

# Lights of Leamington

2025  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
FESTIVAL



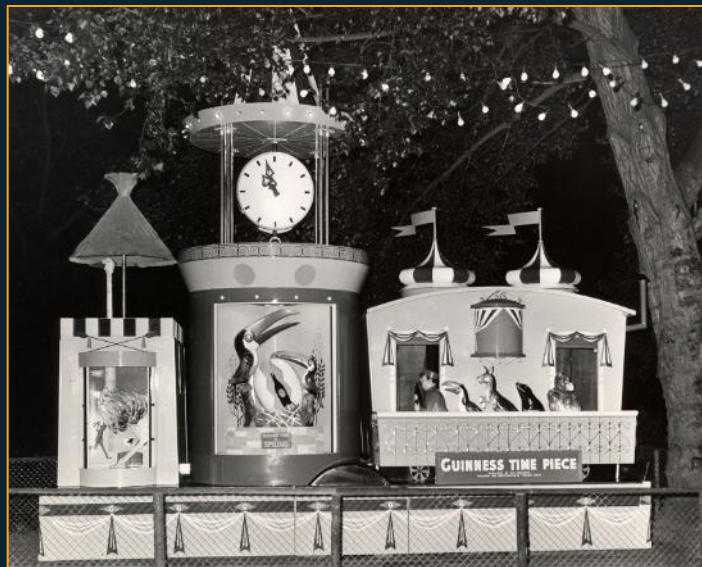
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February 2025

Capturing stories...  
From our past...

# Lights of Leamington



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To inspire our future...



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# Lights of Leamington

PRESENTS

## One project, two parts ...

### Switched on Stories ...



### SPOTLIGHT Festival...



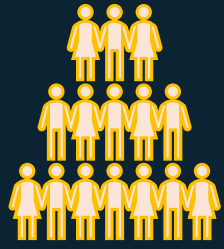
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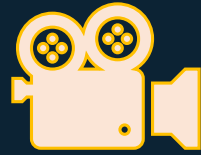
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# Headline Metrics 2025



**48,287 +**  
Direct Visitor  
Interactions



**BBC & ITV**  
2 x Live News  
Broadcasts



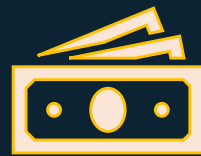
**97%**  
Audience  
Approval



**51K**  
Website Page  
Views



**12**  
Multi-Day  
Events over  
17 days!



**1400**  
Tickets Sold  
Silent Disco  
Candlelight Concert



**61%** ↑  
Footfall on  
busiest day!  
25% average



**302.9K +**  
Views on Social  
Media posts



# Lights of Leamington

PRESENTS

We wanted to shine a **spotlight** on the **talent** in our community, **make memories ...** and **inspire** future generations.

The result was a **passion project** that fused **creativity, technology** and **community**.

It was truly **creative, intergenerational** and simply **breathtaking**.

Snapshot of our delivery programme ...



## Festival Highlights

19-23 February



### Free Experiences

**By The Lake (1) 5pm - 9pm**

**Feb 19 - 23, Jephson Gardens**

Experience an enchanting light display around the lake, transforming the gardens into a magical wonderland. Find lights, music, performances, refreshments & more.

**The Power of Love Trail (2)**

**Feb 14 - Mar 02, Town Centre**

Find inspiration as you explore the town centre.

**Switched On Stories Exhibition (5)**

**Feb 08 - 23, All Saints Church, daily**

**Feb 19, Diya Lamp Workshop (11-1pm)**

A captivating display of memorabilia and memories from the original Lights of Leamington festival.

**Light Dance (6) 5pm - 9pm**

**Feb 19 & 20, Pump Room Gardens**

View the incredible light spectacle created by local students from LAMP.

**Light Art Workshop (9) 1:30-3:00pm**

**Feb 20 & 21, Pump Room Gallery & Museum**

Create a unique lantern (20th) or a microphone and glasses (21st) perfect for joining in the silent disco.

