

Our Wilder Family FAQs

Ticketing and cancellations:

Do I have to have a ticket to gain entry to War Memorial Park?

Yes, tickets are free and can be booked via coventry2021.co.uk/wilder

To get the best experience, and to keep you fully updated about the drone show, we're asking you to book a ticket and include your mobile phone number.

Will there be any additional tickets released?

Ticket availability can fluctuate so we recommend checking back later if tickets are not available when you first check.

Can I give my tickets to someone else if I can't make it?

You are welcome to give your tickets to your family or friends if you are not able to attend in person. Do follow along online or watch from home if you are able to!

Is there a limit on how many friends and family I can book for?

To give fair access to tickets there is a limit of 6 tickets per order.

What if there are no tickets left for my Ward?

We would like as many people across Coventry as possible to have access to Our Wilder Family. With that in mind, residents that live in wards further from War Memorial Park will have extra access to free tickets.

How can I experience the event if I can't be there in-person?

It is possible to view the event in the sky from 2.5km away if you live within this area and have a clear line of sight to War Memorial Park. This is however, weather dependent and your view may be restricted if we are experiencing heavy cloud cover or there are obstructions between you and the launch site. We're also going to be live streaming the drone show online. You can also listen to the accompanying music and poetry through local radio stations and the City of Culture website.

If there is bad weather, will the event be cancelled?

The drones cannot fly in strong winds or persistent rain, which is why we have asked you to book a ticket and provide your mobile number. We can contact you if we have to cancel. Cancellation will also be posted on the City of Culture social media channels and the website will be updated. Press will of course be updated too.

How will I be informed if the event is cancelled?

When booking tickets, please add a mobile phone number to your account to receive important event updates to your phone. Cancellation will also be posted on the City of Culture social media channels and the website will be updated.

Event information – War Memorial Park

What are the event timings?

20:00 – 21:10 Bring a picnic to enjoy with friends in the park whilst you watch the sunset in the skies and a film of the sunset from Coventry Cathedral on our big screen, whilst listening to bird song.

21:10 – 21:30 Some behind the scenes films from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and collaborators of Our Wilder Family will be shown.

21:30 – 21:45 Our Wilder Family - once in a lifetime drone spectacular. 360 drones bring the skies to life accompanied by a surround sound score by Dan Jones and collaborators.

Who created Our Wilder Family?

The show has been created by the UK's leading drone art company Celestial, whose work has been seen by audiences worldwide - and commissioned by charities such as Greenpeace and Amnesty International.

The show also features a new musical score by BAFTA and Ivor Novello Award-winning composers Dan Jones and Guy Hughes - featuring the voices of children from Templars Primary School in Tile Hill, and environmentalists from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

Narration will come from Coventry 2 Tone legend Pauline Black, reading new poetry from Bohdan Piasecki - based on the words of four Coventry City Voices poets Kim Hackleman, Navkiran Mann, Diana Roor and Paul Tafaro.

Seven year old Aneeshwar Kunchala, born in Birmingham, (described on Britain's Got Talent 2022 as a 'mini Sir David Attenborough'), shares insights about the animals featured in the drone show.

Why does the drone show start at 21.30?

To enable us to bring the skies to life, the sun must have set to see the light show made by the drones.

Can I come earlier than the advertised time?

War Memorial Park will be open all day.

How do I get there on public transport ?

War Memorial Park is roughly a 15 minute walk from Coventry Railway Station and 30 minute walk from Pool Meadow bus station. We recommend using [the travel planner on our website](#).

Can I cycle and will there be anywhere to safely secure my own bike?

We encourage cycling and green methods of transport. Don't forget your lights and to wear clothing suitable for cycling at night as it will be dark after the event. Please note however that there is no additional bike parking on-site in addition to normal provision in the local area. Please arrive in good time to secure a bike parking spot.

Can I drive and park?

We encourage you to cycle or walk to avoid congestion and minimise impact on our planet. If you need to drive please lift share. The car park at War Memorial Park will be for accessible parking. For all other drivers we advise you to use one of the car parks near Coventry train station and enjoy a 15-minute walk to War Memorial Park. Car Parks include Central 6 Car Park and the train station (both a 10-15 minute walk from the park). Please be considerate

of neighbourhoods close to the park and park in car parks rather than local roads. Parking in private roads in the immediate area of War Memorial Park will be restricted during the event.

Can I bring food and drink?

You are welcome to bring food and drink for your picnic. Please help #KeepBritainTidy and take your litter home with you - where you can dispose of it responsibly. To minimise the impact of bringing infrastructure on site there will be no food or catering in War Memorial Park.

