Rotary Clubs of Christchurch and Boscombe & Southbourne | Christchurch River Pageant 2026

Registration Form

Christchurch River Pageant – 25th July 10am – 4pm

Starting point Tuckton Tea Gardens with finish line at Christchurch Town Quay

The event will open from 10am with a number of stalls, activities, water safety demonstrations and presentations about the history of Christchurch. Refreshments will be available to purchase from The Tea Gardens. The River Pageant procession of crafts will start at 12 noon. Entertainment will continue at Tuckton Tea Gardens and other locations until 4pm.

The River Pageant

In 2025, Rotary Clubs of Christchurch and Boscombe & Southbourne launched the spectacular Christchurch River Pageant as a fantastic floating fund-raising event for three local charities and raised over £2500 which we distributed equally between them. This year, we hope to make this river spectacle bolder, brighter and better. Once again, we are asking you to come along, participate and dig deep, in order to help us make it an outstanding success and a marvellous addition to the Christchurch Calendar of Events.

The 2026 Christchurch River Pageant is likely to feature a floating menagerie of ducks, dogs and the (very) odd swan along with the usual collection of canoes, barges, decorated floats and homemade rafts. Participants are encouraged to dress themselves and their boats to impress. Think **Pirates and Smugglers**!!

Why We Are Running the Event

Stour River is at the heart of our community, and the sea is in our blood. Three seafaring charities have made the river their own for their very different purposes. One to help people to learn to sail and have fun in doing so, and the others to provide a space of recovery and recuperation for survivors of cancer, helping them restore and improve both their physical and mental well-being. This event raises essential funds so that these charities can continue their support to local people and improve their lives. Your support truly matters.

Our local charities:

The Hengistbury Head Outdoor Centre is a recently created charity whose goal is to take over the disused Hengistbury Head Outdoor Education Centre and run it as a facility for local people to participate in a wide range of outdoor activities and sports.

Bourne Water Dragons (BWD) is an inclusive dragon boating team on the River Stour for all cancer survivors, enabling them to stay active and enjoy themselves by participating in local dragon boating activities which have been shown to aid cancer recovery.

Pink Champagne Breast Cancer Survivors' Dragon Boat Team was established by a group of breast cancer patients alongside the breast cancer team at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. Dragon Boating is excellent exercise for Breast Cancer Survivors and has been shown to improve physical and mental wellbeing for those who take part regularly.

Donations

You can donate to our charity fund without taking part in the pageant. Should you wish to take part though we would encourage you to consider the following donations:

Stand Up Paddleboards, Kayaks, canoes: £5

Small Boats: £10

Large Boats: £25

Corporate entries: at your discretion

You can donate here: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/christchurchriverpageant2026

During the registration process you will be asked to agree to our Terms & Conditions in order to take part in the pageant. You can view our Terms & Conditions here.

Registration (* = required field)

Name*

Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

County

Postal Code

Phone*

Email*

Type of Craft (SUP, Canoe, Dragon Boat, Raft, Boat, Powered Boat etc.)*

Are you participating as an individual or are you part of a group, or with a team on a boat*

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Group or Team Member

If group or with a team on a boat, please provide the name of the boat or the craft

If under 16, you must have parental permission to take part*

- ☐ I am over 16
- ☐ I am under 16 and have permission

All participants must be able to swim. Please check box to confirm you can swim* ☐

GDPR Agreement*

☐ I consent to having Rotary Clubs of Christchurch and Boscombe & Southbourne store my submitted information so they can register me for the Christchurch River Pageant.

☐ I agree that Christchurch and Boscombe & Southbourne Rotary Clubs can contact me about other events

Comment or Message

Please sign to indicate that you have read and agree with the Terms and Conditions*

Signature: …… Date: ……

Please scan completed form and email to: info@christchurchrotary.org.uk

Alternatively, bring completed form to the event on the 25th July, 2026 before 11am.

Any questions about the event, please see https://christchurchrotary.org.uk/christchurch-river-pageant/ or email us at info@christchurchrotary.org.uk

Thanks for your interest in the Christchurch River Pageant. We look forward to seeing you on the day.