

# Seeing Thurrock Differently

*A Journey  
Home*



**23 May  
– 7 June  
2026**

A free festival of  
exploring, talking  
and creating

# T100

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# The 12th Annual T100 Festival

23 May – 7 June 2026

From heritage walks to graffiti workshops, poetry in dye gardens to citizen science at dusk, playful performances to a joyful festival finale in Tilbury, this year's programme brings Thurrock into motion – connecting where we've come from with where we might go next.

For 12 years, Kinetika's T100 has invited people to explore, talk and create together across Thurrock. In 2026, we return with a special edition of the festival – a journey home.

Over two weeks, artists, schools, storytellers, scientists, poets, neighbours and Thurrock's next generation will come together to share stories, uncover hidden histories, celebrate creativity and imagine new futures rooted in place.

Whether you're discovering Thurrock for the first time or seeing it anew, there's a walk, a story and a place at the table waiting for you.

Come explore, talk and create – and see Thurrock differently.

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A reflection shared during the T100 Creative  
Visioning Day for the 2026 Festival

# At a glance

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## The Thurrock Story Walk

with Man About Country

Stanford-le-Hope to East Tilbury via Mucking  
Sat 23 May, 10am

## In Search of the Lost Village of Kynochtown

with Phil Easteal

Fobbing to Corringham  
Mon 25 May, 1:30pm  
Bank Holiday

## A Campaign of Colour: Graffiti Walk & Workshop

with Scotty Brave

Purfleet-on-Thames to Grays  
Sun 24 May, 10am

 WORKSHOP

## Thurrock Through a Bee's Eyes

Purfleet-on-Thames  
Thu 28 May, 1pm  
Half Term

 FAMILY EVENT

 WORKSHOP

## Fields to Folk

with Lesley Robinson

Horndon on the Hill  
Sun 24 May, 6pm

## Purfleet Poems in the Garden

with Rachel Morgan

Purfleet-on-Thames  
Sat 30 May, 11am  
Half Term

 FAMILY EVENT

 WORKSHOP

## The Amazing Estuary Walking Show

with Nigel Munson

Purfleet-on-Thames to Rainham Marshes  
Sun 31 May, 3pm  
Half Term

 FAMILY EVENT

## Meandering Monday

with Move to Thrive

Purfleet-on-Thames  
Mon 1 June, 10am

 FAMILY EVENT

## Swifts at Dusk: A Citizen Science Walk

with Katie Hargreaves

Grays to Chafford Gorges  
Tues 2 June, 7pm

Kinetika & Together Productions Present

## A Place at the Table: Celebrating Our Community

Tilbury  
Sat 6 June, 12pm

 FAMILY EVENT

 WORKSHOP

## 2026 Thurrock Pride Walk: Fort to Thought

Tilbury to East Tilbury  
Sun 7 June, 10am

 FAMILY EVENT



The silk designs in this programme come from *Thurrock 100 Stories* – 100 local histories gathered and brought to life in silk by a team of artists and historians including Laura Trevail, Jacci Todd and Jonathan Catton in 2016. Ten years on, they still shape the journey. Learn more and buy the book of stories: [t100festival.co.uk/100stories](http://t100festival.co.uk/100stories)





## The Thurrock Story Walk

with Man About Country

→ Stanford-le-Hope to  
East Tilbury via Mucking

🕒 Sat 23 May, 10am – 5pm

🆓 Free



Join James Lawrence, storyteller and Man About Country, on an immersive walk through Thurrock's layered past.

Travelling through landscapes shaped by land, water and labour, you'll hear stories of Saxons, soldiers, workers and WRENs – people who lived, worked and passed through this often overlooked but deeply distinctive place.

Along the way, James weaves history, folklore and place-based storytelling to reveal how Thurrock became what it is today. Participants can choose to complete the full route or join and leave at designated points along the way.



