

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE USE OF THE MILTON KEYNES ROSE

What it is

The Milton Keynes Rose is a spectacular public place in Central Milton Keynes available to everyone for celebration, commemoration and contemplation. It was designed by internationally renowned artist Gordon Young, and constructed and opened in 2013.

The Milton Keynes Rose is a huge open-air circle with markings based on the mathematical symmetry of a flower. One hundred and six granite pillars of varying heights emerge from the surface, many of which are inscribed with dates of events that have local, national or international significance.

The Milton Keynes Rose provides a place where citizens and visitors can gather to mark national, local or personal occasions, be they historical, in joy or in remembrance. It is a place where hundreds gather to mark Armistice Day or one person can remember another in a personal moment. It is not a sombre place, but a place of coming together and celebration.

How it is governed

The Milton Keynes Rose Trust (www.miltonkeynesrose.org.uk) is an independent charity working in partnership with the Parks Trust (www.theparkstrust.com). A joint Project Team meets frequently to plan events and work with other event organisers.

How to contact us

To contact the MK Rose Trust, please e-mail miltonkeynesrose@gmail.com or phone John Moffoot on 07831 581199. Alternatively, you can make contact via The Parks Trust e-mail: events@theparkstrust.com or by phone 01908 233600.

Where it is

The Rose is located in Campbell Park, Central Milton Keynes. There is no direct vehicular access. It is accessed on foot either through the Park or via the footbridge from the Centre MK. (**What3words location**: washroom.blip.trickles)

Where to park

The nearest parking is at the Centre MK or in the time limited free parking on the north side of Silbury Boulevard.

Limited access and parking for event organisers and unloading and loading equipment for events can often be organised through The Parks Trust.

How to book the Rose

The Rose is available free of charge* to anyone wanting to organise and host an event which meets the objectives of the Rose – as a place of celebration, commemoration or contemplation.

Events at the Rose must be booked through The Parks Trust. Availability depends on other planned events either at the Rose or elsewhere in Campbell Park.

Please see details on The Parks Trust website here [Community Events at Milton Keynes Rose \(theparkstrust.com\)](https://www.theparkstrust.com/community-events-at-milton-keynes-rose) or contact the Events Team on events@theparkstrust.com

*(*Commercial requests and commercial filming will be subject to licence fee, for details see The Parks Trust)*

Safety

For each event a Risk Assessment must be lodged with, and approved by, the Parks Trust. In some cases, where a significant attendance is expected, it may be necessary to refer the event to Milton Keynes Safety Advisory Group for approval.

Facilities

The Rose has no immediate facilities. A mains electricity supply is available by prior arrangement with The Parks Trust. Other facilities (toilets, lighting, sound, catering, etc.) need to be brought in for each event at the expense of the event organiser.

However, toilet facilities are available nearby on the other side of the footbridge (Hotel La Tour, MK Gallery, etc.).

Environment

All events must leave the Rose clean and tidy with all litter removed. Please note that anything which is harmful to the environment like balloons are not allowed. It is prohibited to stick anything to any of the pillars, a pillar cage can be arranged for occasions which require adding messages and pledges. Real candles are also not allowed due to the fire risk but battery alternatives may be used.

Funding

As an independent charity, the MK Rose Trust relies on voluntary donations and grants. It has no funds available for event organisers. The costs of events, other than those arranged by the Trust, need to be met from funds acquired by the event organisers.

Collections at events are permitted, but need to be the subject of a Street Collection Licence from Milton Keynes City Council (see [Street Collection Permit | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/street-collection-permit)).

Invitations

Invitations to VIPs and other guests to events are the responsibility of the event organiser, but the Project Team can advise on guest lists, if required.

Publicity

Publicity for events is the responsibility of the event organiser, but the Project Team will add any agreed publicity to its website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Publicity should always acknowledge the support of the Milton Keynes Rose Trust and the Milton Keynes Parks Trust. Logos for both are available on request.

Programmes

Programmes for events are the responsibility of the event organiser. The Project Team can advise on what works well, and what works less well, at the Rose. Publication of printed programmes remains the responsibility of the event organiser.

Feedback

The Project Team welcomes feedback from event organisers on the support and assistance offered in the preparation of the event, and the success or otherwise of the event or aspects of it, as a learning opportunity for future event organisers.