**Creative Feathers Workshop 11am - 4pm**

**Feb 22, Royal Priors Shopping Centre**

Let your inner glow take flight...

### Ticketed Experiences

**Silent Disco (3) 5pm & 7pm**

**Feb 21 - 22, Jephson Gardens**

Dance under the stars at a vibrant silent disco in the heart of the festival's illuminated landscapes.

Tickets available via Eventbrite - links on our website.

**Concert by Candlelight (4) 6pm & 8pm**

**Feb 19, All Saints Church**

An intimate candlelit concert featuring the renowned Leamington-based 'Signature String Quartet'.

Tickets available via Eventbrite - links on our website.

**Moonlight Film Screenings (8)**

**Feb 15 - 19, Spa Centre**

A special screening of light-inspired film, bringing cinematic magic to the festival's lineup.

Times, Dates & Tickets are available via the Spa Centre.

*And more ... please follow our socials*

*@LightsOfLeamington*

*and see our website for details!*

[www.lightsofleamington.co.uk](http://www.lightsofleamington.co.uk)



Please take a look...

# In the heart of Royal Leamington Spa town centre ...



The festival took visitors right around the town centre and increased footfall by day and night.



Photo Credit: Barry Prentice

Lights of Leamington PRESENTS

SWITCHED ON STORIES

2025 SPOTLIGHT FESTIVAL

FIND OUT MORE ON OUR WEBSITE ...



DISCOVER ...

