

## PRESS RELEASE

### First Grants to Local Events Announced

Royal Tunbridge Wells Together has announced the first of several series of grant funding to local events since the Business Improvement District was created on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Grant funding has been provided to:

- Unfest – now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of fringe events at various locations in the town
- The Golf Croquet World Championship – taking place in Calverley Grounds in July
- Spa Valley Railway – to assist with family events in August
- Heritage Open Days – taking place in September
- The Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival – at various locations in October



Events and support for them was one of the key pledges made in Royal Tunbridge Wells Together’s business plan. Karen Pengelly, Town Centre Manager commented “Events drive footfall into the town centre and have a positive impact on our local businesses. We are delighted to provide the necessary funding to enhance, expand and promote local events, they deliver positive benefits to the town, are enjoyed by many residents and visitors and deserve our support.”

The grants announcement follows soon after the first of an ongoing series of events listings guides were printed and distributed across the South East by the BID, aimed at encouraging more visitors.

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Royal Tunbridge Wells Together is a Business Improvement District, formed in 2019. For more information and information about the aims and objectives of Royal Tunbridge Wells Together, contact [karen@tunbridgewellstogether.co.uk](mailto:karen@tunbridgewellstogether.co.uk)

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