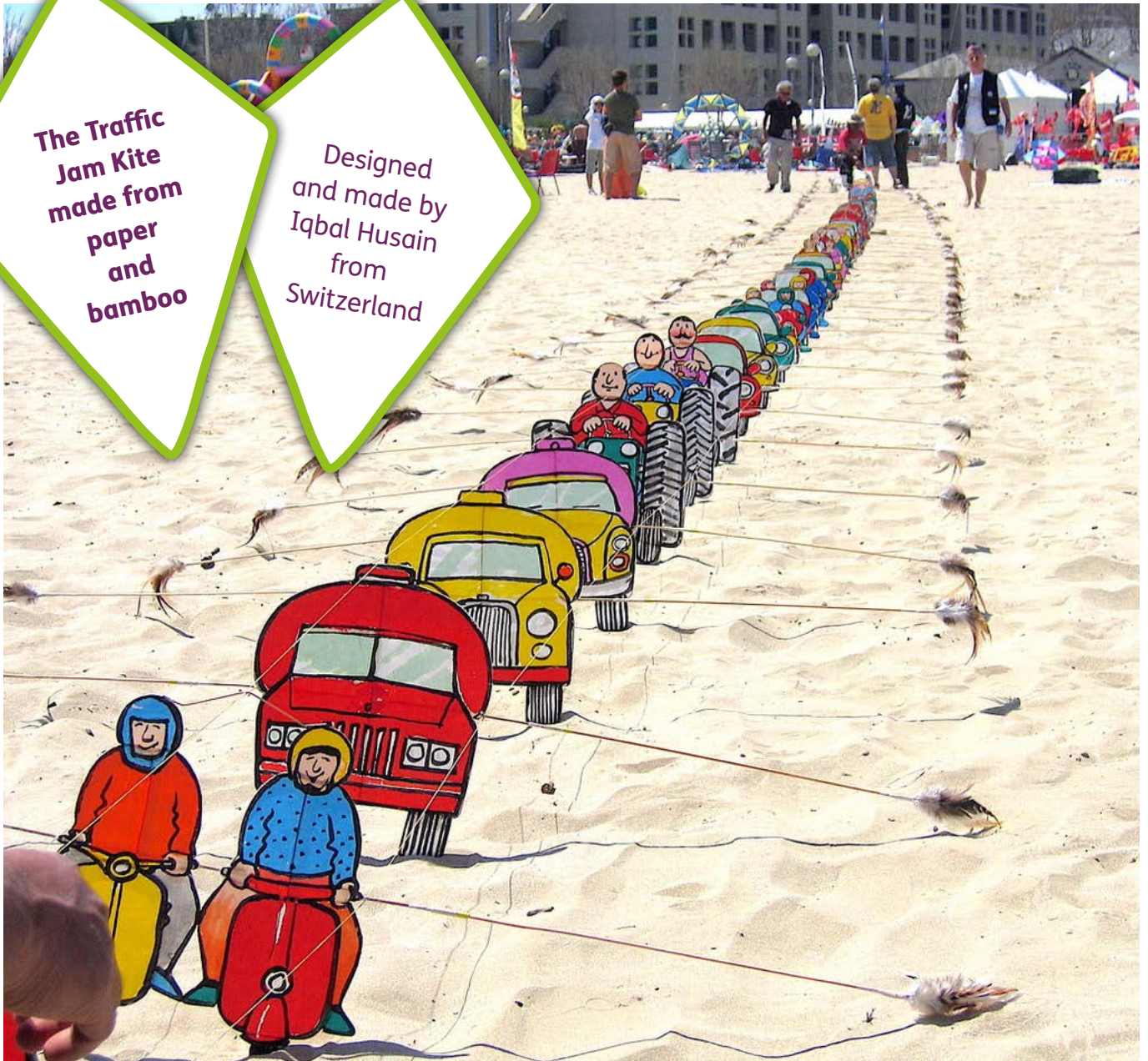
JAC kites  
designed by  
German kitemaker  
**Wolfgang  
Schimmelpfennig**





The Traffic  
Jam Kite  
made from  
paper  
and  
bamboo

Designed  
and made by  
Iqbal Husain  
from  
Switzerland







**Can Can**  
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# Family Favourites

**Bedford and the surrounding boroughs are known for an abundance of local talent.**

So this year we are handing over the spotlight to some very talented performers who will be putting on concerts throughout the weekend. Grab some refreshments, bring a blanket and sit back & relax....