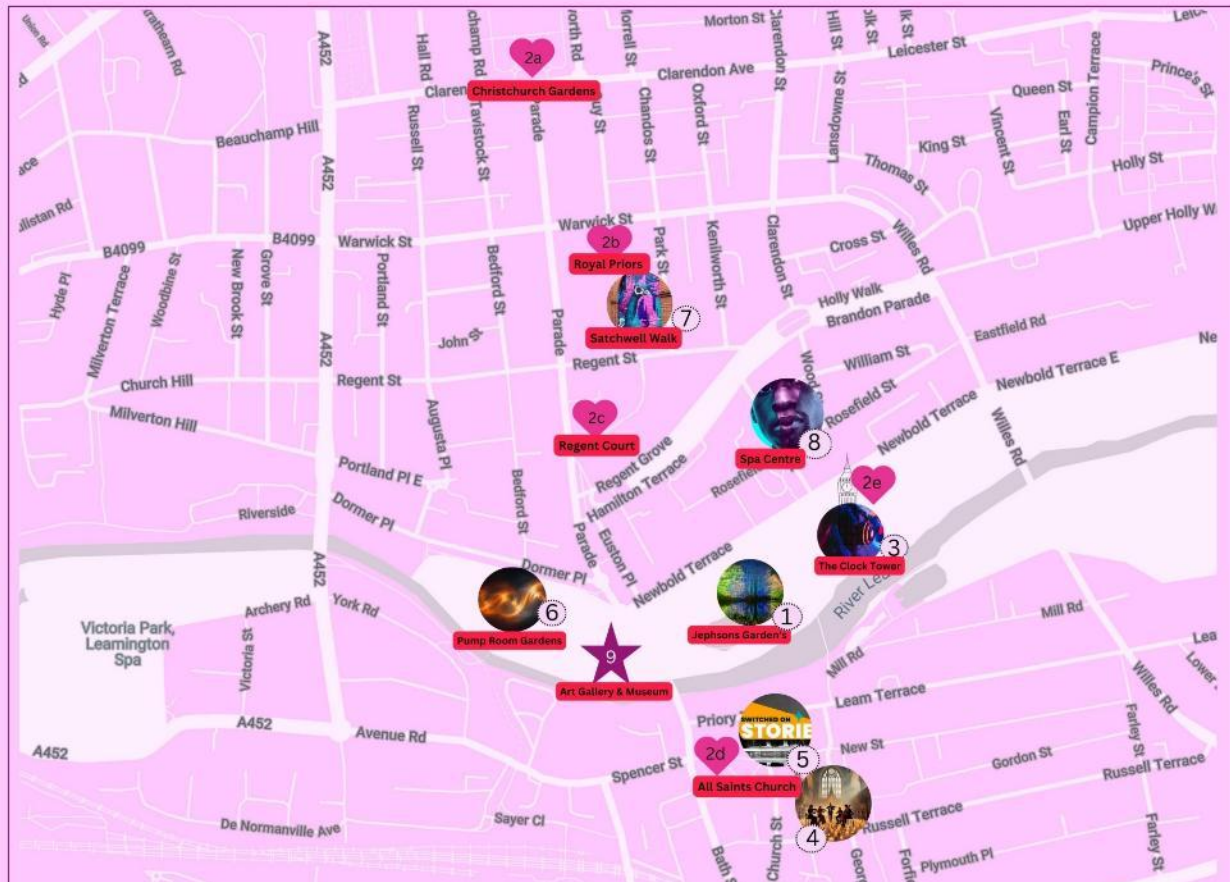


- A - Love Nature
- B - Love Local
- C - Love Yourself
- D - Love Community
- E - Love Nights Out

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@LightsOfLeamington



1. By The Lake, Jephson Garden - Wed 19 - Sun 23 Feb **FREE**
2. The Power of Love ♥ various locations - 14 Feb - 02 March **FREE**
3. Silent Disco, Jephson Clock Tower - Fri 21 & Sat 22 Feb **Ticketed**
4. Concert By Candlelight, All Saints Church - Wed 19 Feb **Ticketed**
5. Switched On Stories, All Saints Church - Feb 08 - 23 **FREE**
6. Light Dance, Pump Room Gardens - Feb 19 & 20 **FREE**
7. Mural Magic, Satchwell Walk **FREE**
8. Moonlight Film Screening, Spa Centre - Feb 15 - 19 **Ticketed**
9. Workshops, Museum and Art Gallery - Feb 20 & 21 **FREE Drop-in Session**

Love LEAM

THE LOVE LEAM APP IS HERE!

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD FOR FREE!



Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

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# By the Lake

With SLX Events



A light show to music over the lake ...  
**39,000 visitors over 5 days**



Photo Credit: Steph Kerr



Photo Credits: James Callaghan



View the light show on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@LightsOfLeamington>

# By the Lake

With SLX Events



A photographers dream, for all ages to enjoy ...



Photo Credit: Allan Jennings



Photo Credits: James Callaghan



Photo Credits: Steph Kerr



View our image gallery: <https://lightsofleamington.co.uk/gallery/>

# The Power of Love Trail

- 1. Love Nights Out – Let Your Hair Down**  
Celebrate your unique sparkle and enjoy fun-filled nights out!
- 2. Love Community – Share the Love, Volunteer, Offer Thanks**  
Reflect on the power of community and the joy of giving back.
- 3. Love Yourself – Take Some ‘Me Time’**  
Indulge in relaxation, take time for self-care or enjoy a treat!
- 4. Love Local – Shop Local: Visit Your Favourite Places!**  
Support local businesses and celebrate the unique charm of Leamington town centre.
- 5. Love Nature – Breathe In Our Beautiful Green Spaces**  
Celebrate the tranquillity and beauty of Leamington’s gorgeous green spaces.

*With Tilley Bancroft – Making Trails*



*Photo Credits: Steph Kerr*

# Light Dance with Leamington LAMP

Over 2 nights the 'Light Dance' Projection transformed the Bandstand into a mesmerizing canvas.

Blending dynamic imagery, stills and video, creating a visually immersive experience that had to be seen to be experienced!

Brought to you by students from Leamington LAMP.



LEAMINGTON  
**LAMP**

2025  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
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# Silent Disco in Jephson Gardens



1000 tickets over two sold out nights of Dancing! (500 per night)



Photo Credit: Barry Prentice



Photo Credit: Steph Kerr



And the glitterball heart was spinning ...

