



## Help Turn Tamworth Castle into a Flower Castle

Tamworth Castle is calling on all residents, families, children and community groups to get involved in an exciting and creative project this summer. As part of the Tamworth Flower Festival (23–26 July, 2026), the exterior of Tamworth Castle will be transformed into a breathtaking Flower Castle, featuring hundreds of handmade fabric, knitted and crocheted flowers created by the community.

The Flower Festival forms part of Athelstan 1100 week, led by St Editha’s Church, a celebration of Tamworth’s Anglo-Saxon heritage and its connection to King Athelstan.

These guidelines are for anyone who would like to take part, whether you’re making flowers at home, with friends and family, as part of a school or group, or attending one of our workshops.

**👉 A range of free workshops and drop-in sessions are being planned — you’ll find full details later in this guide.**

### Flower Making Guidelines:

🌸 Flower Guidelines	🚫 Please do NOT use:
<p>All flowers should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightweight</li> <li>• Soft and flexible</li> <li>• Made from fabric, textiles, yarn, wool or rags</li> <li>• Approximately 10–30 cm wide</li> <li>• Include a loop or tie for attaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wire</li> <li>• Plastic</li> <li>• Metal of any kind</li> <li>• Sharp or hard materials</li> </ul> <p>👉 All flowers must be fully soft so they can be safely installed on the castle</p>



## 🌸 Choose a Flower-Making Option

### 🌻 1. Rag / Fabric Strip Flowers



Use strips of fabric (old clothes, bedding, rags) to create soft, colourful flowers.

- ✓ Great for families, schools and large groups
- ✓ Quick and easy to make

### 🌸 2. Layered Fabric Flowers (Glue or Sew)



Cut petal shapes from fabric or felt, then layer and **stitch or glue** together.

- ✓ Ideal for craft groups
- ✓ Can be simple or more detailed

### 🧵 3. Simple Sewn Fabric Flowers



Create flowers using basic hand sewing techniques, such as:

- Gathered circles (“yo-yo” flowers)

- Simple stitched petals
- Folded fabric flowers

- ✓ Great for those who enjoy sewing
- ✓ Works well with small fabric scraps

#### 🌻 4. Knitted or Crocheted Flowers



Create small flowers using knitting or crochet.

- ✓ Perfect for knitting and crochet groups

#### 🌿 5. Fabric Scrap “Cluster” Flowers

Gather fabric scraps into a bundle and tie tightly in the middle, use elastic bands or loom bands to create a soft flower shape.

- ✓ Very quick to make
- ✓ Ideal for younger children and large groups

#### 💡 Looking for Flower Craft Ideas?

There are lots of simple flower-making ideas online. You might find it helpful to look on:

- Pinterest
- YouTube

👉 Search for things like “*fabric flowers*”, “*rag flowers*”, or “*simple sewn flowers*”. As long as your flowers follow the guidelines above, any style is welcome.

Keep an eye on the castle’s social media channels, where we’ll be sharing short videos and reels to give you ideas and show simple ways to create your own fabric flowers.


👉 **We’d love to see what you create!**

Please share photos of your flowers on social media and tag:

📘 @TamworthCastle on Facebook 📷 @tamworthcastleandgrounds on Instagram

## **Join a Free Flower Craft Workshop**

Below is a list of upcoming flower-making workshops and sessions:

 Please note:


Workshop dates are subject to change, and additional sessions may be added.

For the latest information, please check our website or social media.

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### **Tamworth Castle Craft Group**

- Meet Every other Thursday, 10am–12pm at Tamworth Castle


 Please contact Emma Carter to attend


 [emma-carter@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:emma-carter@tamworth.gov.uk)

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### **Mental Health Awareness Community Event**

 **Saturday 16 May**

 Tamworth Castle Grounds, Old Swimming Baths, River Drive, Tamworth, B79 7RE


 12pm–5pm

Drop-in flower-making activity at our gazebo


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### **Half-Term Drop-in Workshops at Tamworth Castle Stables**

 Castle Stables (located by Holloway Lodge, near the Castle car park - B79 7NB)


 10:30am–2pm

- Thursday 28 May
- Friday 29 May
- Saturday 30 May


 Free drop-in sessions for adults, children and families

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### **Tamworth Methodist Church Street Party**

 Saturday 20 June

 St Andrew's Methodist Church, Thackeray Drive, Tamworth, B79 8HY

 1pm–4pm

Drop-in flower-making stall as part of the community street party

## Workshops for Community Groups / Schools

Tamworth Castle can arrange for a member of the team to visit schools and community groups to deliver flower-making sessions, led by our local artists.

If your school or group would like to take part, please get in touch, we'll do our best to accommodate requests.

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## Donate Fabric to Tamworth Castle

We are collecting colourful fabric for flower workshops (old clothes, sheets, textiles).

 **Deadline: Sunday 31 May**

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## Drop Off Your Flower Creations

Please return completed flowers by the end of June:

**Tamworth Castle Reception - B79 7NA**

Thurs–Sun: 10am– 4pm


**Tamworth Borough Council - Marmion House Front Desk - B79 7BZ**

Mon–Wed & Fri: 10am–2pm

Thurs: 2pm–6pm




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## Flower Castle Launch Event – Saturday 25 July


 **Come along to the launch event at the Castle Grounds on Saturday 25 July to see the Flower Castle revealed and enjoy a full day of activity, including:**

- The full Flower Castle display
- Family-friendly activities
- Performances, including Tamworth Gospel Choir in the Bandstand at 2pm
- The Cherry Fair Procession organised by St Editha's Church 11am – Bandstand
- Tamworth Flower Festival – a vibrant display of over 50 floral displays across Tamworth town centre, including St Editha's Church, the Town Hall and Tamworth Castle

 **For updates and full event details, visit:**

-  <https://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk>
  -  **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/TamworthCastle>
  -  **Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/tamworthcastleandgrounds/](http://www.instagram.com/tamworthcastleandgrounds/)
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## Contact

 To get involved or ask a question:

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