## A Campaign of Colour: Graffiti Wall Guided Walk & Workshop

with Scotty Brave

🎨 WORKSHOP

→ Purfleet-on-Thames to Grays

🕒 Sun 24 May, 10am – 3pm

🆓 Free

Join Scotty Brave for a creative riverside journey from Purfleet to Grays, discovering Thurrock's hidden graffiti gallery – a two-mile stretch of vibrant murals shaped over a 20 year seawall campaign.

Learn how public art can transform overlooked spaces into places of belonging and that 'home' is a place built and maintained over time through collective effort. At the seawall, participants will add their own creative mark, becoming part of the wall's evolving story.

A welcoming, social day of colour, conversation and collective expression in one of Thurrock's most unexpected landscapes.





## Fields to Folk with Lesley Robinson

→ Horndon on the Hill  
🕒 Sun 24 May, 6pm  
🎫 Free

Join regular T100 Walk Leader Lesley for an early evening walk exploring one of Thurrock's most picturesque villages. Setting out from Horndon Park, this circular route takes in open countryside and far-reaching views across the surrounding landscape. As we walk, there's space to slow down, connect and enjoy the changing light over the fields.

For those who would like to continue the evening, the walk concludes at The Swan, home of the Sail Loft Folk Club, where you can settle in and enjoy music from local singer-songwriters.



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## In Search of the Lost Village of Kynochtown

with Phil Easteal

- Fobbing to Corringham
- 🕒 Mon 25 May (Bank Holiday), 1:30 – 4:30pm
- 🎫 Free

Join walk leader Phil Easteal on a circular walk from Fobbing exploring the lost site of Kynochtown – a former munitions factory and purpose-built community complete with housing, amenities and its own railway connection.

Walking through marshland, we'll trace what remains of this largely forgotten place and explore the social history of its workers.

This walk is delivered in partnership with Thurrock Museum, with research undertaken by their volunteers.



## Thurrock Through a Bee's Eyes

- Purfleet-on-Thames
- 🕒 Thu 28 May (Half Term), 1 – 3pm
- 🎫 Free

♥ FAMILY EVENT

🔪 WORKSHOP



Join Buglife in the Kinetika Natural Dye Garden for a playful and informative afternoon inviting us to see Thurrock through a bee's eyes.

Together we'll explore the garden and surrounding green spaces at High House Production Park, learning how bees and other insects experience their environment and why these habitats matter. Participants will take part in a bug hunt, discover the invertebrates that call the park home, and make their own bee hotel to support local wildlife.

This relaxed, hands-on event is designed for families and anyone curious about nature, conservation and the small creatures that keep our ecosystems thriving.



## Purfleet Poems in the Garden

with Rachel Morgan

→ Purfleet-on-Thames  
🕒 Sat 30 May (Half Term),  
11am – 4pm  
🎫 Free



♥ FAMILY EVENT

✂ WORKSHOP

Join poet and gardener Rachel Morgan for a relaxed walk from Purfleet Station to the Kinetika Community Natural Dye Garden.

Along the way, we'll pause to share poems inspired by the local area, noticing the small details and everyday stories that shape this part of Thurrock. In the garden, discover the plants used to create natural dyes and spend time writing, listening and reflecting together.

The afternoon includes welcoming, easy-to-join poetry activities, open to everyone, with space to explore ideas of place, language and home at your own pace.



## The Amazing Estuary Walking Show

with Nigel Munson

→ Purfleet to Rainham Marshes  
🕒 Sun 31 May (Half Term),  
3 – 5pm  
🎫 Free

♥ FAMILY EVENT

Join performer-creator Nigel Munson (6FootStories) for a live walking show unfolding along the Thurrock Estuary – where the landscape becomes the stage.

Part guided walk, part street theatre, this is a performance built as it moves. Drawing on local stories, half-remembered histories, chance encounters and the stark beauty of the industrial river, Nigel gathers material in real time, turning marshes, forts and flood barriers into living scenery.

Expect myth-making, misdirection, audience interaction and affectionate nonsense as we search for the soul of Thurrock – from vast estuary views to quiet saltmarsh edges. A shared journey through landscape and imagination, where the story unfolds with every step.





