



2 June 2026

Dear Resident/Businesses

Events Programme: June – September 2026

Manchester City Council's Events Unit would like to provide notice to residents and businesses of the upcoming events that will be taking place in the city centre between June and October that may affect the Castlefield area.

More information on the detail of individual events will be provided in the coming weeks, however, in each instance we are working with the organisers and partner agencies to ensure that any required measures are put in place so that the events can be delivered safely.

Thursday 2nd July – Sunday 12th July - Sounds of the City

Castlefield-based SJM Concerts will stage the annual Sounds of the City concert series at Castlefield Bowl across multiple evenings in July. Gates open at 17:00 or 17:30, with events concluding by 22:30 or 23:00. Site build work will commence Wednesday, 25th June and aim to be clear by Wednesday, 16th July.

The concert line-up and dates for this year is as follows:

Thursday 2 July	Puressence
Friday 3 July	The Ks
Saturday 4 July	Hacienda Classical
Wednesday 8 July	Wet Leg
Thursday 9 July	Johnny Marr
Friday 10 July	The Streets
Saturday 11 July	The Streets
Sunday 12 July	Sex Pistols

Soundcheck timings each year is typically between 12noon – 14h00 except for Saturday, 4th -14h00 - 16h00.

More detailed information including key timings for this event will be shared with affected residents.

Saturday 29th August – Manchester Pride

The Manchester Pride Parade will take place on Saturday 29th August and starts at Midday. While the parade exact route is not yet available, the parade traditionally weaves through Manchester city centre, beginning at the junction of Liverpool Road and Deansgate and ending at Fairfield Street.

The organisers will be back in touch with more details nearer the date.

Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 6th September – Laughterama

Laughterama returns to Castlefield Bowl with five nights of top-tier comedy, featuring a mix of renowned comedians and emerging stand-up talent. Wednesday – Friday gates open at 18:00, with shows beginning at 19:30 and concluding by 22:45. Saturday and Sunday, in addition to the evening performances there will be matinee shows with gates from 15:00, with shows beginning at 16:00. The event will include food and drink concessions. The

organisers will be back in touch with more details nearer the date along with an opportunity to purchase ticket at a discounted price. [Laughterama - 2-6 September 2026, Castlefield Bowl, Manchester](#)

Friday 10th October – Cancer Research UK Shine Night Walk

Shine is a charity fundraising event for Cancer Research UK on Friday 2 Oct 2026 and involves a 10k and new Half Marathon night-time walk through Manchester City Centre.

Event organisers will be on site from 9.30am, with event build beginning at 11.00am. Participants are expected to arrive from approximately 6.00pm. The walk will set off in waves from between 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Attendance is expected to be up to 1,500 people, although recent events have seen numbers closer to 800 participants. 2,500/3,000 participants across the 10k and Half Marathon wave starts.

A small stage and public address system will be used for music and announcements to start the walk and to welcome participants back from 8.00pm. Announcements are expected to continue until 10.00pm. Sound levels will be kept low and contained within the event area and will be monitored by the event organisers.

This year Castlefield Bowl is just being used as the Start Venue. Once all participants set out on their walk by approx. 9.45pm, site de-rig will commence. A final sweep of participants will take place from 10.00pm. All event site activity within Castlefield will conclude by 10.00pm, after which de-rig will begin. The site will aim to be fully cleared by 12.00am. For more details, visit www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/find-an-event/charity-walks/shine-night-walk/manchester. [Cancer Research UK+1](#) [Cancer Research UK+1](#)

Manchester City Council is collaborating with the Castlefield Forum to enhance communication between event organisers and local residents and businesses. For further information about the Castlefield Forum, visit www.ourcastlefield.co.uk.

If you require any further information, please contact the Events Unit
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Regards,
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