

# BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF KITES & AIR CREATIONS

*Celebrating 23 Years of Flying High*

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## **Bristol Blue Glass flies high with the Kite Festival**

Bristol Blue Glass has thrown its weight behind this year's Bristol International Kite Festival and come up with a special commemorative blue glass coaster to help with the event's fundraising campaign.

An exclusive Bristol Blue Glass coaster, showing kites flying over the Clifton Suspension Bridge, is being made especially for this year's festival. Each supporter who signed up as a Friend of the Festival will receive a coaster as a token of thanks from the organisers plus the coasters will also be on sale to the public at the festival and through the event website ([www.kite-festival.org.uk](http://www.kite-festival.org.uk)).

Bristol Blue Glass has also offered to make the first 100 coasters for free to help cover the set up costs of making the graphite stamp and creating the exclusive design.

This year's Bristol International Festival of Kites & Air Creations will take place in Ashton Court Estate, Bristol over the weekend of **12 & 13 September 2009**. On show will be an action packed aerial extravaganza featuring spectacular flying displays, kite fighting battles, breathtaking synchronised routines flown to music and awesome power kites as well as colourful ground-based inflatables and air sculptures of all shapes and sizes. International kite guests will be winging their way from as far as New Zealand and Australia to join flyers and enthusiasts from the UK and Europe.

Avril Baker, Festival Organiser said: "We are extremely grateful to Bristol Blue Glass for their generosity and help in making this special Kite Festival coaster. It will be a lovely thank you to all those who have helped support our campaign and also provide a great memento of the Festival for our kite friends overseas and those visiting the event from further afield. I am thrilled with the design and can't wait to see the finished coasters."

Paul Williams of Bristol Blue Glass added: “When we heard about the Kite Festival’s funding gap we were only too happy to get involved and lend our support to this important Bristol event. The team here at Bristol Blue Glass enjoy the challenge of making special commemorative pieces and I am sure that the Kite festival coaster will prove popular with kite enthusiasts and the public alike.”

Notes to Editors:

**Bristol Blue Glass**

The making of Bristol Blue Glass has been synonymous with the city of Bristol for the past four centuries. At the Bristol Blue Glass working factory and visitor centre, in Brislington, visitors can watch skilled craftsmen in action hand-blowing and shaping the glass. There is also a shop, glass museum and the opportunity to join in with exciting hands-on activities.

The Bristol Blue Glass Factory, shop and visitor centre is at Unit 7, Whitby Rd, Bristol, BS4 3QF. It is open 7 days a week: Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm.

For more information call 0117 972 0818 or visit [www.bristol-glass.co.uk](http://www.bristol-glass.co.uk)

**Bristol International Kite Festival**

The Festival will take place in Ashton Court Estate, over the weekend of 12 & 13 September. The arena programme runs from 11am – 5pm daily.

Entry is free on foot with parking on site £7 per car. Vehicle access via Beggarbush Lane/Longwood Lane. Follow AA event signs. The Clifton Suspension Bridge will be fully open during the festival weekend.

For the latest information about the festival and programme of arena activities please visit the event website [www.kite-festival.org.uk](http://www.kite-festival.org.uk)

The festival’s nominated charity is Marie Curie Cancer Care.