

Derbyshire Makes

Women Who Make Festival

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WOMEN WHO MAKE FESTIVAL AT HARDWICK HALL

Celebrate the power of women who make, inspire, and transform - during a day-long festival at Hardwick Hall.

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

10am-4pm | National Trust
Hardwick Hall, Doe Lea,
S44 5QJ

FREE Festival
Everyone Welcome

**Women
Who Make**

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Saturday 30 May 2026

PROGRAMME



Women Who Make

FESTIVAL VILLAGE

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Women Who Make Marketplace
Discover unique handmade work, watch demonstrations, hear about the stories behind the pieces, and take home something special.

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Live Spinning Demonstration
Murmuring Wheel

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Discover with Us & Hardwick Makers
Hardwick Hall Volunteers

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Blackwell Brides: Dress, Story & Skill Installation
Platform Thirty1

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Blackwell Brides: Stitched Together Workshop
Platform Thirty1 & Lise Bennett

10:00am
- 1:00pm

Pop-up Poetry
Tyler Turner & Emma Birdie

1.45pm
- 3.45pm

Mindful Nature Writing Workshop
Tyler Turner & Emma Birdie
(*Booking available*)

TALKS (*Bookable*)

11.30am
- 12:30pm

Threads of Identity – In Conversation
Sophie Gresswell & Liz Waring

1:00pm
- 2:00pm

UPFRONT: Women, Voice & Visibility
Cathy Newbery

2:30pm
- 4:00pm

Behind the Seams: Conservation Studio
Terri Dewhurst

CART SHED

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Dare to Dream Sewing Bee
Sue Reddish, Alex Murphy, Jenny Steele

EAST STABLES

10:00am
- 1:00pm

Portraits of Place Creative Photography Lab
Emma Croman

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Portraits of Self A living Exhibition
Emma Croman

2:00pm
- 3.30pm

From Plant to Pigment: Beginner's Natural Dye Workshop
Abigail Wastie (*Bookable*)

WALKS (*Bookable*)

11:00am
- 12:30pm

Colour in the Landscape: Beginner's Natural Dye Walk
Abigail Wastie
Meet at East Stable

11:00am
- 11:45am
&
1:00pm
- 1:45pm

Bess's Building Journey: An Architecture Walk
Hardwick Hall Volunteers
Meet at Visitor Information

STABLEYARD

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Garden Games & Family Activity Zone

10:00am
- 4:00pm

Women Who Make Book Display
In the bookshop



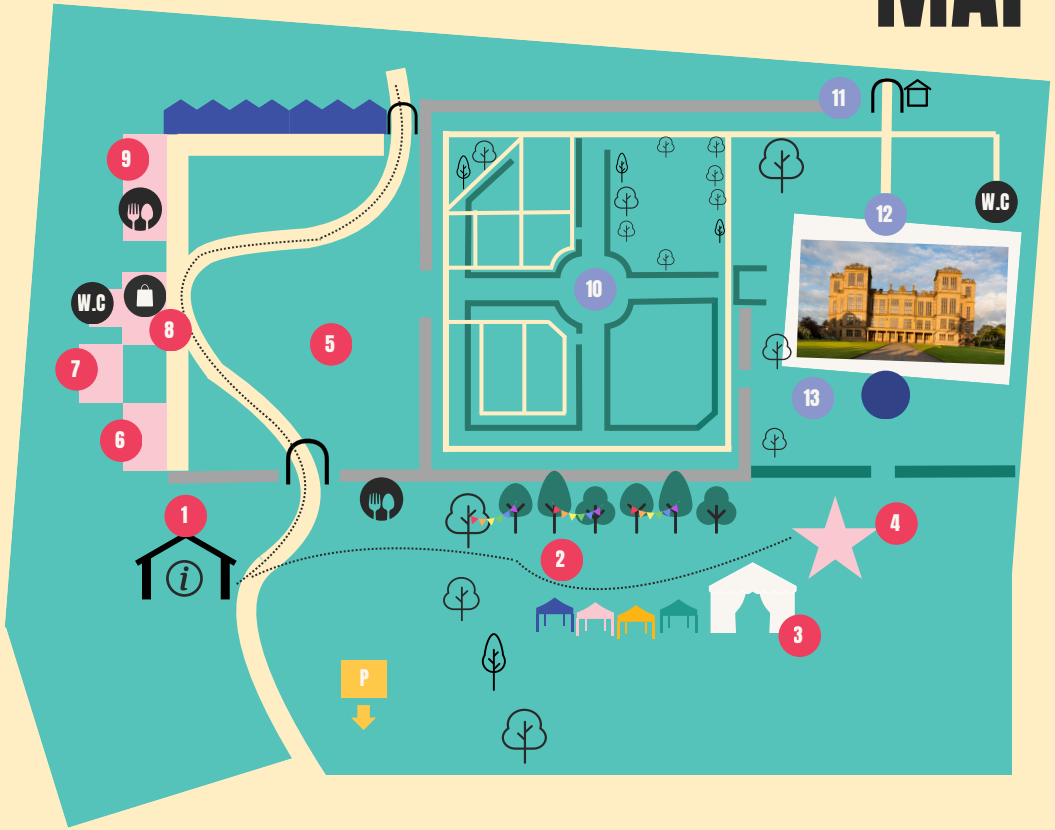
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The festival is free for all visitors, with no National Trust Membership card required

MAP



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LEGEND

Festival Locations

1. Visitor Reception
2. Festival Village
3. Market Place
4. Talks
5. Stableyard
6. Cart Shed
7. East Stables
8. Gift Shop
9. Cafe

Ticket/Membership Required


10. Gardens
11. Gatehouse & West Court
12. Hardwick Hall entrance
13. East Court Rose Garden


Facilities

 Information Point

 Parking

 Toilets

 Shop

 Food & Beverages

Women Who Make

WOMEN WHO MAKE FESTIVAL AT HARDWICK HALL

A celebration of women's creativity, craft, heritage and making.

A FREE FESTIVAL

Women Who Make Festival at Hardwick Hall is brought to you by a brilliant collective of artists, makers, heritage craftspeople, performers, poets and community partners sharing their skills, stories and creativity through workshops, talks, demonstrations, walks, installations and hands-on activities. Curated by Local in partnership with National Trust Hardwick Hall.

Inspired by the extraordinary legacy of Bess of Hardwick, the festival transforms one of Derbyshire's most iconic historic houses into a vibrant space for creativity, connection and collective making – celebrating women's voices, ideas and creative ambition across generations.

WOMEN WHO MAKE

Women Who Make is part of Derbyshire Makes, a 3-year programme of cultural activity across the county, an inspiring celebration of making in all its forms.

Bringing together artists, makers, designers, activists and communities, Women Who Make celebrates the many ways women shape culture, heritage and creative life.

JOIN IN

People from across Derbyshire and beyond are all invited to be a part of Derbyshire Makes: families, young people, adults and the elderly.

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