# Candlelight Concerts

- Leamington based **Signature Sting Quartet**
- In All Saints Leamington Church
- **400 tickets** over two x sold out sessions of magic! (200 per session)



Slate Events [Follow](#)

Well this was a beautiful! Thank you  
Leamington Music Lights of Leamington



Photo Credit: Steph Kerr



# Mural Magic – A New Permanent Artwork

- Located in the heart of the town centre on Royal Priors Shopping Centre
- Created by Tim Robottom from **BRINK Contemporary Arts** with **@mig29\_murals**
- Activating an overlooked pathway connecting the town
- Featured on BBC Coventry & Warwickshire News

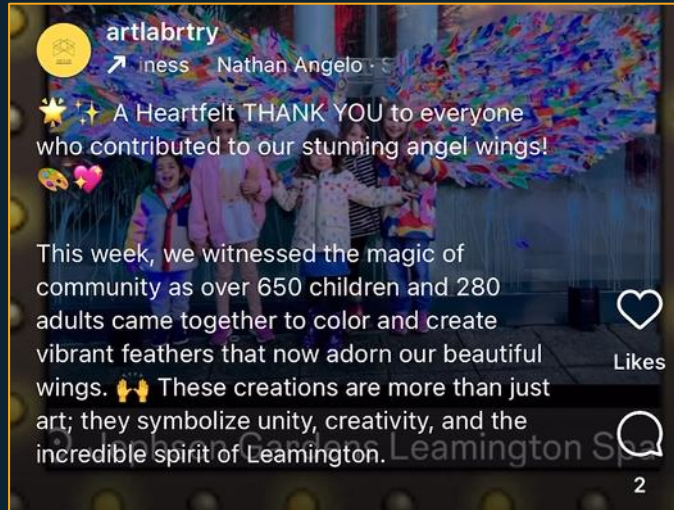


Photo Credit: BRINK Contemporary Arts – Tim Robottom



# Taking Flight Community Workshops

- **2 x Town Centre Workshops**
- Decorating hundreds of individual paper feathers to make giant angel wings ...
- **650 children**
- **280 adults**
- Installed at the festival for all to enjoy!



With ART LAB


# Sparking Spontaneous Creativity

Photo Credit: Barry Prentice

Films, drones, videos, poems and many photos!!



**Laura Lyon** · 38w  
(Pic by [Justin Lyon](#)) your beautiful glasshouse last night ❤️



Reply ❤️ 1

**The Jephson Gardens Riverside Glasshouse** · 38w · [Author](#)  
[Laura Lyon](#) OMG This is a fab shot 🤩

Reply

The beautiful lights Leamington Spa ✨✨✨



**Lillington Connect**  
Matt Black · 10 Feb · 🌐

Currently on in Leamington - this fab exhibition about the Lights of Leamington Festival 1951-1961, which people came to from all over the country. And here's a poem what I wrote for it...

After dark

See Matt's poem performed ...  
[Please click here](#)

**We Are Local - Warwick & Leamington** · Follow  
Barry Prentice · 5d · 🌐

Pictures of Lights of Leamington taken last night 20th. Some drone shots also included. Looks great from the air.



Like Comment Send Share

510 39 comments 44 shares

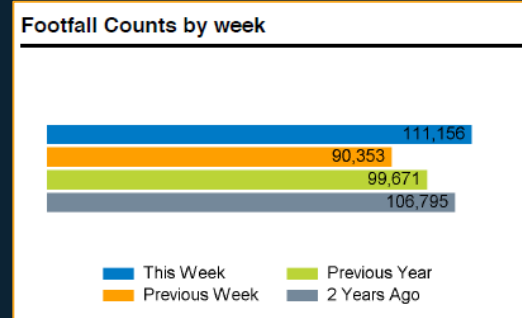
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# Business, Footfall & Community Benefits

Several businesses reported their most profitable week ever!

