



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Mayflower 400 Plymouth Programme - Latest Position

In light of the latest UK Government information and guidance regarding coronavirus, we are currently in contact with our many partners, event organisers and host venues in the city to work through the implications on the Mayflower 400 events and activity programme.

Plymouth's Mayflower 400 events in March, April and May will be cancelled or postponed and we will announce details of what is happening on the Mayflower 400 website and through our social channels as soon as clear guidance is available.

The latest Mayflower 400 events in Plymouth to be cancelled or postponed are as follows:

March

- 24-25 March - Some Call it Home - Theatre Royal – postponed

April

- 7 April – Mayflower 400 Sports Quiz – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust – postponed
- 18 April – Plymouth Albion Takeover Event – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust - postponed
- 22 April – Sounds of the Ocean City – North Prospect Community Choir - postponed

May

- 2 May - Mayflower Football Cup – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust – postponed
- 3 May – North Prospect Community Choir performance - The Box – postponed
- 4-10 May – Mayflower Ocean Festival – cancelled, with some elements postponed
- 8 – 31 May – Plymouth History Festival – postponed
- 10 May - OSTAR and TWO STAR – postponed May 2021
- 16 May - Mayflower 400: Legend & Legacy – The Box - postponed
- 16 May – Piazza Walking and Running Event – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust - postponed
- 17 May – Mayflower 400 Britain’s Ocean City Half Marathon – postponed
- 23 May - University of Plymouth Choral Society - postponed
- 23 May – All Nations Ministries Afternoon Tea Dance - postponed
- 30 May – Mayflower Big Toddle – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust - postponed
- 31 May 2020 – YMCA Community Fun Run – Plymouth Argyle Community Trust – postponed

Please go to the Event and Plymouth sections of the Mayflower 400 website to find out the updated programme and latest information on changes to the Plymouth schedule.

Commenting on the programme, Charles Hackett, Mayflower 400 CEO, said:

“It is hugely disappointing that we are going to have to make changes to the programme that people have worked so hard on and that so many have engaged with and supported. However, the health and safety of the public and performers is paramount at this time. We will work quickly to provide further clarity on the aspects of Mayflower 400 in the coming days.”

The Mayflower team will be talking to community groups involved in the Vital Sparks programme about rescheduling events where applicable.

For ticketed events please speak to the event organiser. More details on the revised schedule will be published as soon as they become available.

For further information on Mayflower 400 visit mayflower400uk.org.

For further information on The Box visit theboxplymouth.com.

For further information on PCC events visit plymouthcitycouncil.gov.uk/visitorandtourism

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Notes for Editors

Mayflower 400 is the four hundred year commemoration of the voyage of this historic ship, passengers and crew, to America in 1620.

The year of Mayflower 400 activities includes everything from community events through to major exhibitions, performances and plays with the majority being free for people to attend and enjoy.

Prior to the Mayflower's departure from Plymouth, England, Mayflower history was written in many towns and cities - each of them detailed in the Mayflower trail. The trail includes Austerfield, Scrooby & Babworth, Gainsborough, Boston, Immingham, Worcestershire, Chorley, Dorking, Leiden, Holland, Harwich, Rotherhithe, City of London, Southampton, Dartmouth, Plymouth and Plymouth, USA. All of these locations play a collective part in the story of the Mayflower and the people involved.

With over 30 million people being able to trace their ancestry to the people on the ship, the Mayflower400 year will involve four nations, Netherlands, UK, USA and the Wampanoag nation.

The Mayflower 400 programme is supported by national supporters and sponsors; Womble Bond Dickinson, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England, Department for Culture, Media & Sport, Visit England, Visit Britain, Plymouth City Council, Royal Navy and Babcock. Go to www.mayflower400uk.org for the latest information on events and stories around this landmark year for England.

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