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The Crawley & Horsham winter 2020 issue is a little bit late to the party, being uploaded in mid, rather than early, November; however, that means that I know that November is basically a write-off in terms of Things to Do and Places to Go, which is something I didn't know when I printed my own, now rather-overly-optimistic-about-events-in-November, Mid Sussex Family Grapevine winter 2020 magazine - ah well, you can't win them all...

I am currently just caretaking the Crawley & Horsham edition, so if you think you can see yourself having a nice little smiley photo just to the left here, writing a bit of blurb like this and promoting local businesses via the magazine and social media, then please have a look at the further information on page 6 and drop me a line via one of the links below if you would like to know more - I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks to the advertisers who have placed adverts with the Crawley and Horsham Family Grapevine this issue. Please do support your local businesses; they are a very hard working bunch who have had a really rough time recently and, now more than ever, they would love to hear from you.

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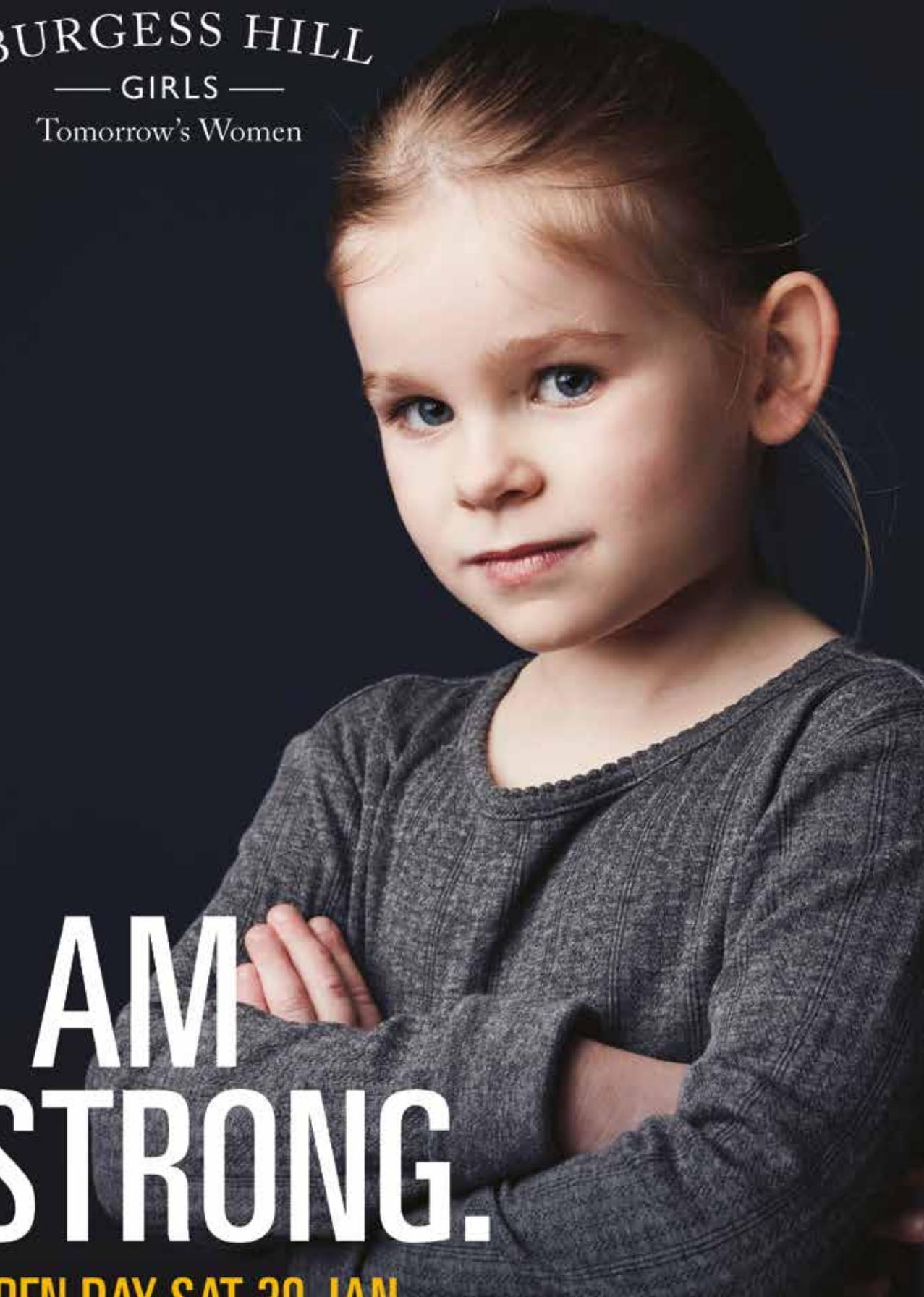
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## Messy Play Matters by Whoosh Learning

2020 has been an extremely challenging and difficult year, and for many this challenge continues as we approach the Christmas season.