## Meandering Monday

with Move to Thrive

→ Purfleet-on-Thames  
🕒 Mon 1 June, 10am – 12pm  
🎫 Free

♥ FAMILY EVENT

Join movement artist Aditi Kaushiva of Move to Thrive and event partners Riverview Charitable Trust for a relaxed Meandering Monday that invites you to slow down and notice how you move through your surroundings.

Starting from Riverview's base St Stephen's Church, Purfleet, this short walk combines mindful walking with simple movement activities designed to help us tune into our five senses – how we walk, breathe, pause and notice what's around us. The session is welcoming, playful and accessible, with time built in to return to Riverview for tea, conversation and gentle activities.



## Swifts at Dusk: A Citizen Science Walk

with Katie Hargreaves

→ Grays to Chafford Gorges  
🕒 Tues 2 June, 7 – 9:30pm  
🎫 Free



Join the RSPB volunteer Katie Hargreaves for a guided dusk walk through Chafford Gorges, taking part in a live citizen science project tracking the local swift population.

You'll learn how to identify swifts in flight, record sightings and contribute meaningful data to support this remarkable but declining species. As the light fades and the sky fills with movement, experience the landscape in a different way – tuned into sound, speed and the rhythms of the evening.

A welcoming walk for anyone curious about wildlife and how small actions can make a real difference.



Kinetika & Together  
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## A Place at the Table: Celebrating Our Community

♡ FAMILY EVENT

✍️ WORKSHOP

→ Tilbury Community  
Association

🕒 Sat 6 June, 12 – 4pm

🎫 Free

In partnership with Together Productions, join us as we gather to close this year's T100 Festival in true community spirit.

Bringing together artists, walkers, schools, partners and local residents, this shared celebration invites everyone to take a place at the table – literally and metaphorically – to reflect on journeys made, stories shared and what home means across Thurrock.

Expect poetry, singing, theatre, graffiti, textiles and live performances from T100 Young Ambassadors alongside food and creative activities for all ages. A joyful, welcoming finale shaped by the people who make T100 what it is.







## Fort to Thought: Thurrock Pride 2026



→ Tilbury to East Tilbury  
🕒 Sun 7 June, 10am – 2pm  
🆓 Free

♥ FAMILY EVENT

In partnership with the Thurrock LGBTQIA+ Community Network and building on the title *Fort to Thought* – coined by Thurrock Youth Cabinet in 2025 – join us for a special Pride walk along the Thames, travelling between Tilbury Fort and Coalhouse Fort.

Marking the third year of Pride activities in Thurrock, in collaboration with Kinetika's T100, this walk invites LGBTQIA+ community members, allies and local residents to come together through shared movement, conversation and celebration. The walk ends with a relaxed community picnic at Coalhouse Fort – a chance to pause, connect and enjoy the riverside together.

# Young Ambassadors Programme: Seeing Thurrock Differently

## East Tilbury Primary: Fresh Air and Snacks

→ **Weds 3 June**  
(Private Event)



## William Edwards School: The Creative Room

→ **Thurs 4 June**  
(Private Event)