Footfall rose **by 61%** week on week **on the Saturday** and of **25% over the week.**


We also loved **supporting new local talent!**



Freya Iris · 20 Feb · 🌐

What a beautiful and amazing experience at the [Lights of Leamington](#) !! Wonderful energy from everybody and an amazing and supportive crowd too! Loved every moment up there singing for all of you and enjoyed looking at the beautiful scenery and lights!!!!

Thankyou everybody who came and stayed to watch and hear my set! And special thanks to [Vince Ishia](#) and [Kate Livingston](#) for allowing me to sing my songs for everyone there and for making it such a lovely evening! And ultimately thankyou new future creatives for being my biggest supporters ❤️



BPS Builders Merchants · 38w

Very proud to be a business in Royal Leamington Spa, the light show has been fantastic and brought so many people into town supporting our local businesses! Thank you to all involved in organising and managing this fantastic event 🙌🙌🙌

Reply 2



Photo Credit: Steph Kerr

# Boosting Local Pride & Positivity

Our social media exploded with love, warmth, happiness and JOY!

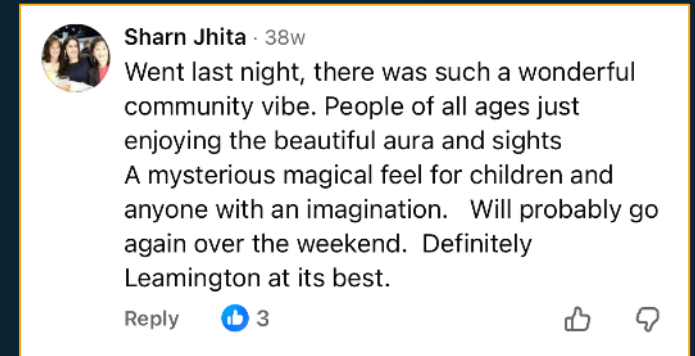
**302.9K** views, **48.7K** reach, **4.1K** interactions.



Just been to Jephson Gardens and what a delight. Not going to lie, thought I was in Dubai again, downtown at The Fountain 🤩  
Video in comments.  
Well done Leamington ❤️



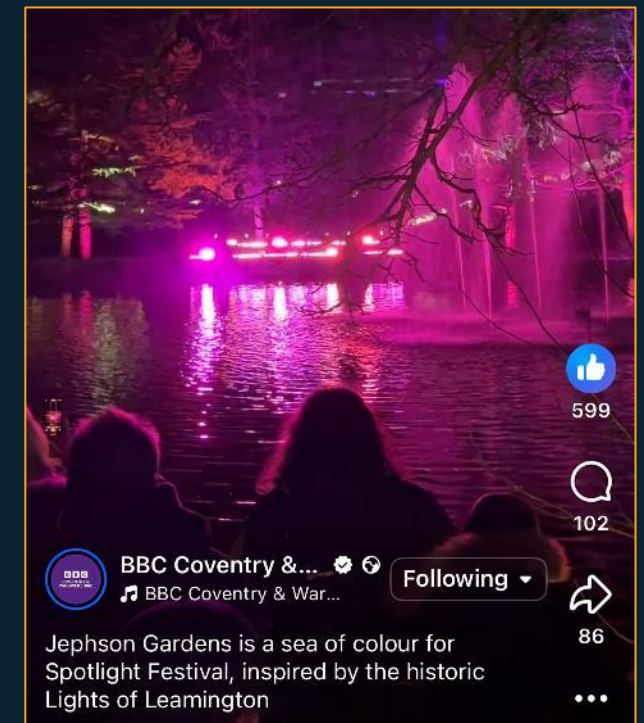
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# Leamington Spa in the Spotlight ...

## We made headline news!

- ITV Central News Live Broadcast
- BBC Midlands Today Live Broadcast
- BBC Radio Coventry & Warwickshire



# Bringing Back Memories

Our objective to bring back memories of the past Lights of Leamington festival ... was achieved.