When everything stopped back in March, many baby and toddler groups closed their doors and have been unable to reopen due to struggles with venues, lack of clarity of whether they are allowed to reopen, and for some it just hasn't been financially viable.

These groups are hugely valuable in the community for both children and parents. Parents get some of their greatest support from sharing toddler moments and hearing that others experience these too, and for children they learn to leave their parent's side for a moment because they feel it is safe to do so. Without these groups running, many of our little ones haven't ever experienced a baby / toddler group, they haven't socialised with other children and played alongside others, and it has left some families in our communities feeling isolated. I have fought hard to reopen my business over the last few months, ensuring I am COVID secure, but also maintaining my beliefs as an early years educator. I reopened in September and WHOOSH...it is a JOY to be back!

We are living in extraordinary times. We are living through a period of change and even though we are learning to adapt, from the moment they are born our children continue to be natural explorers. They have a natural urge to move and explore, sensory seek, they want to touch everything, put things in their mouth, explore different ways of moving, or maybe even experiment with noise! Sensory / messy exploration is therefore vital for children's development through stimulating the 5 senses and giving the child the opportunity to repeat and rehearse. Learning by 'doing' is exciting and it also allows us to create meaning. By giving your child time to explore and get messy in a safe environment it will support them to discover, examine and make sense of the world around them.

In my opinion... **MESSY PLAY MATTERS!**

Sensory play has many other benefits for young children including:

- supporting language development – playing with different textures helps to build a new way of talking about their world and helps develop sensory attributes eg hot, cold, sticky, dry etc.
- helping to coordinate fine motor skills – these are important for writing, shoe-tying, buttoning, and zipping, among other things. Sensory play often incorporates exploring using pinching/ pouring/ scooping.
- problem solving skills and cognitive growth
- developing social interaction with other children and playing with caregivers
- developing memory function
- building nerve connections within the developing brains neural pathways
- play is open ended - the play can lead anywhere therefore imagination and creativity is enhanced
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Whoosh Learning is based in West Sussex and offers a range of services including messy play sessions for parents and children, messy play parties and messy play packs delivered to you at home. Explorative play and engaging the whole body through different sensory experiences underpin everything we believe in at Whoosh. We produce creative, imaginative and active experiences for parents and children to enjoy, explore and learn together both in indoor and outdoor environments. If you are interested in finding out more about us, then please visit our website: [www.whooshlearning.co.uk](http://www.whooshlearning.co.uk) and also check out our blog to see messy play themes and resources to support play at home. You can also find Whoosh on Facebook [@whooshlearning](https://www.facebook.com/whooshlearning) or Instagram [@whoosh\\_learning](https://www.instagram.com/whoosh_learning).



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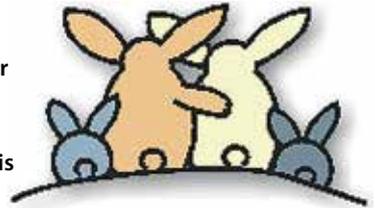
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[Brighton Marina](#) BN2 5WA. Shops, restaurants, bars, cafés, bowling, cinema, fitness, children's rides, mini-golf, boat trips, fishing, sailing, diving, free outdoor ping pong and chess tables, 01273 693636

[Brighton Palace Pier](#) rides, amusement arcades, indoor Palace Play area with a height restriction of 0.9m - 1.8m, plus toddler area for under 0.9m, food outlets and souvenirs, 01273 609361

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[British Wildlife Centre](#) Newchapel RH7 6LF Open at weekends, bank holidays & in state school holidays.

[Drusillas Park](#) Alfriston Road just off the A27, BN26 5QS. Zoo. Interactive displays, extensive adventure playgrounds, Safari Express Train, Hello Kitty Secret Garden which includes three children's rides; a specially designed Hello Kitty car ride, a tea cup ride and a 'Reach for the Sky' hopper ride. There's also a Hello Kitty house and beauty parlour. Open daily 10am - 5pm or 6pm depending on the season, 01323 874100

[Eastbourne Pier](#) one of the finest examples of a Victorian pier, Eastbourne's stunning seafront landmark is fully open for business with a new walkway, 01323 410466

[Fort Fun Adventure Park](#) Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7LQ. theme park rides, indoor soft play, adventure golf, outdoor role play village and inflatables, 01323 642833

[Gatwick Footgolf](#) Antlands Lane, Burstow, Horley, Surrey RH6 9TF. 18 hole course, party packages, after school clubs 01293 820303

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[Globalls](#) Unit 8, Ground Floor, Mermaid Walk, The Waterfront, Brighton Marina BN2 5WA. Brighton's very own 12-hole indoor ultraviolet crazy golf courses. Based on a Jurassic or Tropicana theme, players can enjoy putting amongst wonderful life sized neon glowing sculptures and vivid wall art. Fully air-conditioned, perfect for any day of the year. See website for opening times and dates, 01273 911510

[Go Ape](#) Tilgate Park, Crawley RH10 5PQ. The high ropes course features a Tree Top Adventure and a Tree Top Junior, 0845 643 9215

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[Hollywood Bowl Crawley](#) RH10 8LR. With 28 bowling lanes, a private VIP area, an American themed bar diner, an extensive amusements area and free parking, 0844 826 1457

[Knockhatch Adventure Park](#) on A22 at Hailsham BN27 3GD. Animals, falconry, year-round indoor soft play at 'Froggies', children's farm, go karts, outdoor playgrounds and paddling pools, Wave Runner water slide, ski slope, Knockhatch Mining Co motion simulator and Pirates Cove paddling pool. Special features at Halloween. See website for opening dates for each attraction, 01323 442051

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[Upside Down House](#) Brighton. An amazing museum of illusions including a variety of designed rooms in a luxurious beach house based on the Brighton Sea Front in between the i360 and Brighton Beach Club. 07761 802281

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[Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum](#) Halland BN8 5AF. Have fun in the adventure playground, explore the willow tunnels, ride on the [miniature railway](#) (open weekends and school holidays), visit the motor museum, feed the birds on the wildfowl reserve or discover the ancient houses on a woodland walk. Open daily from mid-March until late October 10am - 5pm, winter opening most weekends and school holidays 10am - 4pm, 01825 840573

[Bexhill Museum](#) of Costume, Egerton Road TN39 3HL. Features Costume Collection, Sargent Collection of local history and Motor Racing Gallery. The Museum runs a wide range of special events, activities and workshops throughout the year for children and families. See website for further details, 01424 787950

[Booth Museum of Natural History](#) 194 Dyke Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 5AA. Quirky celebration of natural history including magnificent display of stuffed birds, butterflies and fossils, and bones dating from dinosaur times. Open Monday - Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am - 5pm (closed 12pm - 1.15pm), Sunday 2pm - 5pm, closed Thursdays, admission free, 03000 290901 Reopening in early 2021.

[Brighton Fishing Museum](#) 201 Kings Road Arches, The Lanes, Brighton BN1 1NB. 27' traditional Sussex fishing boat, plus prints, photos and fishing memorabilia from 1700's onwards telling the story of the fishing community in Brighton and seafront life. Open daily, run by volunteers, admission free, 07786 396179

[Brighton Museum and Art Gallery](#) Royal Pavilion, 4/5 Pavilion Gardens, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE. History of Brighton, pottery, fashion and style, performance and more, mostly free. Open Tuesday - Sunday (open bank holidays except Christmas) 10am - 5pm, 01273 290900

[Brighton Toy and Model Museum](#) 52-55 Trafalgar Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4EB. Under the arches of Brighton station. Over 10,000 toys and models, including two working model railways. Open Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 11am - 5pm, closed Sundays and Mondays, 01273 749494

[Christ's Hospital Museum](#) Horsham RH13 0YP. Open on Tuesday and Thursday and during term time, call before visiting, 01403 247444

[Crawley Museum Centre](#) 103 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1DD. Permanent displays of Crawley's history, from the Stone Age to the development of the new town, plus changing exhibitions, admission free. See website for opening dates and times, 01293 539088



[Cuckfield Museum](#) Queens Hall, High Street, Cuckfield RH17 3EL. Open from February, admission free, but donations welcome, 01444 473630

