

**Photo call: Saturday 28 October, 10am-4pm, Derby Silk Mill, Silk Mill Lane, Derby, DE1 3AF**

Over 70 Makers will fill The Silk Mill and Maker Showcase Marquee with making, crafting, building, tinkering and interactive stalls. The day will include the wondrous [Astronaut's Caravan](#) created by [Andy Plant](#), Maker of Wonderful Things and [Tim Hunkin](#), inventor, cartoonist and presenter of *Secret Lives of Machines*. There will also be a chance to make a model of Gromit, of Wallace and Gromit with an Aardman Animator at the Museum and Art Gallery.

### **Derby's Mini Maker Faire celebrates its 6th year!**



Derby Silk Mill will be bursting with activity on **Saturday 28 October** as it hosts its biggest ever Mini Maker Faire.

Based on the site of the world's first factory, The Silk Mill will be full of making, crafting, building, tinkering and interactive stalls, from **10am till 4pm**.

A family-friendly highlight of Derby Museums' annual programme, this will be the sixth Derby Mini Maker Faire held at this historic site of the world's first factory. This year the event will bring together over 70 Makers, including 3D printing, robots, wearable technology and even a bubbleologist! Featured makers include Aardman Animations, The

Astronaut's Caravan and Jonny White and his marvellous machines. This means for the third year running the Maker Showcase Marquee will be outside on Cathedral Green, to house all of the wonderful makers, workshops and stalls.

A variety of Makers will be taking part from all across Derbyshire and countryside, including the [World's Smallest Photo booth](#), the Bubble Fairy, a Bubbleologist who will be creating huge bubble displays for the whole family to play along with and a [Harry Potter inspired Micro:bit programmed computer](#).

There will also be an [Aardman model making workshop](#) on offer for those who are lucky enough to have booked a place in advance! Participants will receive step-by-step instructions from an Aardman animator to make a Gromit, of Wallace and Gromit.

The event will mark the last day the museum is open to the public, before the building begins its transformation into the [Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill](#). The project, once complete, will reveal the whole building for the first time, re-introducing manufacturing to the site of the world's first factory by involving people in the making and creating of the new museum. Derby Museums will continue to host Derby Maker Faire, but for 2018 and 2019, plan to take it out 'on the road', inviting visitors to take part in the Maker Movement as a part of a pop-up style Faire.

**Hannah Fox, Silk Mill Project Director, said:**

*"Our 6<sup>th</sup> Maker Faire promises to be a wonderful final event before the Silk Mill begins its transformation into the Museum of Making. Over the coming years we aim to take Maker Faire on tour, before it returns to the new museum in 2020. We are delighted that makers from across the UK and beyond are presenting their ingenuity to visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Maker Faire provides the perfect hands-on experiences at the site of the world's first factory, to inspire the makers and creators of Derby's future.*

Tickets can be booked through [www.makerfairederby.eventbrite.com](http://www.makerfairederby.eventbrite.com) and on the day of the event.

£3: Adult (on door on the day of the event)

£2: Adult (with Eventbrite Voucher, please see below)

FREE: Under 16s (on door on the day of the event)

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For more information on Aardman Workshops, please visit

[www.derbymuseums.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.derbymuseums.eventbrite.co.uk)

For more information on the Mini Maker Faire, visit: [www.makerfairederby.com](http://www.makerfairederby.com) or follow us on Twitter: @MakerFaireDERBY #DMMF17

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## **Notes to Editors**

Derby Mini Maker Faire and Derby Museums would like to thank the generous support of this year's sponsors: Rolls-Royce, the University of Derby, Kitronik, Cosy, Develop3D, JCB, Resonate, Dains, Brewer Science, Baldwins, Make and Arts Council England.

### [Derby Museums](#)

Founded in 2012, Derby Museums Trust is an independent charitable trust which is responsible for the rich cultural and creative history of Derby. It manages three sites across the city, the Museum and Art Gallery, Pickford's House and The Silk Mill, and holds and curates all the art and collections within them, including the world's largest collection of paintings by Joseph Wright of Derby.

The Trust's aim is to bring as many of the objects and treasures in the collections into the public domain as is practically possible and present them in ways that delight and inspire, via education and learning programmes, events and exhibitions, in order to share knowledge and inspire creativity and making amongst the people of Derby. As a charitable trust, Derby Museums relies on funding and grants from organisations and donations from businesses and the general public, all of which is gratefully received in order to ensure that admission to the museums remains free for all.

### [The Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill](#)

Derby Museums has secured major grant funding of £9.4m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £2.5m from Arts Council England, £4m from Derby City Council via the Local Growth Fund, and support from a range of charitable trusts and foundations for the £16.4m development to create the Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill. The project will open up the whole of the Silk Mill, creating beautiful spaces to inspire our visitors and will provide access to 100% of Derby Museums' collections of Making and Social History. The new museum will have our communities at its heart and be uniquely co-produced with the people of Derby over



the next few years and is due to open in 2020.

### [Arts Council England](#)

Derby Museums has been funded by Arts Council England since 2012 to deliver improved museum facilities and services in Derby. From April 2018 Derby Museums will become an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation.