



Bumble Creatives



Bicester Lantern Parade
25th November 2023



BICESTER LANTERN PARADE WITH BUMBLE CREATIVES 2023

INTRODUCING BUMBLE CREATIVES CIC

A Community Interest Company providing Creative Wellbeing Workshops and activities for Young People, their families and the Bicester Community through the expansion of free and affordable Holistic Health and Wellbeing services.

One of our main goals is to encourage, nurture and provide opportunities for the community to come together. School and community groups will benefit by having access to creative workshops and the community will benefit from coming together, improving social connectedness and community wellbeing.

The annual lantern parade is a transformative event, focused on bringing together families from across the community in a beautiful evening of light and wonder, meeting our brief of improving social cohesion.

THE WORKSHOPS AND PARADE 2023

This year we aimed to limit our impact on the planet by repurposing and recycling as much as we possibly could. The lanterns were made of two litre plastic bottles, a mix of new and recycled papers decorated the outside while our handles were adorned with repurposed beads and buttons as well as wool and string streamers.





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KEY STATISTICS

- 251 participants joined lantern making workshops
- Approx. 300 people took part in the parade
- Schools workshops reached the same number of young people (147) as 2022 despite visiting one less school.
- Community workshops reached approx. a third more than 2022 participant numbers at 104.
- 2681 engagement reached through our social media, the first time recorded as Bumble Creatives.

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

- Workshops were co-created and delivered by an artist and wellbeing practitioner.
- Four primary schools took part:
 - Glory Farm 40
 - Bure Park 51
 - Kings Meadow 30
 - Southwold 26
- Total 147



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- Community workshops included:
 - Creative Minds 12
 - Art & Craft Club 5
 - Public Lantern Workshop 87
- Total 104





SOUTHWOLD

THE PARADE

- The parade assembled at OYAP's space in Studi02 - the colourful lanterns looked fab and took on a new lease of life as soon as the lights were added.
- Cllr Damien Maguire, Deputy Town Mayor, arrived around 4pm and was super helpful, adding lights to the lanterns and talking to the waiting children and parents.
- Beauty and Bicester (photographer) attended at approx 4.30pm and took pictures with the waiting families
- As in previous years, the parade took in Church Street and Causeway, passed through Crown Walk, and processed along Sheep Street to finish at the stage in Market Square.
- Cllr Harry Knight, Town Mayor, met us close to the end of the parade towards Market Square.
- Timings changed slightly from a 5pm start to 5.30pm, meaning families were waiting around longer than planned. In the end we managed to leave at 5.15pm.
- Although beautiful, the lanterns were not as easily seen with the smaller handles. I would recommend bringing back the longer canes for 2024.
- Other than timings, the event was bustling and exciting with the children raring to go! Once on the way it ran very smoothly, aided by great support from the council and road closure teams.



GLORY FARM



BURE PARK

The parade would not have been possible without our supporters:

Bicester Town Council for funding Bumble Creatives to coordinate the workshops and parade

OYAP Trust for providing the space to hold the public workshop and coordinate the parade

Cllr Damien Maguire for supporting the event and fronting the procession

Fabulous volunteers who helped with the public workshop and stewarding the parade

... and, of course, the artists, participants and schools involved

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN!

SIGN US UP FOR NEXT YEAR!



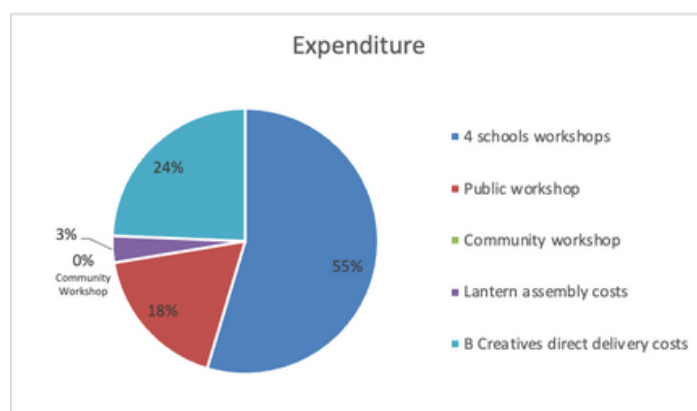
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Expected Income from Bicester Town Council

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
School Workshops Lantern Making Workshops in Primary Schools	£252.40	4	£1,009.60
Public Workshop Public lantern making on 25th November	£328.54	1	£328.54
Lantern Assembly Costs	£60.00	1	£60.00
B Creatives Delivery Costs Coordination, promotion etc	£150.00	3	£450.00
Total due			£1,848.14

Expenditure

4 schools workshops	£ 1,009.60
Public workshop	£ 328.54
Community workshop	£ -
Lantern assembly costs	£ 60.00
B Creatives direct delivery costs	£ 450.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 1,848.14





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