[De La Warr Pavilion](#) Bexhill on Sea TN40 1DP. Grade I listed Modernist icon and an international centre for contemporary arts on the seafront with exhibitions, theatre, music and family events. De La Warr Café Bar and Kitchen offers a kids' menu and you can buy toys and gifts in the De La Warr store. With disabled access and baby changing facilities. Open daily 10am - 5pm, 01424 229111

[Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft](#) Lodge Hill Lane, Ditchling BN6 8SP. Exhibitions of the works of craftspeople and artists who were drawn to the village. Under 16s free admission. Children's activities may need to be pre-booked. Open Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am - 5pm, Sundays and bank holidays 11am - 5pm. See website for further information, 01273 844744

[East Grinstead Museum](#) Old Market Yard, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead RH19 3BJ. Includes the footprint of an Iguanodon and Curator's Corner with sand pit to dig for treasure. Open Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday and bank holidays 1pm - 4pm, 01342 302233

[Filching Manor Motor Museum](#) Jevington Road, Polegate BN26 5QA. Home to the Foulkes Halbard collection concerning the record-breaking Campbell family's achievements including Sir Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird K3 world record breaking boat, along with other famous Campbell cars, boats and memorabilia. Open only by prior arrangement to groups, 01323 487124

[Hastings Museum and Art Gallery](#) Johns Place, Bohemia Road TN4 1ET. A mix of fine paintings and china, the cultures of other lands, and a contrasting view of local wildlife today and as it would have been 150 million years ago. There are plenty of special features for children, with fossils that transform into dinosaurs, prehistoric crocodiles and fish, a diorama of local animals and birds and Native American Galleries complete with tipi and buffalo. The most spectacular part of the museum is the magnificent Durbar Hall constructed for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition of 1886 as part of an Indian Palace. Open April - October Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm (4pm November - March) and Sunday 12pm - 5pm (4pm November - March) admission free, 01424 451052

[Hastings Fisherman's Museum](#) Rock-a-Nore Road TN34 3DW. Original lugger, photos, models, stories, paintings and nets. Open daily, admission free, donations requested, 01424 461446

[Hastings Flower Makers' Museum](#) 58A High Street TN34 3EN. Displays of original tools and materials from the artificial flower-making trade. Open daily all year round 10am - 4pm except Sundays, 01424 427793

[Henfield Museum](#) Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, High Street, Henfield BN5 9DB. Open Monday - Saturday, check website for times, 01273 492507

[Horsham Museum](#) Causeway House, 9 Causeway, Horsham RH12 1HE. Open 10am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday, admission free. Closed on Sundays and bank holidays, 01403 254959

[Hove Museum and Art Gallery](#) 19 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4AB. Toys, cinema, local history and fine art, lots of children's activities. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 2 - 5pm, closed Wednesdays. Open on public holidays, admission free, 01273 290200

[Hurstpierpoint Museum](#) Village Hall, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9UY. Two large unmanned display cabinets containing local history items and information, open Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1.30pm, Thursday and Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 1pm, plus accessible when the Village Centre is open, closed Sundays, 07985 201335

[Lewes Castle and Barbican House Museum](#) 169 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1YE. The Museum of Sussex Archaeology and a mini cinema which tells the story of Lewes and the castle from prehistoric to medieval times, open daily March - October 10am - 5.30pm, November - February 10am - 3.45pm,

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**Marlipins Museum** High Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex BN43 5DA. The story of Shoreham's maritime and local history in one of the oldest Norman buildings in Sussex. Open May - October, Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am - 4.30pm, 01273 462994

**Newhaven Fort** Fort Road, Newhaven BN9 9DS. The story of a Victorian fortress and demonstrations of the fort's role during two world wars. Explore the tunnels, gun emplacements, Blitz Shelter simulation, playground and café. Open daily February - November 10am - 5pm, see website for dates and times, 01273 517622

**Newhaven Local and Maritime Museum** at Paradise Park, Avis Road BN9 0DH. Owned and operated by Newhaven Historical Society, see website for opening dates and times, 01273 515404

**Redoubt Fortress and Military Museum** Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7AQ. The Redoubt Napoleonic fortress has stood guard on the South Coast for over 200 years. Discover history through the large military collection, plus events and children's military training ground. Also holds open-air cinema and ghost walks, plus stargazing in the evenings. See website for further details, 01323 410300

