



26 – 31 October 2026

Getting Around the Festival Guide

Welcome to the **Neighbourhood Creatives Arts Festival 2026!**

We're Washwood Heath and Ward End's Neighbourhood Creatives and we're putting on a week-long arts festival. It's filled with free family fun activities and performances across the area.

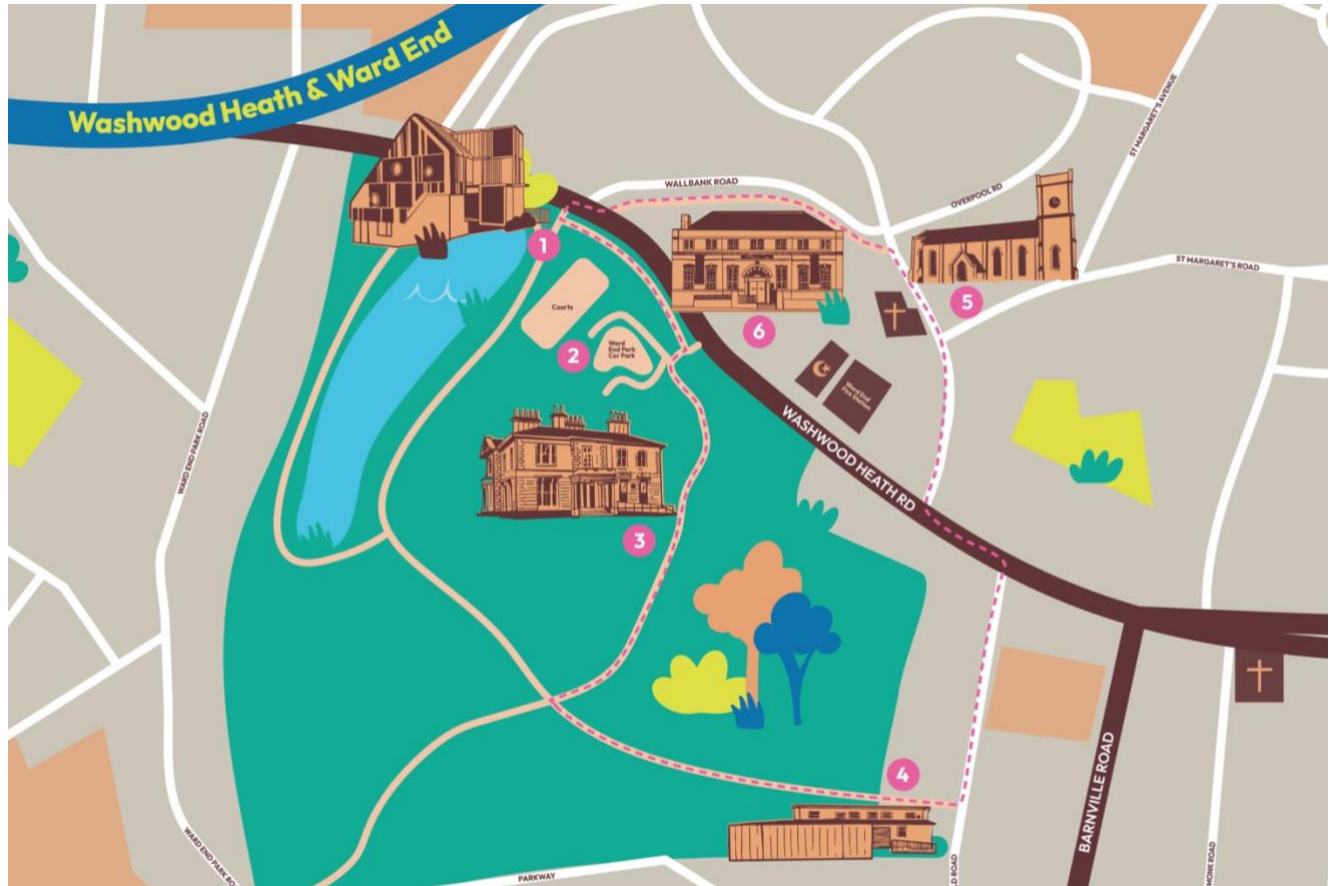
This guide is here to help you access the festival, giving you information on venues, facilities, and everything you need to plan your visit.

If you're looking for information about events, you'll find it on our booking site: <https://buytickets.at/ncaf2026> or in our digital guide, which can be downloaded [here](#).

If there is anything you need to know that you can't find in this document, please email festival@chinaplatetheatre.com

Venues

All of the festival venues are within walking distance of each other, and easy to access via Ward End Park. Our handy map below can help you plan your route around the festival.



1. Lakeside Café - Dolphin Women's Centre
2. Ward End Park Car Park (the courts)
3. WASH Project - Ward End Park House & Allotments
4. Ward End Wellbeing Centre
5. The Unity Hub
6. Ward End Library

You'll also find this map on the back of our digital guide [here](#), which you can pick up a physical copy in any of the venues listed below.

1. Lakeside Café, Dolphin Women's Centre



Website: [Lakeside Café](#)

How to Get Here: Use the Drews Lane entrance of Ward End Park ([Ward End Park Entrance 2](#)). This will bring you into the park at the Dolphin Women's Centre. Follow the sloping path on the right of the Centre (as you look at it) towards the lake, and you'll find the café on your left.

[Find the Lakeside Café on Google Maps](#)

What You'll Find Here: Members of the Neighbourhood Creatives team, the Library of Ideas exhibition, Community Lunch and CommuniTEA events, food and drink (available to purchase). First Aid.

Access: Wheelchair accessible. Two manual entrance doors with no step. Two small steps within the café, giving two levels of seating. Upper level is accessible by the side door. Accessible toilet on upper level. Seating is available.