## Kite & Motoring Festival Mill Meadows Bandstand Programme 2025

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Northampton Concert Band

10:30am to 12:00pm

Ukulele Bedford - 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Bedford Town Band - 2:30pm to 4:00pm

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Leighton-Linslade Concert Band

10:30am to 12:00pm

Jazz the 2 of Us - 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Bedford Brass - 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Plus music throughout Saturday and Sunday in the **Green Earth Lounge Music Tent.**

## Enjoy what you're hearing?

The Bedford Borough Council Events Team will be running the Music in the Meadows Concerts on Sundays throughout August.

**Sundays from 3pm to 5pm  
Mill Meadows Bandstand  
The Embankment, Bedford**



Music  
in the  
Meadows

**The Summer Bandstand Concerts return to the Embankment Bandstand this August.**

**Come along, bring the family & a picnic and enjoy two hours of traditional bandstand music...**

3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025	Milton Keynes Brass
10 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	May Blossom Vintage Songbird
17 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Fynnius Fogg (2pm to 5pm)
24 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Mainline Big Band
31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	The Freedom Jazz Orchestra



# Funfair & Inflatables

There will be a variety of fairground rides and inflatables bringing a colourful and vibrant backdrop to this year's festival.

The perfect way to burn off some energy and create happy memories with your friends and loved ones.

Rides and Inflatables will be charged on a 'pay per play' basis and will be located on Russell Park and Mill Meadows. Just visit the teams on site to find out what they have on offer.



## Come & Try Water Sports and Climbing!

On Longholme Island in front of the schools boathouse, you will find the 'Come & Try It' water sports and climbing zone.

Canoeing, Kayaking, climbing and stand-up paddle boarding will be on offer for all to enjoy throughout the weekend. All equipment and guidance will be provided by the Canoe Trail team, just pop along to meet them to find out more, but don't forget to bring a towel!



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AND  
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**\*\*NEW FOR 2025\*\***

**BEDFORD  
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**YEAR OF  
READING**

**2025**



**at the Bedford Kite and Motoring Festival**  
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Marquee located on The Embankment Road,  
Russell Park side, near the Putting Green

**With readings and  
performances from...**



**David  
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**Michelle  
Robinson**



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**Toby's  
Tall Tales**



**Lou Treleaven**

**...and many more!**

**As part of this year's Kite  
and Motoring Festival we are  
delighted to announce that  
there will be a Year of Reading  
tent in the heart of the festival!**

Join us for crafts, activities, Book Fairy  
Factory and workshops, plus readings  
from local and international children's  
authors and performers!

To find out more, please  
scan the QR codes or visit:  
**[www.bedford.gov.uk/  
kiteandmotoringfestival](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/kiteandmotoringfestival)**  
and **[www.bedford.gov.uk/  
yearofreading](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/yearofreading)**



**SCAN  
ME!**



# Dragon Boat Racing

**This year we continue our support with local hospice Sue Ryder St. John's Hospice, as they host their 3rd Dragon Boat Race.**

Let the battle begin! on the 22nd June. As local businesses and community group teams take to the water along a 200-metre River Ouse racecourse between the lock on Mill Meadows and the suspension bridge. There will be thousands of spectators roaring on the team's to the finish line. If you're looking to Race for Sue Ryder and help us, be there when it matters!

Visit <https://www.sueryder.org/get-involved/fundraise-for-us/events/bedford-dragon-boat-race/>.



Sue Ryder  
Grief Kind Spaces

## Grieving? You're not alone.

Grief can make us feel isolated at times. You can find support at your local Grief Kind Space where you can meet other people going through a similar experience.

There's no need to register in advance, simply come along on the day during the opening times.

Come along to our Grief Kind Space in Moggerhanger. **Drop in every Wednesday, between 3.30pm and 5.30pm at The Guinea Pub, Bedford Road, Moggerhanger, Bedford MK44 3RG**

If you'd like to find out more visit [sueryder.org/GriefKindSpaces](https://sueryder.org/GriefKindSpaces) or email us at [GriefKindSpaces@sueryder.org](mailto:GriefKindSpaces@sueryder.org)  
For more ways to access bereavement support visit [sueryder.org/griefsupport](https://sueryder.org/griefsupport)

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## Starlight Hike

**Celebrate a loved one this October at Starlight Hike.**

Walk 5k or 10k under the stars and raise vital funds for Sue Ryder to help ensure no one faces death or grief alone.



