



A North Yorkshire Council event



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Contract title	Scarborough Autumn Streets 2026
Type of supply	Performances and workshops to take place from Saturday 10th October and Sunday 11th October 2026 Prepare and run community workshops in the lead-up to, and during, the festival

CLOSING DATE: 9am, Monday 17th August 2026

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND GUIDANCE

General

"The Scarborough Fair" is a North Yorkshire Council project, with funding from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, or anyone acting on behalf of The Scarborough Fair, that is seeking to invite suitable suppliers to participate in this call for proposals.

"You"/ "Your" or "Supplier" means the body responding to this Call for Proposals i.e., the legal entity responsible for the information provided. The 'Supplier' is intended to cover any economic operator as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended and could be a registered company; charitable organisation; Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE); Special Purpose Vehicle; Individual, or other form of entity.

Scope of requirements

The Scarborough Fair wishes to award a contract to produce forms of street entertainment or street art to support Tourism and Cultural promotion for Scarborough and garner a sense of place to make residents proud of the area in which they live. **Scarborough Streets** takes place across the town centre from **10th-11th October 2026**, but we expect there to also be some community workshops and activities for residents in the weeks leading up to the event itself.

'Scarborough Streets' is a well-established project in the overall The Scarborough Fair festival, as The Scarborough Fair looks forward to supporting economic growth in the visitor economy sector and create a body of cultural significance across Scarborough.

Further information is contained within **Section 2: The Specification**.

Timetable

The draft timetable below outlines the estimated duration of the procurement process. Suppliers should note this is for indicative purposes only and The Scarborough Fair is not bound by these timescales.

Date	Activity
Thursday 30 th July 2026	Calls for Proposals made available to suppliers
9am, Monday 17 th August 2026	Final date for Proposal submissions
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Contract awards and commencement of contract

SECTION 2: SPECIFICATION

Introduction

The Scarborough Fair is seeking to commission street entertainment and workshops for Scarborough Streets, to promote the cultural product of Scarborough. This is part of a wider work plan to come together to promote tourism and local enjoyment for Scarborough during The Scarborough Fair.

Background

Scarborough Streets is the next event under the banner of The Scarborough Fair, taking place between **Saturday 10th October and Sunday 11th October 2026** at various outdoor locations in the centre of Scarborough.

It will be an inclusive community event, featuring a variety of free and affordable performances and activities. The aim is to inspire, celebrate and showcase local creativity. It will also feature national and international artistes, too.

We are looking for a variety of artists, creatives and community groups to be part of the festival and develop existing networks and activities.

Activities that we are looking to include within Scarborough Streets are as follows:

- Street performances (busking-style circle shows of theatre, music, dance and circus)
- Interactive, walk-about performances
- Interactive installations
- Free workshops
- Site-specific theatre performances

Project Brief

To create an outdoor performance, of up to 30 minutes. This will either be performed three times in one day, or a minimum of three times across the three days.

The theme, number of performers and content of the performance is up to the Supplier to propose and can be subject to further discussion with The Scarborough Fair once the Proposal has been submitted.

All performance genres, abilities, themes are welcome. We also welcome interactive digital/AR work. Links to community groups are encouraged. Open to local, national and international artists.

We've found that street performances seem to be more successful if it's something that audiences don't necessarily need to stop and listen to in order to appreciate. For example, music or dance performances work well, but spoken word not so much. Although the performance type is completely up to the artist, we recommend the artist considers if their performance would work well in a street setting. Something that works well in front of a seated audience may not work as well on the street.

Suggested performance 'stages' (x3)

- Westborough, outside Poundland
- Crescent Gardens (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/SdxL1wLWXRNFjaWu7>)
- Aberdeen Walk beside Waterstones (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/WgShcyosNX1CfrNBA>)
- North Street beside TK Maxx (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rcwQzQnyBRVGL4ie6>)
- Other central Scarborough/site-specific locations - ideas welcome
- Alternatively, promenade and walkabout performances/public interaction/AR/VR etc

Performances will be timetabled from 11am-4pm each day.

The Proposal from the Supplier should also include a proposed fee for the work (excluding VAT).

The Scarborough Fair will provide all stewarding, security, first aid, road closure facilitation and other permissions for the performances, as part of the overall festival.

Outputs

- Attracting increased visitor numbers to Scarborough Town Centre
- Improved perception of Scarborough and its cultural offering
- An all-inclusive access performance which can be enjoyed by everyone
- Free workshops to improve creative skills
- Increasing numbers of residents taking part in local activities
- Diverse community involvement

Next Steps

Please provide a Proposal for your project including:

- Theme and detail of the activity proposed
- Timeline of all activities and key dates (including set-up and de-rig, where required)
- Equipment and personnel required
- Previous experience in delivering events of this kind, including specific examples and outcomes
- Full breakdown of costs.

Please email your proposal to info@scarboroughfair.uk by 9am, Monday 17th August 2026.

Client Contacts

Day-to-day project contact: Catherine Goble and Rachel Wilkinson (The Scarborough Fair).