Memories of Royal Leamington ...  
Mick Potter · 14m · 📷

**Congratulations to everyone involved in the tremendous light show in Jephson Gardens. It brought back so many memories when we visited tonight**

-  Sarah Wallace · 38w  
My mum could remember when this was there originally. Such a lovely memory to bring back! Well done Leamington!!!! 🙌🙌  
Reply 👍 3
-  Angela Reading · 38w  
Remember going years ago when it was all lit up was magical 😊😊  
Reply 👍 2
-  Christine Woodman · 38w  
I remember the lights in the park from many yrs ago .We used to go on the train from Banbury .I am 74 now .  
Reply 👍 1
-  Alain Cook · 38w  
Leamington at its best could do with this every year like I remember the lights as a child ,visiting the beautiful gardens .  
Reply ❤️ 5
-  Christine Thomas · 38w  
It's been an absolutely fabulous five days. Brilliant lights, lazer and music. The trees looked amazing. As did the Jephson Memorial. The exhibition in the church was also really interesting. Many thanks to everybody involved.  
Reply 👍 3

Leamington History Group  
19 Feb · 🌐

What a magical evening,thank you! Lights of Leamington The Jephson Gardens Riverside Glasshouse #loveleam Royal Leamington Spa Town Council BID Leamington Warwick District Council Leamington Music #royalleamingtonspa #warwickshire



Like Comment Share

Leamtreefest + 176 7 shares

# Hundreds of Photos & Posts



Photo Credit: Steph Kerr

**Leamington Spa Noticeboard**  
Nick Scotty · 19 Feb · 📍

Fantastic evening over Jephson Gardens. Well worth a visit this week.

**Richard Tanglefoot** · 38w  
Went last night my granddaughter loved the muddy patches lol

**David Anderson**  
22 Feb · 📍

Leamington Lights in Jephson Gardens tonight. Lucky we turned up early to get a parking space as it was absolutely rammed an hour later, unsurprisingly!

**katesargent46**

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**katesargent46** The Lights of Leamington in Jephson Gardens is a spectacular light show running every evening until Sunday 23rd Feb. And it's free!! Well done Leamington!! 🍷🍷🍷. #leamingtonspa #lightsofleamington #warwickdistrictcouncil #leamingtonstudioartists #leamingtonspaart

**Leamington Spa Noticeboard**  
Dougie Christo · 6h · 📍

get down to jephson gardens for the light show, its brilliant ,on untill 9 pm .

Like Comment Send Share

Hollie Shannon + 191

1 share

**Leamington Spa Noticeboard**  
Raj K Bohugan · 3h · 📍

Amazing 🍷🍷

**Petra Northmore** · 38w  
Superb display.  
Reply 1

**Karen Hughes** · 38w  
So pretty ❤️  
Reply 1

**Barbara Clarke Cree** · 38w  
Great photos thanks for sharing  
Reply 1

**Jan Hitchcox** · 38w  
Wow so lovely  
Reply 1

**Karen Grigson** · 38w  
Fab photos! 😊  
Reply 1

**Rachael Dawn** · 38w  
How Beautiful 😊  
Reply 1

**Mhairi Dunn** · 38w  
It's really beautiful!! lovely photos.  
Reply 1

All comments ▾

**Jason Feasey** · 38w  
It was amazing  
Reply 4

**Karen Reynolds** · 38w  
Becky Reynolds  
Reply

**Andy Connell** · 38w  
Brilliant event well done to all the organisers  
Reply 5

**Carolann Cloonan** · 38w  
Adam Cloonan  
Reply

**Laurie Barton** · 38w  
Is it on tomorrow?...(Sunday)  
Reply

**Steph Kerr** · 38w  
Laurie Barton yes it is. Last evening 🌸  
Reply

**Jeremy Sleath** · 37w  
It was brilliant. Well done to everyone involved.  
Reply

# A Wide Range of Supporters ...

- Our MP
- Our Councils
- The Police
- Local Charities
- Bus Companies
- Businesses
- Local Councillors
- Volunteers
- & more ...