Can I bring alcoholic drink?

Alcohol is permitted but as this is a family event, please bring minimum quantities and no glasses or glass bottles. We reserve the right to confiscate alcohol, refuse access or ask you to leave the site at any time.

Will there be bag searches on the way into the event?

Bag searches to the main event area will be in operation. Please limit any bags to carry essentials only.

Is there anything I can't bring to the event?

To ensure everyone's safety, please do not bring the following with you:

- Air Horns
- Barbeques, Fires or Camping Stoves
- Drones
- Flammable Liquids and Gas canisters (including nitrous oxide)
- Gazebos, tents or other temporary shelters
- Illegal Substances
- Laser Pointers
- Pyrotechnics – Fireworks & Flares
- Weapons, Blades & Scissors

Where do I stand in War Memorial Park to watch the drone show?

If you enter War Memorial Park from the corner of Leamington Road and Kenilworth Road stewards will guide you to walk to the centre of the park, where the screens will be situated. The field beyond that will be taken up by another event.

Will there be food and entertainment ahead of the event?

There will be no food or catering on site. You are welcome to bring food and drink for your picnic. Please help #KeepBritainTidy and take your litter home with you - where you can dispose of it responsibly.

Will there be toilet facilities in War Memorial Park?

Yes, there will be limited toilets, including accessible toilets.

Is the event in War Memorial Park accessible and where do I find access information?

All film footage created for the event will have audio descriptions, BSL and captions. These will be available across all streams where the films are available.

There will also be an Access Kiosk where you can collect Caption tablets, printed copies of the poem, wheelchairs and Ear defenders.

There will be an Accessible viewing area – via a trackpad on the grass near one of the big screens.

There will be a Quiet Area near to the Access Kiosk

We will offer three Accessible toilets (radar key locked)

Is there an age recommendation?

The event is suitable for all ages.

We appreciate the event is at 21.30 on a Sunday evening. Some suggestions: If it is too late for children, you can watch it online another day. Or as a bedtime story at home, you can listen to the sound score via the radio and watch the drone show from your garden or window that looks towards War Memorial Park.

Will Covid-19 protocols be in force in War Memorial Park?

The event is outdoors and we advise people to spread out across the event fields within War Memorial Park, which you will be directed to on arrival by stewards.

In line with current Government guidance, events can be delivered without the legal need for wearing face coverings, checking covid passports/vaccinations certificates or negative test results. We advise vulnerable people to wear face coverings at events.

In addition, there will be a signposted area where social distancing is encouraged on the event site.

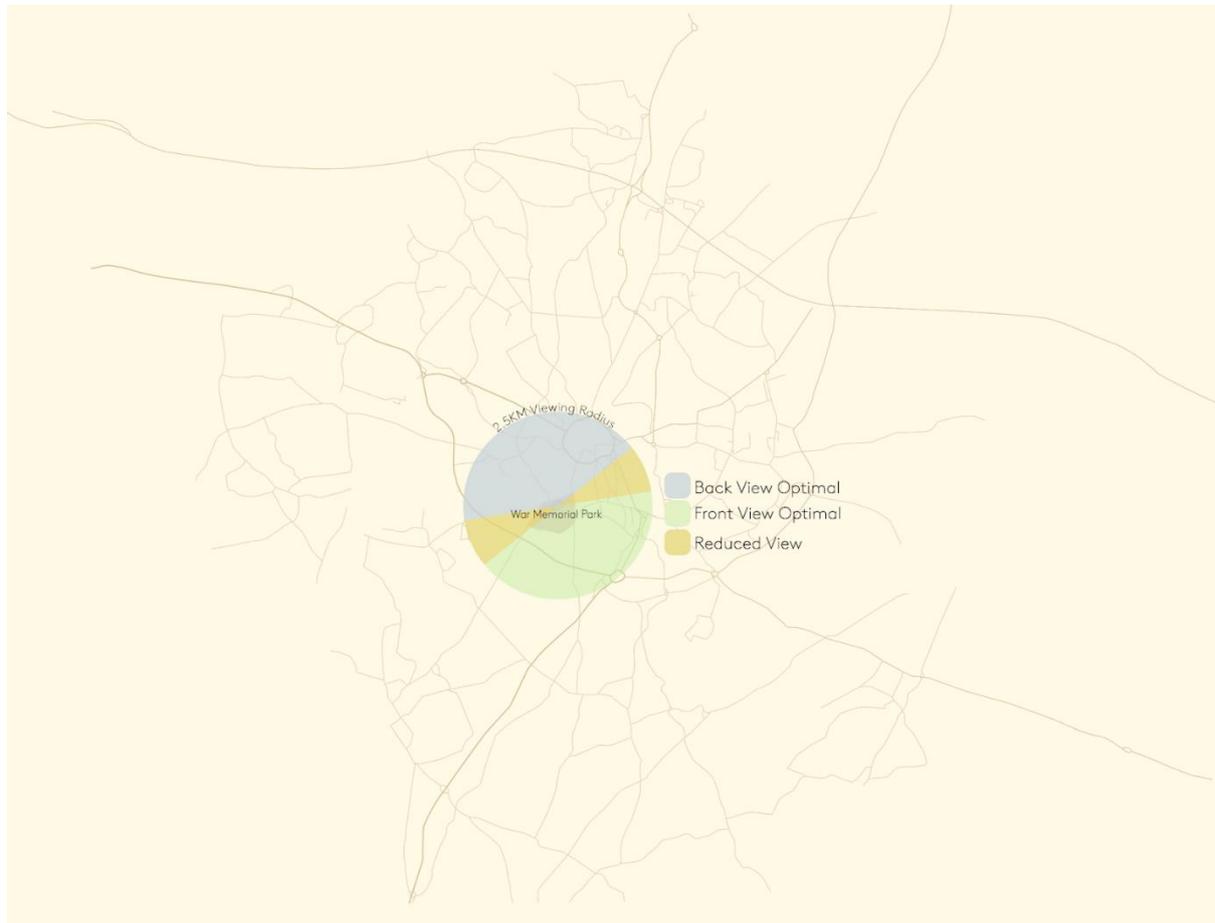
What health and safety measures will there be?

