

## SO Festival 2017 Festival Access Information Guide

SO Festival is proud to be an accessible & inclusive festival.

SO Festival is an outdoor festival and all performances are positioned within town centres and market places.

Last year you wanted greater accessibility on our website SO we have made many improvements; go to [www.sofestival.org/access](http://www.sofestival.org/access) for more information.

We are continually making improvements to make the festival more accessible & would love to hear from you if we can be of help.

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We shall endeavour to respond to your enquiry within five working days. Please note, that during festival time, we may not have access to email due to being on site so please contact us by telephone.

### Site Description

The ground level is mostly public footpaths, roads and parks making it accessible for everyone. We shall endeavor to provide you with as much information as you require prior to SO Festival to help you plan but if you feel there is something we can do to improve your experience during your time with us, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As much as we hope to have fine weather during the festival, sometimes, this just isn't the case. We do our best to keep everything running on time, but due to the nature of the Festival, changes sometimes need to be made.

Please visit our website, social media channels, Information Points & Ambassadors to keep up to date with any changes. All programme details are correct at the time of going to print.

Keep an eye out for our Ambassadors who will be clearly identifiable in SO Festival t-shirts and glad to show you the way. There will also be visible Information Points in each location during SO Festival to help you during your visit.

### **FREE Festival**

SO Festival is completely free to attend.

However, there are a number of “supported events” that are not organised by SO Festival and are ticketed. These events will have their own Access Policy in place;

Embassy Theatre:

<https://embassytheatre.co.uk/contact-us/>

01507 613100

Zero Degrees Festival:

<http://www.zerodegreeslouth.org.uk/contacts.html>

Jubilee Park Woodhall Spa:

<http://jubileeparkwoodhallspa.co.uk/contact/>

01526 353478 (option 1)

### **Format of Programme:**

If you would like a copy of SO Festival programme in another language, large print or Braille, please contact us.

### **Plan Your Visit:**

Getting to the Festival couldn't be simpler. When visiting Skegness, you can get here by bus, train, coach & car. If organising a coach trip or taxi, ask your driver to drop you off outside Tower Gardens.

Coaches can park at the Coach Station on Richmond Road.

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

[www.brylaine.co.uk](http://www.brylaine.co.uk), 01205 364087, Local Bus Company

Red Bus Taxi, 01754 765555, Skegness Taxi

A2B Taxis, 01754 761761, Skegness Taxi

Whether you're travelling in, want to find a place to eat, or need somewhere to stay during the Festival period, [Visit East Lincolnshire](#) will provide you with all the information you need about the area and much more when planning your trip to SO Festival.

## Website

Last year you wanted greater accessibility and easier navigation on our website SO we are introducing 'Recite Me' software.

Features include:

- Back: Rewind to the previous paragraph of text
- Play: Click the Play button to read the text aloud
- Forward: Skip forward to the next paragraph of text
- Decrease: This will decrease the text size
- Font: You can change the font that displays on the page
- Increase: This will increase the text size
- Colour: Change the background, text and link colours
- Ruler: Click to enable the reading ruler
- Margins: Change the text dimensions by narrowing the width of the text column
- Dictionary: Highlight and click on this to find the definition of the word
- Text Mode: Remove images and view in plain text mode
- MP3: Highlight the text then click to download text as an MP3
- Magnifier: Click and drag the magnifying glass to magnify text on the screen
- Language: Translate text into a different language
- Settings: Adjust your Recite settings
- Authentication: Login/Logout and close the Recite Toolbar

## Strobe Lighting

Strobing pyrotechnics maybe used in some of our performances during SO Festival. If this is the case, announcements will be made prior to the performance and notices displayed around the performance viewing areas for our audiences. If you are unsure, please ask a member of SO Festival staff

**Skegness Map – Please see next page**

We have incorporated a detailed map of Skegness within our Festival programme. This map outlines;

- A suitable drop off / pick up point, which is central to all festival activity
- Nearby bus stops
- Coach car park if you are travelling in for the Festival
- Our long stay car parks with Accessible Parking close to Festival activity
- Toilets and Accessible Toilets
- Information Point
- How long it will take to travel (walking) to various locations of the Festival

Please note: Car Parks are available in each location but some car parks may not be accessible due to road closures and the events taking place. We will endeavor to provide details of this in the run up to the event.

All market towns and performance locations will have public toilets nearby - just ask a member of staff onsite.

'Jolly Fisherman' courtesy of Skegness Town Council



## Skegness KEY

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Boating Lake                   | ● Audience drop off /pick up |
| 2 Compass Gardens                | 🚌 Bus Stop                   |
| 3 Embassy Theatre                | P Coach Car Park             |
| 4 Festival Car Park / Dry Lagoon | P Long Stay Car Park         |
| 5 Grand Parade                   | P Accessible Parking         |
| 6 Hildreds Shopping Centre       | ♿ Toilets                    |
| 7 Tower Esplanade                | ♿ Accessible Toilets         |
| 8 Tower Gardens                  | ℹ Information Point          |
| 9 Lumley Road                    | --- Walk (minutes)           |

Due to the nature of our events, there may be a number of road & car park closures in the areas as well as diversions of bus routes. Bus route diversions & alternative bus stop locations will be shown at the closed bus stops.

All up to date information can be found at [www.sofestival.org/visitus](http://www.sofestival.org/visitus) or you can call 01507 613449.