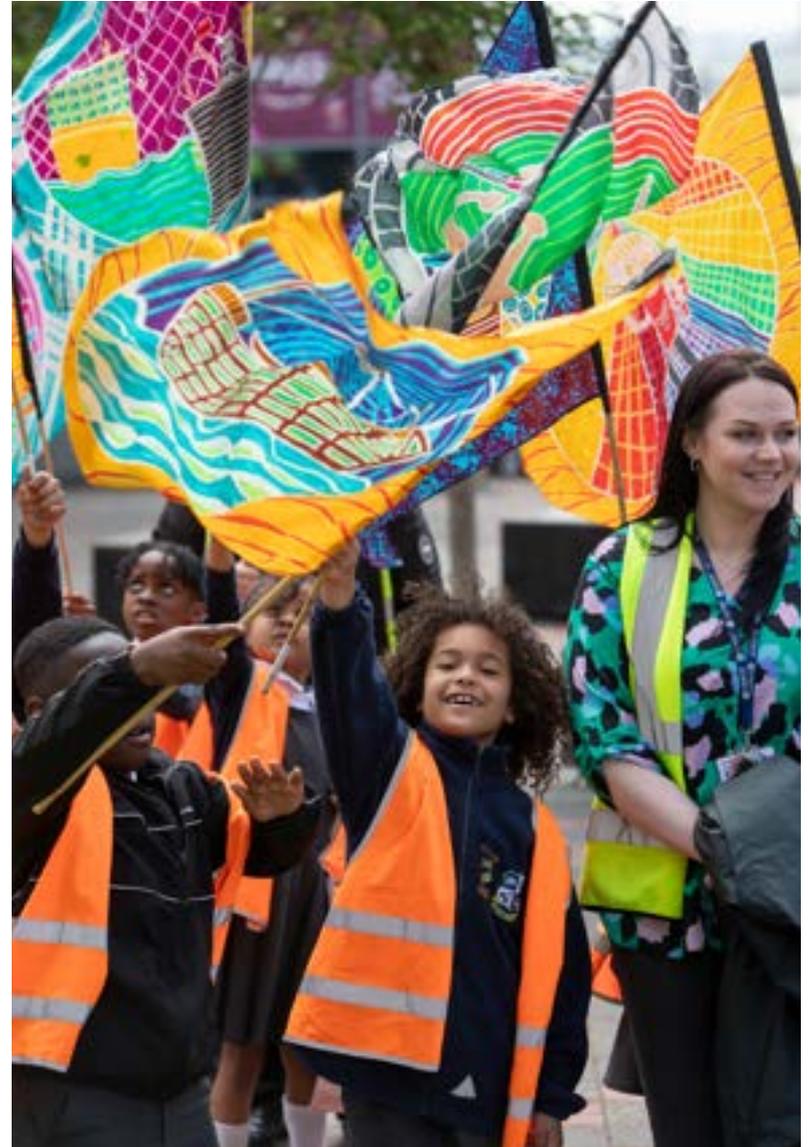


Young Ambassadors from East Tilbury Primary and William Edwards School have been devising their own creative responses to this year's Festival theme across this school year working closely with Jemma MacDonnell from The Paper Birds and the T100 team. The resulting performances and installations will be shared to school and local communities via in-school events during the festival, as well as for *Place at the Table: Celebrating Our Community* on Saturday 6 June.

Gateway Learning Community and SWECET primary schools are also supporting young people to lead creative walks through their school grounds in response to this year's T100 Festival theme. Participating schools: Chadwell St Mary Primary Academy, Deneholm Primary, Stifford Clays Primary, Gateway Primary Free School, Herringham Primary Academy, Lansdowne Primary Academy and Tilbury Pioneer Academy.

Designed and guided by pupils, these events explore ideas of home, belonging and wellbeing through simple creative prompts rooted in the places they know best.

The Young Ambassador Programme gives young people the opportunity to shape how their community sees their everyday spaces, sharing their own perspectives on the places that matter to them.



# Get Creative

Visit [t100festival.co.uk/2026festival](https://t100festival.co.uk/2026festival) to download the free resources

## Download our Resource Pack



Activities, ideas and inspiration to get creatively involved.

Our Resource Pack is live, created to help you explore this year's theme, *Seeing Thurrock Differently: A Journey Home*.

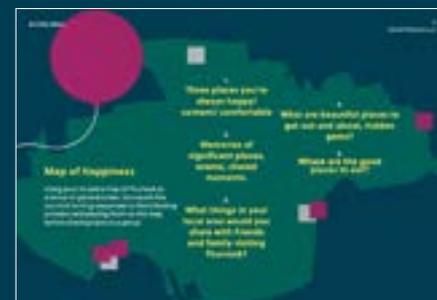
It's packed with ideas, prompts and guidance to spark your own activities and creative responses. Everyone is invited to take part – creations will feed into the festival finale, a joyful community celebration bringing together twelve years of shared stories, walks and creativity. If you're dreaming up an idea, big or small, we want to hear from you.