**Saturday 11 October 2025**

Everard Meadow, Bedford

**Sign up today**

search: Sue Ryder Starlight Hike



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# John Bunyan Boat River Cruise



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# Tickle those Taste Buds

**Across this year's Bedford Kite & Motoring Festival site, you will find a wonderful selection of food and drink.**

With 12 caterers, including 4 exclusively selling vegan cuisine, and 4 ice cream stations, you should find it easy to find something yummy to chow down on.

There are also 3 bars across the festival site, including 1 on Mill Meadows, 1 on Russell Park and 1 on The Embankment to ensure that you can stay hydrated throughout your visit.

The bars provided by 3B1G Events Ltd will be highlighting their environmental credentials and supporting the ethos of the festival by operating a reusable cup scheme. At each bar there will be an area for customers to return their cups should they not wish to continue the cups life by taking it home. Cups returned to the bar will be sterilised in readiness for a future event.





# Green Earth Vegan Lounge

**For the second year Green Earth Café is teaming up with the Bedford Kite and Motoring Festival to create a Vegan Lounge at this fantastic local event.**

On the Embankment opposite Russell Park you'll find interesting stalls, food and drink, live music, children's activities, wood turning demos and a place to sit and relax under the trees. Join us on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June at our perfect riverside chill out space at the Bedford Kite and Motoring Festival.



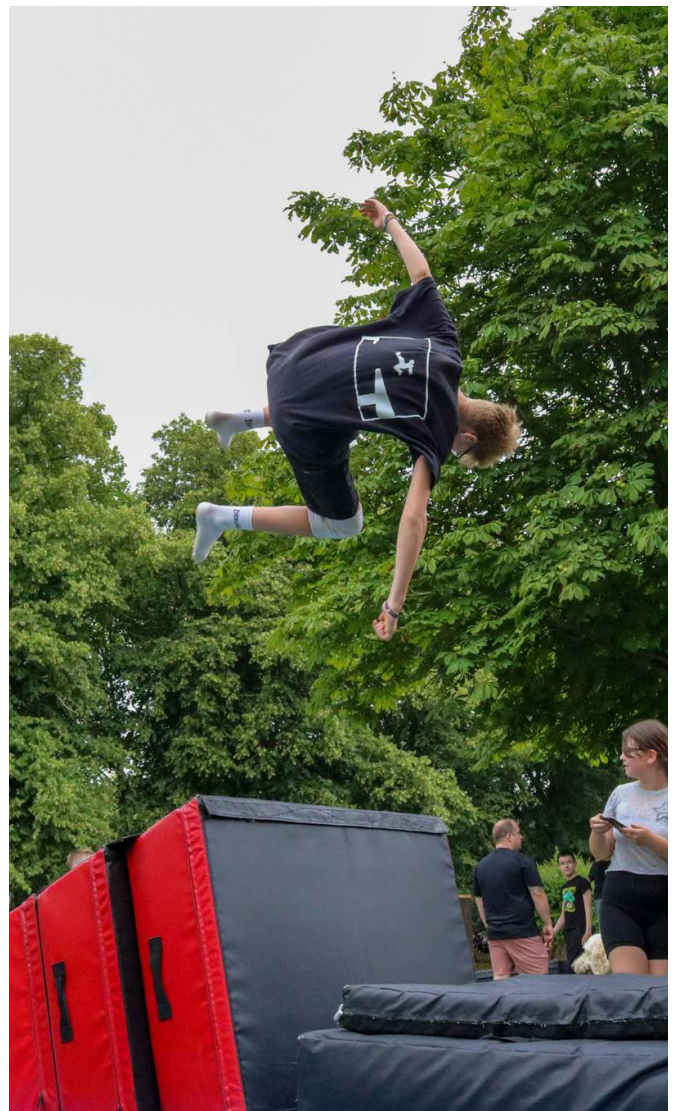


# Come & Try Sports Zone!

**For the first time, we are welcoming some come and try sports sessions on Mill Meadows.**

Both GLL, Bedford's local leisure provider, and Spiral Freerunning will be offering an opportunity to get physical and try out their activities, under the guidance of trained professionals. Open to all, they look forward to your visit.

Spiral Freerunning have said; Come along to our pop-up Parkour / Freerunning workshop where we will have a dedicated space devoted to training the sport alongside trained and experienced coaches to guide you as you freely explore our range of obstacles. Parkour / Freerunning isn't just about performing flips and tricks, it's simply a way of expressing yourself through movement and what better way to get your foot in the door of some parkour training that with Bedford's experts in movement.







