Access information for Bonfire Night 2023

Bonfire Night takes place on Plymouth Hoe on Sunday 5 November 2023.

Chill out zone

Take some time out in the Sensory Garden (beside Osbourne Place entrance) on Plymouth Hoe where you can soak up the atmosphere of Bonfire Night, while relaxing away from the hustle and bustle. You will also find some less busy spaces along the lower grassy areas of the Hoe.

Sensory needs

Be prepared for loud noise, lots of flashing lights* and fireworks from 8pm from the Royal Citadel. Make sure you prepare yourself for the busy loud and bright atmosphere, some people take ear defenders with them... it's up to you! Sunglasses are also helpful for bright lights, but if these aren't doable just look down at the floor when they're too bright.

There is a designated sensory garden (see above). Please speak to one of our stewards that will be in hi-vis if you need any help, there are multiple bars and also a water point around the events site as well.

*Strobe lighting is not used, but there will be lots of flashes produced by the Fireworks.

Safe Spaces

There are a number of registered safe spaces near Plymouth Hoe. A Safe Place offers help if someone is anxious, scared or at risk while they are out and about and need support. You can visit the safe spaces website for more information: Search Safe Places you can also speak with our steward and events team who will be identifiable by their hi-vis and lanyards.

Information Points

There will be stewards across the event on Plymouth Hoe, who will always be happy to help. Stewards will be wearing yellow high viz tabards and, so please ask them if you have any questions.

Accessible Toilets

There are accessible toilets at both ends of the Hoe (by the Blue Badge Parking and in the toilet block). The Hoe's new permanent public toilets include six unisex toilets, with one additional accessible toilet and large, accessible changing room. This means the new facilities can be used safely and comfortably by all people with disabilities.

Blue Badge Parking

An extended parking area will be available on the Hoe promenade for blue badge holders, but spaces will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Access will be via Elliott Street entrance to the Hoe promenade from 5.30pm.

Accessible Viewing Area

An accessible area for viewing will be located on top of the Belvedere for those wishing to stay away from the main crowds and will be accessed via the Hoe Promenade This will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.