

## Retford Creative Community

Retford is home to a vibrant creative community, with a wide range of exhibitions, workshops, performances and activities taking place throughout October. Here are just a few highlights.



**Bassetlaw Museum**  
Grove Street, Retford  
[www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk](http://www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk)



- Stories of Bassetlaw: Original Works by Christy Burdock, open until Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Cath Ray Gallery**  
58b Bridgegate, Retford  
DN22 7UZ (Open Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm (closing at 2.00pm on Tuesdays)).  
[cathraygallery@outlook.com](mailto:cathraygallery@outlook.com)  
[www.facebook.com/cathraybooks](http://www.facebook.com/cathraybooks)



- Sweet Pea Clay Flowers with Nathalie Birch, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, £20.00
- Collage Workshop with Rosemary Firth, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1.00pm to 4.00pm, £40.00
- Forest Fables Décor: Witchy Wreaths, made using natural materials, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm to 6.00pm, £35.00

## Weekly sessions

- Colour Theory for Artists: Mondays, 1.00pm to 3.00pm; Thursdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm; Saturdays, 3.00pm to 5.00pm, £15.00 per session, all materials provided
- Stained Glass and Mosaics: Wednesdays, 4.00pm to 6.00pm, £10.00 plus materials
- Slow Stitching for the Soul: Fridays, 10.00am to 12.00pm, £15.00, all materials provided

**Retford Arts Hub**  
Churchgate, Retford  
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All materials and refreshments are provided. Sessions are suitable

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for beginners and those looking to develop new skills, with some activities also available for children. Advance booking is essential.

- Angela's Sewing Club: Fridays, 10.30am to 12.30pm, £15.00 per person, including all materials.
- Watercolour Workshop with John Redfern Harris: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am to 1.30pm, £25.00
- Kids' Club with Janet and Margaret: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am to 12.00pm, ages seven to 12, £3.00 per child.
- Kinusaiga (No-Sew Patchwork) with Melanie: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00am to 2.00pm, £20.00
- Kids' Club with Gloria: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am to 12.00pm, ages seven to 12, £3.00 per child.
- Northumberland Scene in Acrylics with Mark Andrew: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, £20.00
- Mini Makers Workshop (book direct via [www.cloud9crafts.co.uk/](http://www.cloud9crafts.co.uk/)): Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm, for children aged six to 12, £26.99 per child

**Majestic Theatre**  
Coronation Street, DN22 6DX. 01777 706866  
[boxoffice@majesticretford.org](mailto:boxoffice@majesticretford.org)



- Louise Clarkson Dance Academy presents Heroes & Villains: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5.00pm; Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 3.00pm; Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 5.00pm; and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 3.00pm
- Heather Turner's Dance Tuition presents Lights, Camera, Dance: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm

**Retford Little Theatre**  
Wharf Road, DN22 6EN  
01777 702002  
[boxoffice@rlt.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@rlt.org.uk)



For more information, visit [www.discoverretford.co.uk](http://www.discoverretford.co.uk) and [www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](http://www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk).

## Retford Business Forum (RBF)

Retford Business Forum (RBF) is pleased to welcome new members:

## Blossom Tree Counselling

Blossom Tree Counselling was founded on the belief that counselling should feel personal rather than like a process.

Email: [contact@blossomtreecounselling.uk](mailto:contact@blossomtreecounselling.uk)  
Website: <https://blossomtreecounselling.uk/>  
Tel: 07438 022282



## Zantara Financial Services Ltd

Zantara Financial Services provides reliable and detail-focused bookkeeping services designed to give businesses clarity, confidence and control over their finances.

Email: [zara@zantarafinancials.com](mailto:zara@zantarafinancials.com)  
Website: <https://zantarafinancials.com>  
Tel: 07714 712170



## Sterling Grid Security Ltd

Sterling Grid Security Ltd is a Retford-based business providing the governance and operational structure behind four customer-facing home improvement brands: Kitchen Pros, Shutter Pros, Pergola Pros and Plan Pros.

Email: [info@sterlinggridsecurity.co.uk](mailto:info@sterlinggridsecurity.co.uk)  
Website: <https://sterlinggridsecurity.co.uk/>  
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# What's On

## this October

### Retford Big Market Day

**Saturday 17th October 2026**

**10.00am to 1.00pm**

Retford Market Square, Buttermarket and Town Centre

**Farmers (open until 1.00pm), Craft and Traditional Saturday Markets (open from 08.30am to 2.20pm)**

(These markets are organised by Bassetlaw District Council)

To book a stall contact 01909 533533 or [licensing@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@bassetlaw.gov.uk)



Coming up:  
**21st November**  
TWO stilt-walking  
Christmas Elves

Edinburgh Woollen



**This month** – the Big Bird stiltwalker returns by popular demand – he's definitely a big bird!

### Retford Illuminate Winter Festival of Light

#### 29th November – 19th December 2026

**Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On**

Sunday 29th November 2026 – 10am to 6pm

**Guiding Christmas Concert St. Saviours Church, Retford**

Thursday 3rd December, 6pm

**Christmas Crank-Up, Bassetlaw Museum**

Saturday 5th December 2026, 10am to 2pm

**Retford Illuminate - Winter Festival of Light Parade**

Wednesday 9th December 2026, 4pm to 7pm

**Retford Majestic Theatre - Christmas Carol Concert**

Friday 18th December 2026, 7.30pm

**Retford Big Market Day – grand finale of the year!**

Saturday 19th December 2026, 10am to 1pm  
The Frost Fairy, Hathersage Brass Band, free face painting, Santa, plus more...tba



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