

Cultural Strategy

Q2 Highlights

- Watford Fringe 2023 occurred with more than 100 performances and over 2,000 tickets sold. There was everything from powerful drama to laugh-out-loud stand-up comedy. Audiences enjoyed a wide range of music from Big Band to folk, rock, soul, funk and blues. There were bubbles, hypnotism, puppets and dance, along with world premieres and five star shows from the Edinburgh Fringe. The Fringe welcomed West End stars, TV legends, international singers and fantastic local talent.
- The Cultural Leaders Group established 3 subgroups to explore opportunities around skills in the creative industries; events in Watford; and information around events.

Q3 Priorities

- Watford Market will be full of spooktacular tricks, treats and scarily good street food on Friday 27 October, as 'Market Lates' returns for Halloween and it's shaping up to be downright disturbingly fun!
- Watford's annual free Bonfire Night Fireworks celebration takes place on Saturday 4 November from 6pm at Cassiobury Park
- Watford Town Centre Winterfest commences with a wonderful FREE event to begin the festive season including funfair rides, festive activities, food & drink stalls, a high street parade and live music performers on Saturday 18 November from 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

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Tickets were sold for our hugely popular Colourscape festival located in the heart of Cassiobury Park

Just under 2,000 people enjoyed the outdoor cinema in two locations over two weeks



91 play sessions took place over 14 locations with a total of 7,587 children aged 5-15 enjoying a range of indoor and outdoor sessions

More than 1,000 people enjoy our Market Lates events, showcasing the very best of our local market with a mix of food, drink and music.