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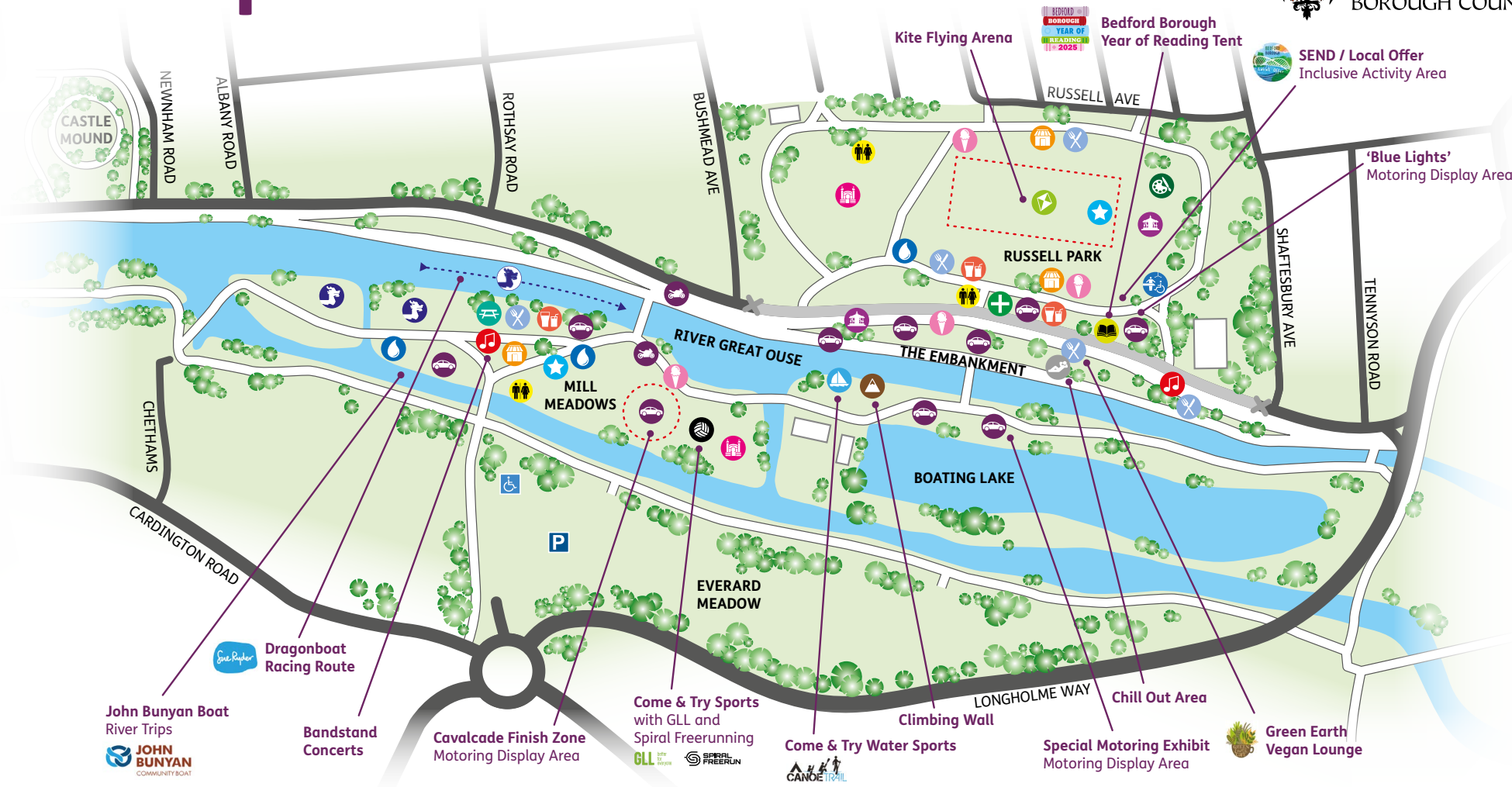


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-  Road Closure Point
-  On-site Parking

-  Deckchairs & Picnic Area
-  Ice Creams
-  Bars
-  Trade Stalls
-  Food Courts
-  Climbing Wall
-  Kite Flying Arena
-  Motoring Display Areas
-  Come & Try Sports
-  Water Sports
-  Music
-  Year of Reading Tent

-  Dragonboat Prep Area
-  Dragonboat Race Route
-  Art / Craft Tent
-  Funfair
-  Inflatables
-  Chill Out Area

# Finding out more...

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www.bedford.gov.uk/kiteandmotoringfestival

To find out more about this and other activities going on all year round in Bedford's parks, please follow one of our digital platforms:

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