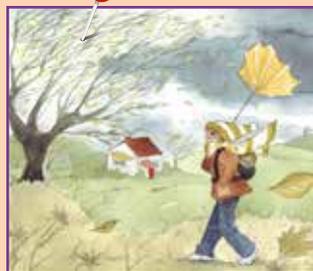
**Seaford Museum** in the Martello Tower BN25 1JH. Local history museum with children's events in school holidays. Displays from a general store, dressmaker's parlour, the contents of an ironmonger's, chemists, toy and photographer's shop, as well as a Victorian schoolroom, Victorian kitchen and wartime kitchen. Domestic appliances from the first half of the 20th century include early typewriters, copiers, computers, radios and television sets, 24-hour answerphone, 01323 898222

**Towner** Devonshire Park, Eastbourne BN21 4JJ. Contemporary art museum with lots of family activities and events. Gallery is open Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm (plus bank holiday Mondays), admission free, 01323 434670

**Upside Down House** Brighton. An amazing museum of illusions including a variety of designed rooms in a luxurious beach house based on the Brighton Sea Front in between the i360 and Brighton Beach Club. 07761 802281

**Weald and Downland Open Air Museum** Singleton, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0EU. Fascinating collection of historic buildings dismantled from their original locations and reassembled in 40 acres of Sussex countryside, woodland walks, picnic areas and farm animals. Open January - 23rd December, 10.30am - 6pm during BST and 4pm during winter, 01243 811348

**Wings Museum** Unit 1, Bucklands Farm, Balcombe, West Sussex RH17 6JT. WW2 remembrance museum with a fascinating insight into life in WW2. Variety of themed displays of original memorabilia and relics relating to the Home Guard, Battle of Britain, Blitz, Home Front, RAF, Bomber Command, 8th USAAF, D-Day and the Russian Front, 07769 688064



## Play Centres

**Antics Softplay** Triangle Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 8WA. Antics is an indoor soft play adventure zone for under 12s, max height 140cm (4ft 7ins). With 3 tiers to explore, kids will love the excitement, adventure and creative play that Antics offers. Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.30pm, Saturdays 9am - 1.45pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays 9am - 4pm. Toddler time 0 - 4yrs in school holidays 9am - 10am, 01444 876000

**Barney's Playbar** Bell Lane, Uckfield TN22 1QL. For 0 - 12 year olds, height restriction 142cm (4ft 8ins), 9.30am - 5pm weekdays,

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10am - 6pm weekends, reduced rate toddler mornings Monday & Thursday until 1pm term time, 01825 764575

**Dolphin Cafe** Pasture Hill Road, Haywards Heath RH16 1LY. Sports centre cafe with soft play area for under 8s, 01444 447816

**Funplex** The Hyde Business Park, Bevendean, Brighton BN2 4JE. Indoor softplay adventure centre and laser tag parties, open daily 10am - 6pm, 01273 957898

**Fun Abounds** Bell Lane, Uckfield TN22 1QL. Trampoline centre with café, 01825 768479

'Froggies' Indoor Soft Play at **Knockhatch** on A22 Hailsham Bypass, Hailsham BN27 3PR. Features dedicated under 3's toddler area. Open 10am - 5.30pm, 01323 442051

**Happyscamps Play Café** 1st Floor, 12 Swan Walk, Horsham RH12 1HQ. For 0 - 5 year olds, 01403 754597.

**Hailsham Leisure Centre** Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 1BA.

Two soft play frames, for 0 - 10 year olds, children must be under 148cm tall (4ft 10ins), separate play area for under 3's. Open daily 9am - 6pm, 01323 846755

**High Places** The Triangle, Triangle Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 8WA. Colourful arena featuring 16 fun themed climbing walls towering over 20 feet high, each showcasing striking designs. Book in advance or attend an open session, 01444 876000

**Jumpln Inflatable Fun** 5-7 Jubilee Road, Burgess Hill RH15 9TL. All ages welcome, soft play and parties, 01444 241595

**Kings Centre Café** Moat Road, East Grinstead RH19 3LN. Sports centre cafe with soft play area, 01342 328616

**Leo's Play Den** 1-3 Pevensey Road, Eastbourne BN21 3HJ. For 0 - 12 year olds, open Monday - Sunday 10am - 6pm, 01323 749022

**Lewes Leisure Centre, Ocean Adventure play area** Mountfield Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2XG. Soft play over three levels, for under 8's, with dedicated baby and toddler area. Open daily 9am - 6pm unless booked for private parties, 01273 486000