The event has been developed with support from partners including Coventry City Council, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Ambulance Service and West Midlands Fire Service. War Memorial Park is a working park with all the usual trip hazards. Please take care when entering and leaving the park as there are uneven and slippery surfaces. Additional temporary lighting will be available in the park. Watch out for small children in the crowd, particularly as you leave, be careful using umbrellas in crowds if it's wet, and consider bringing a torch with you to help guide you home.

At Home

Where can I see the drone show from?

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Where can I listen to the sound score?

BBC CWR https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_coventry_warwickshire

Radio+ - <https://www.radioplus.org.uk/>

Vanny FM – <https://www.vannyradio.com>

Hills FM - <https://www.hillzfm.co.uk/>

Radio Panj - <https://radiopanj.org/>

Block radio - <https://www.blockradio.uk/>

Hospital radio - <https://coventryhospitalradio.org/>

Online

What is the online experience?

A global audience will be able to select from live, never-before-seen camera angles of a drone art production. Online users will have access to a bespoke interactive portal where they can switch between different visual perspectives of the show, from eyes in the sky to Coventry rooftops with views over the city. The portal will also have the facility to put up holding slides or countdown timers, and to play video clips and replays of the action.

Live broadcast company, Limitless Broadcast, uses flexible technology, which is more agile than traditional broadcast methods, and very importantly it is more sustainable - significantly lowering our carbon footprint. We can do this by harnessing the network to send live video signals from one place to another, therefore cutting out the need for big broadcast trucks, expensive broadcast RF, satellite vehicles, or large amounts of cabling.

How do I watch the live stream?

The link will be published on Sun 15 May at: <https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/our-wilder-family/>

The live-streamed cameras feed into the Limitless Live portal offering the audience choice over what angles they want to watch.

What device can I watch the show from on line?

You can use any device with an internet connection. [Access via this link.](#)

What time does the live stream start?

Approx 20 mins before the scheduled drone flight, so around 21.10

Can the event be watched from any device; laptop, desktop, phone, tablet?

Yes - any standard device with an internet connection will be able to access the stream. [Access via this link](#)

Will the event be available to watch after it has finished?

Yes - there will be on demand after the event finishes. [Access via this link](#)

How do I share on social media?

Please share your experience tagging @Coventry2021 on Twitter and Instagram and commenting on the Coventry UK City of Culture 2021 Facebook page.

How can I get involved

Team Wilder

If you're part of an organisation or a group and want to make space for nature or would like to encourage more people to be on nature's side, then you could be eligible for a #TeamWilder community grant.

Funded by Coventry City of Culture Trust and administered by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, #TeamWilder community grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to be used as a catalyst for change in your community.

To find out more, visit: www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/teamwilder-community-grants

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

You can help to create a wilder Warwickshire by becoming a member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. As a member, your subscription will help look after local wildlife and our amazing nature

reserves across Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull. Membership packages offer a range of benefits and by joining today, your support will help us to safeguard wildlife and wild places for future generations. With memberships from just £3.50 per month, visit www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/join today to make a difference.