



Beggars Fair Newsletter



The Souvenir Programme is OUT NOW!

We have completed the very major task of compiling our 2026 programme. This runs to 68 pages this year and contains all the information you need to plan your day. Read all about the acts, where and when they're playing, what's happening in The Park and events around town. You will see that posters are now going up including where to buy your programme. Please support us by buying one!

Update From Gary, Our Chair

As we share our final update before the Beggars Fair, the excitement is really building. Our teams have pulled together an incredible day of music, colour, and community spirit, and it's been inspiring to see so many people contribute their time, talent, and support. From the first planning meetings to the final checks now underway, the commitment across the board has been outstanding. We can't wait to welcome you on 11 July for a brilliant celebration in the heart of Romsey. And don't forget to grab a copy of our Souvenir Programme, packed with everything you need to know.





A Message From New Forest Wealth Management, one of our new major sponsors

New Forest Wealth Management is delighted to be a new sponsor of this year's Beggars Fair in Romsey. As a local business, we are proud to support an event that brings together the community and has become such an important part of the town's calendar.

Beggars Fair has long been one of Romsey's most loved traditions, attracting visitors of all ages and creating a wonderful atmosphere throughout the town. We believe community events like this are vital in supporting local businesses, charities, and organisations while helping to maintain the strong community spirit that makes Romsey special.

At New Forest Wealth Management, we are passionate about building lasting relationships within the communities we serve, and we are thrilled to be part of this year's event. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the day and helping make Beggars Fair 2026 another great success.

Adam Johnson - Director and Chartered Financial Adviser

A huge thank you to the rest of our key sponsors who's generous contributions help the future of the Beggars Fair possible!



News From The Teams

Production Team

David – Well we are nearly there, only a few weeks to go! We now have five Busk Stops around the town – Romsey Station, Romsey Library, Latimer's (formerly Nightingale) The Hundred (Nationwide) and the entrance to the Wisdom Centre (La Sagesse) In the Meads. Each one has five different acts and performers. And don't forget to watch out for some 'roaming' performers this year including Richer Moves! You might end up dancing next to them! Please keep your eyes on the web site for any last minute changes



Event Safety Team

Ann – We are ready for this year's event now, all the necessary licences and authorisations are in place and our plans are finalised for a great day. We just need to book the best weather now and we're done! Please remember the town centre is closed to traffic on the day so allow time if arriving by car or use public transport. Plenty of buses and trains head to Romsey that day. We are really looking forward to seeing you all for a fantastic day of music.



Volunteers

Anyone like to sell programmes on the day at Beggars Fair? We would love you to join our enthusiastic volunteer team! One hour is all we need in the afternoon of July 11th. We provide you with a bucket, a Hi-Viz jacket and a designated area in which to sell programmes.

Please contact Sue on volunteers@beggarsfair.com.

It is not just a music event...but a fun day out!

On the day, The Memorial Park will be our fun-filled, family-friendly hub with something for everyone to enjoy! Explore a fantastic range of **craft stalls** and exciting amusements, including **bounce houses**, **dodgems**, and **bungee trampolines**. Throughout the day, enjoy **lively music** and **dance performances** perfect for all ages. There's also plenty of **delicious food** and drink on offer, from ice cream and dessert vans to loaded spuds, nachos, and so much more!



Outreach Radio, Your Truly Local Radio Station, serves Hampshire and surrounding areas through a variety of local radio brands and is proud to support Romsey Beggars Fair 2026.

Outreach Radio will be broadcasting live from the event on the day on DAB+, 102.5FM and online, whilst also supporting the local musicians with radio interviews and features in the lead-up to the event.

Volunteer On The Day

Would you like to help out the team on the day? From welcoming visitors to supporting performers and keeping The Beggars Fair running smoothly, volunteers are at the heart of the event. Meet new people, enjoy amazing live music, and be part of something special in Romsey.

Why Not Join The Team?

Whether you are wanting to gain experience or develop skills in event management, advertisement, finance, events safety or a bit of everything, come and join the team! Your support will help bring one of Hampshire's biggest music events to life.

Please contact volunteers@beggarsfair.org.uk to get involved.

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