# Places to Visit - Many More On the Website

[Mini Mayhem](#) Unit FC, County Mall Shopping Centre, Crawley RH10 1FP. Family-run soft play centre catering for 0 - 10 year olds. With four fun areas, a separate area for under 5's, and babies under 1 away from the main play frame. Open Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 5.30 pm and Sunday 11am - 5pm, 01293 538377

[Monkey Bizness](#) Cliffe Industrial Estate, Lewes BN8 6JL. Maze of play frames, toddler area for 2 - 5 year olds and main frame suitable for 5 - 12 year olds, open Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 5pm, 01273 311566

[Out of Bounds](#) Golfers Lane, Angmering BN16 4NB. Family entertainment centre, Clip 'n' Climb, bowling, soft play, footgolf, laser tag and adventure golf. Open 7 days a week, 01903 788588

[Play Time](#) Hope Hive, Pilgrim's House, 51 St Dunstons Road, Worthing BN13 1AA. Children's role play centre offering fun and stimulating role play for young children to grow their imagination and creativity. Children can visit a variety of role play areas and small world activities and be a builder, a pirate, a vet, a teacher or a dragon! Monday - Saturday, 07861 338324

[Peacehaven Leisure Centre Magic Castle](#), Greenwich Way, Peacehaven BN10 8BB. Two level soft play area for children under 10 or max 145cm (4ft 9ins), open Monday - Sunday 9am - 6pm unless booked for parties, 01273 588858

[Pupstation Eastbourne](#) 3&4 Commercial Road, Eastbourne BN21 3XE. Soft play adventure area for children aged 6 months - 12 years, 01323 411527

[Sama Circus City](#) 7-8 Circus Parade, Brighton BN1 4GW. Soft play area for 0 - 11 year olds or max 158cm (5ft 2ins), open 7 days a week 9am - 6pm, check FB page as weekend opening times may vary due to private hire, 01273 605335

[Sharky's Soft Play](#) Henfield Leisure Centre, Northcroft, Henfield BN5 9QB. The soft play is open for children up to 12 years old. Sibling discount available, 01273 494984

[S3 Studios](#) 64 Hammonds Drive, Eastbourne BN23 6PW. Free running, foam pit, soft play, indoor climbing wall. Open 7 days a week, Monday - Saturday 12pm - 9.30pm, Sundays 10am - 7pm, 01323 332183

[Softplay Zone](#), 2-8yrs, open daily, Kings Centre, East Grinstead, 01342 328616

[Tiny Tim's](#) Hangleton Community Centre, Harmsworth Crescent, Brighton BN3 8BW. Soft play on three levels, for children up to 9 years old. Weekdays daily drop-in generally 9.30am - 5pm, 01273 292962

[Treasure Chest](#) Faraday Road, Crawley RH10 9PX. For children up to 11 years old, must also be under 148cm (4ft 10ins), 01293 549009

[Treasure Island](#) Royal Park, Eastbourne BN22 7AE. Buccaneer's soft play area on two levels, babies - 12 year olds. Open daily 9.30am - 6pm, 01323 411077

[Urban Jump](#) Heathfield TN21 8AW. Trampoline park, ninja warrior track, soft play, toddler area and café. Open 9am - 8pm, 7 days a week, 01435 863277

## Theatres & Cinemas

[Brighton Centre](#) King's Road BN1 2GR, box office 0844 847 1515, general enquiries 01273 290131

[Brighton Dome](#) Church Street BN1 1UE. Theatre and concerts, 01273 709709

[Brighton Little Theatre](#) Clarence Gardens BN1 2EG. Not-for-profit theatre company staging at least 10 plays a year, box office 0844 888 0432

[Chequer Mead Theatre](#) De La Warr Road, East Grinstead RH19 3BS. Purpose-built venue for music, comedy and drama, plus a cafe/bar, function spaces and classes, box office 01342 302000.