## Make your own wax rubbing serviette

Help create a set of serviettes featuring wax rubbings collected across Thurrock. Using natural and man-made textures – from pavements and railings to leaves and bark – we're gathering impressions that tell a story of place.

Join a regular walk or create your own using a free resource pack that includes everything you need. The finished serviettes will be used in the community meal on 6 June 2026 as part of *A Place at the Table: Celebrating Our Community*.

To request or return a pack, please email the team at [hello@t100festival.co.uk](mailto:hello@t100festival.co.uk)



## Thank you

A massive thank you to everyone who makes up the T100 community – our team, volunteers, partners, artists, and Young Ambassadors – whose creativity, passion for Thurrock and knowledge make it all possible.

### Kinetika Team

Nicole Artingstall, Programme Director; Ali Pretty, Artistic Director, Kinetika; George Bellamy, Environmental Champion; Emma Collins, Communications Manager; Alexandria Merchant, Digital Communications and Community Officer; Donna Plakhtienko, Operations Director, Kinetika



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## Walk year-round with us

T100 isn't just a two-week festival – we walk all year. Join our monthly Meandering Mondays (every second Monday, no booking required) or our Weekend Trails (longer themed walks each month, booking required) and explore Thurrock together.

Find upcoming dates and details at [t100festival.co.uk/regularwalks](http://t100festival.co.uk/regularwalks)



## Special Lead-In Event

### Thurrock Interfaith Walk & Talk

→ Grays

🕒 Sat 9 May, 12 – 4pm

🎫 Free

Thurrock Interfaith Group invite local community members to join a special walk and conversation ahead of the main festival. Organised in collaboration with Thurrock CVS, this walk offers space to connect across faiths, share perspectives and reflect together – setting the tone for the T100 festival finale, *A Place at the Table: Celebrating Our Community*, on Saturday 6 June.

## From Our Friends

T100 is part of a wider creative community across Thurrock and beyond. Here are a few events we're excited about:

### Walk the Wick, Weds 27 May

A special estuary walk at Canvey Wick with Buglife.

### Arts Outburst: Get Creative Festival

Free creative activities across Thurrock in May.

### Essex Book Festival, Thu 28 May – Sun 28 June

A county-wide celebration of books, writers and ideas.



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Aditi Kaushiva  
Alexandria Merchant  
Ali Pretty  
Arts Council England  
Balfour Beatty  
Bata Heritage Centre  
Buglife  
Coalhouse Fort  
David Bissenden  
Donna Plakhtienko  
East Tilbury Primary School  
Essex Wildlife Trust  
Find Your Active Thurrock  
Friends of Hardie Park  
Gateway Learning  
Community  
George Bellamy  
High House Production Park  
Horndon Woolmarket  
Indian Community in  
Thurrock  
IQUK College, Grays  
Man About Country  
Jemma McDonnell,  
The Paper Birds  
Joan Bullivant  
John Little, Hilldrop Garden  
Jacci Todd  
Laura Trevail  
Lesley Robinson  
Mark Massey  
National Lottery Reaching  
Communities  
Nature's Rainbow  
Nicole Artingstall  
Nigel Munson, 6FootStories

Phil Eastal  
Purfleet-on-Thames Heritage  
& Military Centre  
Purfleet-on-Thames  
Community Forum  
Rachel Morgan  
Riverview Charitable Trust  
Royal Ballet & Opera  
RSPB Rainham Marshes  
Ruhela Begum  
Sail Loft Folk Club  
Scotty Brave  
Sarah Doyle  
Shane Durrant  
Stephen Green  
Start Thurrock  
SWECET  
Thameside Nature Discovery  
Park  
Thurrock CVS  
Tilbury Community Association  
Thurrock Council  
Thurrock Interfaith Network  
Thurrock LGBTQ+ Network  
Thurrock Local History Society  
Thurrock Museum  
Thurrock Youth Cabinet  
Thurrock Young Carers  
Tilbury Fort  
Tilbury Forum  
Tilbury on the Thames Trust  
Tilbury Riverside Project  
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