**mattwestern\_mp**

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mattwestern\_mp Incredible to see the joy that the Lights of Leamington light show and exhibition brought to the town last month.

A real sight to behold and great to see so many people out enjoying the show.

Huge credit to all those who worked tirelessly to make it happen 🙌

Some of the exhibition boards are now in the Priors so do take a look if you want to learn more.

**Leamington Police**

23 Feb ·

Inspired by the original 'Lights of Leamington' which ran between 1951 and 1961, Jephson Gardens were graced with yet another spectacular display of spotlights, auras and ambiance. 🌟

As always, we have loved engaging with the community (and their furry companions of course 🐾)!

I think we'd all love to thank the organisers of this captivating event for bringing lots of light and colour to these gloomy February days. 🌈

Like Comment Share

Lights of Leamington + 60 3 shares

**Royal Leamington Spa Town Co...**

2h ·

A huge congratulations to [Lights of Leamington](#) for hosting such successful events over the past few weeks! A big thank you to everyone involved and working hard behind the scenes to make these wonderful events possible.

**National Express Coventry**

23 Feb ·

Have you spotted The Power of Love trail around Leamington Spa Town Centre this week?

There isn't long left for you to enjoy the [Lights of Leamington Spotlight Festival!](#) Hop on the bus to find the hearts around town 🚌

IG: loveleamington

**Cllr Billiald**

21 Feb ·

Tonight there were literally hundreds of people in Jephson Gardens, enjoying simple things such as lights, music and water. The perfect combination. Thank you to the [Lights of Leamington](#) team and [BID Leamington](#). The silent disco was extremely popular too. 🎧🎵🎶 (I didn't dance tonight though 😊)

# Our Impact in Numbers

## 48K Visitors / Attendance at Key Events

- ❖ **39,157** – By the Lake in Jephson Gardens
- ❖ **6,700 visitors** – Switched on Stories Exhibition

## Workshops – Taking Flight & Diya Lamps

- ❖ **700+** Children & **280+** Adults

## Silent Disco & Candlelight Concert – 1400 tickets

### Footfall

- ❖ **61%** increase on the Saturday
- ❖ **25%** increase over the week

## Survey & Visitor Book Feedback

- ❖ **450+** comments in the exhibition visitor book
- ❖ **97%** Survey approval rating (good/fantastic)

## Website – 17K users, 51K page views

## Social Media

- ❖ **1393** new followers, many shares / likes
- ❖ **302.9K** views, **48.7K** reach, **4.1K** interactions

## TV News – 2 x live recordings (**ITV & BBC**)

## Newspapers / Online – many

## Radio – 2 x live local BBC recordings

By the Lake visitors 2025!

3,164+5,513+8,682+19,525+2,273

**39,157**

The record attendance  
was almost 20,000  
people one night in 1953!



Photo Credits: Steph Kerr

# Our Legacy Continues ...



**Brand Assets  
& Website  
For Future Use**



**Garden Signage  
New & refreshed signs in  
Jephson Gardens**



**Skills!**  
We Upskilled Key  
Team Members &  
25+ Volunteers



**Power & Environment!**  
5 x New Power Boxes in Jephson  
Gardens & reusable event equipment!



**Networks**  
New Creative  
Partners  
& Connections!



**Inspiration**  
Tools to inspire  
a new generation



**History Saved**  
The historic story  
captured & archived

# Final Thoughts ...

“We have never seen so much joy, warmth and positivity unleashed in our town ... this was so valuable in these difficult times.”



This is also why we need continued arts funding ...

We could not have imagined the stories we heard, the wonderful people we met, or the profound impact on us and our community!

Thank you to all  
our supporters ...

# Lights of Leamington



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