[Chichester Festival Theatre](#) Oaklands Park, Chichester PO19 6AP. One of the UK's flagship theatres, renowned for the high standard

of its productions. It welcomes children and families and is proud to be a member of Family Arts Standards. Baby changing facilities are provided along with special refreshments and high chairs in the café and lots of space in the foyers for buggies and lively toddlers. Workshops and holiday activities designed to explore the productions on and beyond the stage are also on offer, 01243 781312

[De La Warr Pavilion](#) Bexhill On Sea TN40 1DP. Grade 1 listed Modernist icon and arts centre with family shows, music and theatre, box office 01424 229111

[Duke of York's Picturehouse](#) Preston Road, Brighton BN1 4NA. Kids' Club Saturdays at 11am, Toddler Time Mondays at 11am, Big Scream screenings for parents/carers with babies under one Wednesdays at 10.30am, box office 0871 902 5747

[Eastbourne Theatres](#) Congress Theatre, Devonshire Park Theatre, Royal Hippodrome, Winter Garden, box office 01323 412000

[Hailsham Pavilion](#) George Street, Hailsham BN27 1AE. Theatre, live music and cinema, box office 01323 841414

[Haywards Heath Music Society](#) St Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath RH16 3QH. Virtuoso International musicians performing live and local, 01444 456227

[Hawth Theatre](#) Hawth Avenue, Crawley RH10 6YZ. Main theatre and Studio plus exhibition spaces, 01293 553636

[Komedia Brighton](#) 44-47 Gardner Street, North Laine BN1 1UN.

Comedy, cabaret and music, box office 01273 647100

[Lewes Little Theatre](#) Lancaster Street, Lewes BN7 2PX. Opens a week before each production, 01273 474826

New Venture Theatre, Bedford Place, Brighton BN1 2PT. Box office 01273 746118, general enquiries 01273 808353

[Orion Cinema](#) Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill RH15 8DX. Cinema with art deco facade and 2 screens showing the latest mainstream releases, 01444 243300

[Picture House Uckfield](#) High Street, TN22 1AS. Features Kids Saturday Morning Movies at 10.30am, box office 01825 764909

[Ropetackle Arts Centre](#) Little High Street, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5EG. Community-run arts venue, exhibitions, film, live music, dance and spoken word, box office 01273 464440

[Royal Hippodrome](#) 108-112 Seaside Road, Eastbourne BN21 3PF. Historic theatre dating back to 1883. Regular children's shows throughout the year, box office 01323 802020

[Seaford Little Theatre](#) 4 Steyne Road, Seaford BN25 1HA. Tickets from Seaford Tourist Info Office, 37 Church Street BN25 1HG, 01323 897426

[The Capitol Theatre](#) North Street, Horsham RH12 1RG. A multi-purpose arts venue with a 410-seat theatre, 2 cinema screens, studio theatre, meeting room and gallery space, box office 01403 750220

[The Old Market](#) Upper Market Street, Hove BN3 1AS. Music, theatre, film, dance and comedy, box office 01273 201801

[Theatre Royal](#) New Road, Brighton BN1 1SD. With Skips Club after school club, monthly events for 6 - 10 year olds, family workshops, front and backstage tours with a guide and an app using loaned iPads. This family friendly interactive tour lets you see what happens backstage when a show is on, explore hidden parts of the building not open to the public, meet characters from the past and staff from the present and experience what it's like to perform on stage in front of a packed audience! Suitable for families with children 7 years+, Saturdays 10.15am from March - June, box office 0844 8717627

[Wick Theatre Company](#) Barn Theatre, Southwick Street, Southwick BN42 4TE. Box office 01273 597094



# What's On this Autumn & Winter

**Disclaimer:** At the time of publication these are the given dates for the following events. All activities now need to be pre-booked. Please refer to individual websites for further up-to-date information.

## November

### Wednesday 18th November

\*Seashore Safari Online Workshop, free virtual rockpooling session, 4pm - 5pm, register via [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk)

## December

### Exact dates to be confirmed

\*Visit Father Christmas at Knockhatch, Hailsham, [knockhatch.com](http://knockhatch.com)

### Throughout December

\*Glow Wild at Wakehurst, Ardingly, winter lantern trail for all ages, selected evenings 4.30pm - 8.10pm, book tickets via website

### Throughout December

Christmas Decorations at the Upside Down House UK Brighton, pay on the day or book online via [upsidedownhouse.co.uk/brighton](http://upsidedownhouse.co.uk/brighton)

### Throughout December

\*Santa Specials at the Bluebell Railway, departing Sheffield Park or East Grinstead Station, on selected dates, book tickets via [bluebell-railway.com](http://bluebell-railway.com)

### Throughout December

\*Christmas at Drusillas Park, Alfriston, visit Santa Claus in his cosy Christmas Cottage, book to see Santa via [drusillas.co.uk](http://drusillas.co.uk)

### December & January

\*Private Bubble Tours on term time weekdays at the British

Wildlife Centre, Newchapel, call to book 01342 834658

### December & January

\*Steamlights, illuminated steam train experience at the Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park Station, on selected dates, book tickets via [bluebell-railway.com](http://bluebell-railway.com)

### First 3 weekends in December + 21st - 24th December

\*Visit Father Christmas at Godstone Farm. Special SEND Father Christmas visit on 16th December. Book tickets via [godstonefarm.co.uk](http://godstonefarm.co.uk) (see advert p9)

### First 3 weekends in December

\*Magical Christmas experience at Amberley Museum, Arundel, book tickets via [amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://amberleymuseum.co.uk)

### Friday 4th - Tuesday 22nd December

\*Leonardslee Illuminated, magical trail of lights, sound & colour, book tickets via [leonardsleegardens.co.uk](http://leonardsleegardens.co.uk)

### Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th December

\*Winter Fair, South of England Showground, Ardingly, family day out, under 16s free, book tickets via [seas.org.uk](http://seas.org.uk)

### Saturday 5th - Thursday 24th December

\*The Magic of Christmas Show at Fishers Farm Park, Wisborough Green, book tickets via [fishersfarmpark.co.uk](http://fishersfarmpark.co.uk)

### Tuesday 8th - Thursday 24th December

\*Christmas Productions 'Hansel and Gretel? (A Postmodern Pantomime)' and 'The Snow Queen' at Brighton Open Air Theatre, book tickets via [brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk](http://brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk)

### Wednesday 9th December

\*Registration opens for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, register for your Birdwatch pack via [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

### Friday 11th - Thursday 31st December

\*'Oh Yes It Is...! A Socially Distanced Shoreham Pantomime' at Ropetackle Arts Centre, book tickets via [ropetacklecentre.co.uk](http://ropetacklecentre.co.uk)

### Friday 11th December - Saturday 2nd January

\*Chichester Festival Youth Theatre presents Pinocchio, book tickets via [cft.org.uk](http://cft.org.uk)

### Saturday 12th December - Thursday 24th December

\*Santa's New Sleigh at The Capitol Theatre, on selected dates, book tickets via [thecapitolhorsham.com](http://thecapitolhorsham.com)

### Saturday 12th December - Tuesday 29th December

\*A Christmas Carol at The Capitol Theatre, on selected dates, book tickets via [thecapitolhorsham.com](http://thecapitolhorsham.com)

### Thursday 24th December

Get the mince pies and carrots ready, the jolly man in the red suit is on his way!



## January

### 1st January

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's hope it's a lot better than last year...

### Friday 29th - Sunday 31st January

\*Big Garden Birdwatch, annual RSPB garden bird survey, register in advance via [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

### Saturday 30th January

\*Burgess Hill Girls whole school & nursery live virtual Open Day, 2pm - 3.30pm, book your place via [burgesshillgirls.com](http://burgesshillgirls.com) (advert p3)

## February

### Monday 15th February

\*Long Nose Puppets: The Hug, puppet show at Ropetackle Arts Centre, Shoreham, book tickets via [ropetacklecentre.co.uk](http://ropetacklecentre.co.uk)

### Tuesday 16th February

\*Comedy Club 4 Kids, stand-up comedy for ages 6 to adult at Ropetackle Arts Centre, Shoreham, book tickets via [ropetacklecentre.co.uk](http://ropetacklecentre.co.uk)

### Saturday 20th February

\*Jay Foreman's Disgusting Songs for Revolting Children, songs, poems & comedy, Ropetackle Arts Centre, Shoreham, book tickets via [ropetacklecentre.co.uk](http://ropetacklecentre.co.uk)

### Saturday 27th February

\*Handcross Park Open Morning, register via [handcrossparkschool.co.uk](http://handcrossparkschool.co.uk)

## Later in 2021...

### Friday 19th March

Comic Relief Red Nose Day - the one with the first ever plastic-free, plant-based Red Noses

### Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th April

\*Spring Live! South of England Showground, Ardingly, family day out, under 16s free, book tickets via [seas.org.uk](http://seas.org.uk)

### Friday 28th - Monday 31st May

\*Elderflower Fields Family Festival, Pippingford Park, East Sussex, book tickets via [elderflowerfields.co.uk](http://elderflowerfields.co.uk)

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