



What's On
Spring/Summer
2025



Llama Lookout Trail

Create your own llama mask and explore the House to find the llamas hidden inside!

Once finished, enjoy themed crafts in our Activity Room or to take home.

With treats and refreshments available to purchase from the café.

Suitable for ages 3 – 8 years old, younger and older visitors are welcome.

Sun 29 June, 11am - 2pm
Shaw House

£2 per child

No need to book, just drop-in.



Open Air Sculpture Exhibition

Altered States

The Orangery Lawn at Shaw House will be transformed into an open air sculpture exhibition where you can discover artworks by acclaimed sculptors.

All works on display will be available for purchase.

The House, cafe and gift shop will also be open to the public at weekends and during the school holidays.

www.alteredstatessculptures.co.uk

Sat 2 Aug - Sun 28 Sept
Open every day 11am - 4pm
Shaw House

Free. No need to book, drop-in



A Royal Picnic

Pack up your favourite treats and join us for a Royal Picnic!

Starting with a live show of singing and dancing, you will then be able to meet and have photographs with the magical princesses and characters whilst enjoying your picnic outside.

Approx. 90 mins including a 30 min show.

Suitable for 3–8-year-olds but younger and older children are welcome.

Fri 8 Aug, 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm
Shaw House

For more information and to book:
www.jollypopentertainment.co.uk



Arts Award Discover



The Arts Award Discover at West Berkshire Museum is an arts and craft self-led project for the summer aimed at 6-12 years .

The fee covers the cost of a Discover map, entry to two summer Messy Museum Days, a craft kit and a certificate (subject to successful completion and submission of the map).

Discover is the entry level for the Arts Award and aims to support young people's creative development; it is administered by Trinity College, London. www.artsaward.org.uk

West Berkshire Museum

£12 per pack available at the Museum
clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



The Tempest

Shakespeare's most magical play bursting with mayhem, comedy, romance and surprises!

With heaps of audience participation, this mesmerising show will be brought to life in unforgettable style, perfect for both seasoned theatre-goers and newcomers to Shakespeare's work.

Multi-award nominated company, Immersion Theatre, have developed a reputation for producing first-rate, critically-acclaimed, and highly accessible

adaptations of Shakespeare's work and this show is not to be missed!

Suitable for ages 8+.

The café will be open selling snacks, drinks and ice cream.

Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic. The café will be open selling snacks, drinks and ice cream.

Sun 6 July
Gates 5pm, Performance 6pm
Shaw House

Adult £13, Child £9

Book online



Family Craft Morning



Rainbow Fans

Join us to celebrate Newbury Pride, with a family craft morning to make rainbow fans to wave at the event.

Drop-in to decorate a wooden and paper fan (while stocks last) in bright rainbow colours with oil pastels.

Please dress for mess!

An adult must remain with the child throughout the session.

Sat 12 July

10am - 12pm

West Berkshire Museum

Free

No need to book, just drop-in



Summer Fair

Enjoy the beauty of summer at Shaw House! Browse over 60 local stalls on the Great Lawn and enjoy refreshments from our café, bar and caterers.

For our younger visitors there will be creative crafts, face painting, a magic show from Mr Muddle and a bouncy castle. Don't forget to bring along your furry friends as the National Animal Welfare Trust will be hosting a dog show with categories including 'perfect puppy', 'golden oldie' and 'radiant rescue'.

The House and exhibition rooms will also be open on the day. Dogs on leads are welcome outside.

Sun 20 July

11am - 4pm

Shaw House

Adult £2, Child £1 (Free for under 3s)

Pay on the door



A Fleetwood Mac & ABBA Candlelight Experience

LUMOS
— LIVE —

Join Lumos Live for an enchanting candlelight experience with classic sounds of Fleetwood Mac and ABBA performed by a string trio in the historic grounds of Shaw House.

Visit our pop-up bar and outside caterers then sit back to enjoy an evening under the stars.

Lumos Live brings you enchanting concert experiences paying homage to world famous artists. They have partnered with spectacular locations & churches across

the UK to deliver a concert experience that is nothing short of magical. Lumos Live also commits to making a donation to a different charity each month!

Suitable for 8 years+
With seating provided.

Ticket pricing:
Platinum £45 | Gold £30
Silver £25 | Bronze £20

On sale from May 2025 at:
www.lumoslive.co.uk

Sat 9 Aug
Gates 7pm, Performance 8pm
Shaw House

For more information and to book
please visit www.lumoslive.co.uk



Outdoor Theatre: The Wind in the Willows

Pack your picnics and join the boat-loving Ratty, the sensible yet curious Mole, wise old Badger and the fantastically irrepressible Toad as they embark on the adventure of a lifetime culminating in a colourful battle with the sly weasel to save Toad Hall!

Eye-catching costumes, toe-tapping music and larger than life characters promise to capture the imagination of the youngest of audience members, whilst the sheer nostalgic charm of this beloved story is guaranteed to take older generations on a glorious trip down the riverbank onto memory lane.

The perfect summer treat for all the family!

Performance approx. 1hr 40 mins
(plus 20 minute interval).

Please bring your own seating/rug, warm clothes and picnic.

The café will be open selling snacks, drinks and ice cream.

Mon 11 Aug
Gates 5pm, Performance 6pm
Shaw House

Adults £13, Child £9
Book online



Summer Craft Sessions

Museum: Fridays, 10am - 1pm

25 Jul: Fabulous Fossils. Make a cast fossil or dino footprint using Plaster of Paris.

1 Aug: Let's Go Potty! Make and decorate a clay Stone Age pot (Fest of Archaeology).

8 Aug: Magnificent Mosaics. Make a Roman-inspired mosaic with tiles and grout.

15 Aug: Beautiful Brooches. Make and decorate an Anglo-Saxon inspired brooch.

22 Aug: Tremendous Tygs. Make a drinking cup (tyg) from air-drying clay and paint.

29 Aug: Fly Your Flag! Design and print a Civil War inspired flag.

Plus a new and free Museum Adventurer trail each week of the summer holiday.

Shaw House: Weds, 10am - 3pm

23 Jul: Marvellous Minibeasts. Make and decorate a 3D minibeast with wiggly eyes!

30 Jul: Beautiful Butterflies. Decorate and construct a 3D wooden butterfly.

6 Aug: Dancing Dragonflies. Make and decorate a magnetic dragonfly.

13 Aug: Minibeasts Take Flight! Make a wooden flying minibeast of your choice.

20 Aug: Bright Butterflies. Decorate a ceramic hanging decoration of a butterfly.

27 Aug: Busy Bees. Make a bee decoration and watch it buzz home for you to display!

A free trail will also be available throughout the summer holiday.

£2.50 per child

Last entry 15 mins before end of session.

No need to book, just drop-in

Suitable for 7-11 year olds but younger and older children are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Our Venues



Shaw House

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Newbury
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West Berkshire Museum

The Wharf
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Booking Information

Online:

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

In Person:

Bookings can be made at the respective venue in person.

For any enquiries, please call:

Shaw House: 01635 279 279 | West Berkshire Museum: 01635 519 562

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www.westberkshireheritage.org