2. Ward End Park Car Park (the Courts)



Website: [Ward End Park](#)

How to Get Here: Use the main park entrance on Washwood Heath Road ([Ward End Park entrance 1](#)) and turn right into the car park. The courts will be straight in front of you. [Find Ward End Park Car Park and Courts on Google Maps](#)

What You'll Find Here: Car Parking and performances of

CastAway. [Click here for an Easy Read Guide for the CastAway performance.](#)

Access: Sloping terrain, with paved paths. Gate into courts for performances. Please note there will be no seating for performances of CastAway.



3. WASH Project - Ward End Park House & Allotments



Website: [The WASH Project](#)

How to Get Here: Use the main park entrance on Washwood Heath Road ([Ward End Park entrance 1](#)) and follow the signs for Ward End Park House (the White House). [Find Ward End Park House on Google Maps](#)

What You'll Find Here: Car Parking, performances of OakMobile plus Neighbourhood Creations. [Click here for an Easy Read Guide for the OakMobile performance.](#)

Access: Sloping terrain, with paved paths. You may have to queue to access OakMobile, and there will be no seating while in the queue. OakMobile is ramp accessible.



4. Ward End Wellbeing Centre



Website: [Ward End Wellbeing Centre](#)

How to Get Here: Exit the park onto Sladefield Road ([Ward End Park Entrance 3](#)). Walk left and you'll find the Wellbeing Centre on your right, opposite Woodwells Road. [Find Ward End Wellbeing Centre on Google Maps](#)

What You'll Find Here: Street parking, Neighbourhood Creations, Play in a Week. First Aid.

Access: The main building has two entrances (an automatic front door and a manual side door which acts as the fire exit). Both have ramps to allow access. The cabin has a step to get inside. Seating is available inside.



5. The Unity Hub



Website: [The Unity Hubb](#)

How to Get Here: Exit the park through the main exit onto Washwood Heath Road ([Ward End Park Entrance 1](#)). Turn right and cross the road using the pedestrian crossing. Walk right along Washwood Heath Road, then turn left onto St Margaret's Road (just before the shops). Keep walking along St Margaret's

Road until you see the Village Green and St Margaret's Church directly in front of you. [Find the Unity Hubb on Google Maps](#)

What You'll Find Here: Neighbourhood Creations.

Access: All of the festival activity at The Unity Hubb will be taking place outside and is fully wheelchair accessible. Street parking available.



6. Ward End Library



Website: [Ward End Library](#)

How to Get Here: Exit the park through the main exit onto Washwood Heath Road ([Ward End Park Entrance 1](#)). Turn right and cross the road using the pedestrian crossing. Walk right

and the library will be on your left.

[Find Ward End Library on Google Maps](#)

What You'll Find Here: Car Park, The Great Big Bug Show, Lori - A World of Lullabies, MasterChef Mo and the Missing Cake, and Noori and Her Fantastical Word performances, Introduction to Bharatanatyam Dancing, Puppetry Making - MasterChef Mo, and What's In Your Fantastical World. First Aid.

Access: There is stepped and ramped access to the automatic main doors. Accessible toilet. Seating available inside.



Getting to Ward End Park

All the venues are less than 10 minutes' walk from Ward End Park and can be found using our handy map (at the top of this guide).

[Find Ward End Park on Google Maps](#)

There are lots of ways into the park, some key ones mentioned in this guide are shown in the photos below.



Ward End Park Entrance 1 – *Washwood Heath Road*



Ward End Park Entrance 2 – *Washwood Heath Road opposite Drews Lane*



Ward End Park Entrance 3 – Sladefield Road



Below are the best ways we've found to get to Ward End Park from Birmingham City Centre.

Bus: There are various West Midland Buses that go to the general Ward End and Washwood Heath area. We'd recommend: 94 or 95 bus from Prior Queensways (Bay 12) to Ward End Library. Buses run every 10 minutes, and the journey takes about 15 minutes.

Train: The closest train station to Ward End is Stetchford, about 8 minutes journey from Birmingham New Street. Stetchford station is 1.3 miles away from Ward End Park (roughly 30 minutes walking), or you walk left on Station Road (for about 8 minutes) and hop onto the 14 bus towards the city centre from Manor Farm Drive Bus Stop.

Cycle: Ward End Park is just over 3 miles from Birmingham City Centre – which we reckon is about 20 minutes on a bicycle! Bicycle racks are available in various places within the park, including next to the Lakeside Café.

Car: Ward End Park is a 15–20-minute drive from Birmingham City Centre (depending on traffic). Exit the Curzon roundabout onto A4540/Lawley Middleway (South) and bear left onto Landor Street. Turn left onto Adderley Road, then take the second exit at the roundabout onto Washwood Heath Road. Follow this road until you reach the park on your left. Ward End Park has a small (37 spaces) car park which is free to use, and there is on street parking available around the area.



General Information

We will have Neighbourhood Creatives team members on hand at the **Library of Ideas** exhibition at the **Lakeside Café** during the week, where you can ask us a question, find out what's going on or book a ticket on the day (subject to availability) and grab a snack!

All our Neighbourhood Creatives team members will be easy to recognise – they'll be wearing t-shirts with the Neighbourhood Creatives logo on the front and back.

British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters will be on hand throughout the week. They will be at all the performances and can be at any of the activities or at the Library of Ideas exhibition on request.

If you have any questions or require an interpreter for a particular activity, please email us on festival@chinaplatetheatre.com



Please note: All children and young people under 16 should be accompanied by an adult when attending any of our performances and activities. Photography and filming may be taking place during the festival.