

Tom Tricks: For Uniformed Groups

Can be booked as a meeting activity or used for fundraising (see pages 3-4 for details and pricing.)

Magic Shows, Themed Shows and Bubble Workshops (Suitable for meetings and/or events)

Tom-Foolery FUN Magic Show (for 4-8 year-olds – no limit on numbers)

This fun-filled magic show is designed to keep the kids laughing their hearts out, from the first moment to the last, allowing leaders to sit back and enjoy the show. Children are involved, engaged and just a little amazed, as they get to help out with tricks that I 'get wrong'. I'm always the object of the joke, no child is ever picked on or made fun of, so the children leave feeling good about themselves.

(Note: Whilst predominantly aimed at 4-8 year-olds, this can also work as a family show for events.)

- **1 hour – full show (approx. 45 mins show-time plus allowance for setup/settling in)**
- **30 min – short show (approx. 20-25 mins show-time, e.g. for younger groups/family events)**



Themed magic show (for 4-8 year-olds – no limit on numbers)

My Tom-Foolery magic show can be adapted to almost any theme/topic to suit badge topics or the group's calendar, for example:

- **Seasonal** (e.g. Spring/Easter, Summer, Autumn/Halloween, Winter/Christmas)
- **Topic-based** (e.g. Pirates, Animals/Nature, Explorers/Jungle, Food, Wizards/Dragons, Colours, Materials)
- **Themed around a book, fairy tale, poem, play or character** (can request a story reading to be included at the beginning of the show)



Make-your-own giant bubbles (4-11 years old - up to 35 children per hour-long session or drop-in style.) Outdoor activity (dry-weather needed)

The children split into small groups and take turns to create/catch their own sets of giant bubbles using my bubble wands and super-strong bubble solution, each group getting a chance to try making different types of bubbles.

- For meetings, under 8s will need a volunteer to support each small group. 8 year-olds upwards are able to work independently.
- For drop-in style events, I can support children/families myself, or a staff member/volunteer can support if I'm booked for an additional activity.

For older sections (e.g. Cubs/Brownies), I'm happy to bring additional bubble mix along if they would like to try and make their own bubble wands by knotting rope and attaching to sticks (although I'll leave the teaching of knots to those more expert than me!)



Parties, balloons and treats

Note: While I do have some music and lights to add atmosphere, I do not provide a disco service.

Balloon modelling (4-11 year olds – no limit on numbers, only constraint is time and complexity of balloons. Suitable as either a meeting activity, as part of a party, or as an addition to an event.)

Balloons are always a firm favourite across all younger sections, and I'm a Guinness World Record-holder for my balloon modelling.

- **Simple balloons** (e.g. dog or sword) **approx. 50 balloons per 30 mins or can pre-make additional for events**
- **Complex balloons** (e.g. superheroes, princesses, dinosaurs, turtles, fairy wands, flowers – plus requests!) **20-25 balloons per hour depending on complexity**
- **I can teach older sections** (e.g. Cubs/Brownies) how to make a simple balloon model for 30 mins

(Note: Whilst I'm making balloons, I can't provide additional entertainment for the waiting children, although I can provide lights and background music on request.)



Party bubbles (For under 7s - no limit on numbers, provided there is enough space for safety)

The children can have the time of their lives playing bubble-popping games, catching giant bubbles and dancing amongst the bubbles.

(Note: this should be booked in combination with a show, balloons and/or party games)

Party games (For 4-8 year-olds – no limit on numbers, provided there is enough space to run/jump/dance)

All games are non-elimination, so no kids are left out. Games played will depend on group-size, available space and ages, but can include parachute games, musical statues, musical bumps, dancing contests etc.

(Note: this should be booked in combination with a show, balloons and/or party games)



Build-your-own party session (1 hour, 90 mins, 2 hours)

You can combine any of the below elements to create a party to best suit your children:

- **Magic show (30 mins or 45 mins) (for 4-8 year olds - unlimited numbers if space)**
- **Party bubbles (15 mins or 30 mins) (for 4-8 year olds – unlimited numbers if space)**
- **Party games (15 mins or 30 mins) (for 4-8 year olds – unlimited numbers if space)**
- **Balloon modelling (30 mins, 60 mins, 90 mins) (All ages up to 11 - 30 mins should be enough to create simple balloons for 50 kids, or complex balloons for 20 kids.)**

(Note: Whilst I'm making balloons, entertainment for other children will be limited to music/lights.)



Pricing options

I understand that money in uniformed groups is tight, and so I do my very best to keep my prices as low as I can, and I offer options to save by booking more than one activity in one day/evening.

You can also speak to me about any further discounts I am able to offer for multiple bookings (e.g. sessions for multiple sections of one unit, for multiple units in a district, or for more than one meeting/event.)

I also offer ways to use my activities to help raise funds for groups or for charities they are supporting.

Prices for Tom Tricks activities

I charge by time, rather than activity, as I find this tends to provide the best value.

- **30 mins:** £75
- **60 mins:** £110
- **90 mins:** £170
- **2 hours:** £199
- **Half-day (between 2-4 hours):** £205
- **Full-day (over 4 hours):** £275

Talk to me about discounts for multiple bookings – I'm more than happy to do what I can to help.

How much time will I need?

The time would need to cover all of the time I'd be needed on-site, from the start of the first activity, to the end of the last (e.g. if you wanted me to do 1 hour's magic and bubble party for Squirrels from 6-7pm and one hour of making giant bubbles with Cubs from 7:45-8:45pm, that would be 2 hours 45 mins, and therefore count as a 'half day.')

Use a Tom Tricks event as a fundraising activity

Several of my activities can be used to help raise funds for your group or a charity you are supporting. I'll explain how this could work for different kinds of activity.

1. Sell tickets to a show/activity

- Create a paid-for ticketed event e.g. a Winter Party or an Easter Magic Show
- Book the relevant activity/activities for the event (making sure they are appropriate for age groups being invited - you may wish to run separate events for different age ranges.)
- Choose your ticket price (you may want to charge extra if you plan on supplying drinks/snacks, or you may prefer to run a tuck-shop alongside the event.)
- Advertise and sell tickets to parents and carers and/or the public.
- This can be a group-only event, or you can open it to local families if safe and insured for this.
- **Depending on how many tickets you expect to sell, you can either pay for my time directly and keep all ticket revenue, or we can split the proceeds from ticket sales.**

2. Sell balloon models and/or turns making giant bubbles

- Book me for balloon modelling, giant bubbles or both, during a time you're expecting lots of families (e.g. a fair, open day or AGM event)
- Both activities can be done separately or simultaneously, but if they're happening at the same time, you'll need a volunteer to supervise the bubble-making activity, to ensure it's being done safely and the bubble mixture doesn't get spilled.
- For balloon models: ask for a donation for each balloon model made
- Balloon making can create big queues, so I can pre-make balloon swords to bring if you need to sell a lot quickly (i.e. using part of a chargeable hour to pre-make and part of the time to make balloons at the event.)
- For giant bubble-making: charge for children to have a turn making the bubbles (limit time to keep queues down.)
- **Depending on how many balloons/bubble-turns you expect to sell, you can either pay for my time directly and keep all proceeds, or we can split the proceeds.**