

# This is durham

A county with breathtaking dales, a dramatic coastline,  
a vale steeped in history and a vibrant city at its heart.

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11/7/2025 till 11/7/2025  
18/7/2025 till 18/7/2025

## **BBQ & Beer Night with Live Music - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel**

Bring your appetite, your mates, and your love of all things grilled and brewed. The fire's crackling, the beer's cold, and the tipi's calling. Don't miss it!

events@lumleycastle.com

<https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/>

+44 0191 389 1111

Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham,  
DH3 4NX

11/7/2025 till 11/7/2025  
8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025  
5/9/2025 till 5/9/2025

## **Birdwatching for Beginners - RSPB Saltholme**

Whether you're brand new to birdwatching or simply looking to brush up on the basics, join us for our relaxed, beginner-friendly birdwatching walks each month.

saltholme@rspb.org.uk

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/browse?filter%5Bschedule%5D=6766>

+44 01642 546625

RSPB Saltholme , Seaton Carew Road, Port Clarence,  
Middlesbrough, , TS2 1TU

11/7/2025 till 11/7/2025

## **Moth Night at Nose's Point, Durham Coast**

Join Jason the ranger to find and identify the coast's moth population, helping to build a picture of nature on the Durham Coast.

jason.thompson1@nationaltrust.org.uk

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/durham-coast/events/a75f1b34-4f71-4ea3-99e2-476e1d269045>

+44 0191 383 1832

Nose's Point Car Park , Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7PP

12/7/2025 till 12/7/2025

## **Durham Miners' Gala 2025**

The Durham Miners' Gala returns on 12th July 2025.

admin@durhamminers.co.uk

[https://www.friendsofdurhamminersgala.org/gala\\_information](https://www.friendsofdurhamminersgala.org/gala_information)

Various Locations, Durham City, County Durham ,

12/7/2025 till 12/7/2025  
22/8/2025 till 22/8/2025

## **GOING BACK BROCKENS: Monuments and Rhetoric After the Miners' Strike**

Opening on Friday 13 June at The Warehouse in Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland, GOING BACK BROCKENS: Monuments and Rhetoric After the Miners' Strike, is a three-part exhibition across County Durham that sees North East artist Narbi Price and writer Mark Hudson explore the post-strike landscape of County Durham through a series of paintings and an accompanying sound installation.

<https://nomorenowt.org/big-projects/going-back-brockens>

The Warehouse, Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland,  
County Durham, DL14 7JQ

12/7/2025 till 12/7/2025

**Lumley Live - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel**

Lumley Live! Sunday 6th July. Be among the first to experience our magical tipi set-up — rustic, atmospheric, and made for nights to remember!

events@lumleycastle.com  
<https://www.lumleycastle.co.uk/events/>

Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham,  
DH3 4NX

+44 0191 389 1111

3/6/2025 till 12/7/2025

**Pool - EDAN Art Gallery**

The word 'Pool' has a range of what appear to be very different meanings although they are all related through some notion of 'coming together and sharing'. We can think of anything from pools of water, through pooled gambling 'The Pools', shared resources among a specific group (a clothing pool?)

edanart@live.com  
<https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/pool>  
  
+44 0191 649 9431

The EDAN Gallery , 74 Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF

12/7/2025 till 12/7/2025

**The Most Perilous Comedie of Elizabeth I - Three Inch Fools - Open Air Theatre at Raby Castle**

Get ready for a royally ridiculous evening of musical mayhem as The Three Inch Fools return with their brand-new show: a side-splitting Tudor romp where history and hilarity collide!

admin@raby.co.uk  
<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/open-air-theatre-three-inch-fools/>  
  
+44 01833 660202

Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH

12/7/2025 till 12/7/2025

**The Path of Kindness at The Oriental Museum**

Discover the latest scientific research we've been doing on a very special statue of Guanyin and use your imagination to recreate how it might have looked like 500 years ago.

oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk  
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/07/the-path-of-kindness/>  
  
+44 0191 334 5691

Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH

13/7/2025 till 13/7/2025

**Castle Eden Destash - Castle Eden Village Hall**

Craft supplies at low prices . From wool to resin, find a bargain for your craft needs. Free entry, free parking.

Antlcfs@hotmail.com  
  
+44 07472 331321

Castle Eden Village Hall, Stockton Road, Castle Eden, County Durham, TS27 4SD

13/7/2025 till 13/7/2025

**Durham Brass Festival: BATH Tea Dance featuring Tyne Valley Big Band**

Dance the afternoon away at this traditional social gathering with live music from the fantastic Tyne Valley Big Band, led by musical director Dave Hignett and accompanied by the fabulous vocals of Barbara Hignett.

<https://brassfestival.co.uk/brass/bath-tea-dance-features-tyne-valley-big-band/>  
  
+44 03000 266600

Bishop Auckland Town Hall, Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham , DL14 7NP

12/7/2025 till 13/7/2025	<b>Meccano Exhibition 2025</b> See the North Eastern Meccano Society display at Beamish.	museum@beamish.org.uk  <a href="https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/">https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/</a>  Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG  +44 0191 370 4000
12/7/2025 till 13/7/2025 19/7/2025 till 19/7/2025 26/7/2025 till 29/7/2025	<b>SUP or Kayak Experience - Adventure Access</b> Want to give Kayaking or Stand Up Paddleboarding a try? This is the perfect way to test the waters and see if it's for you!	bookings@adventureaccess.co.uk  <a href="https://adventureaccess.co.uk/sup-or-kayak-experience/">https://adventureaccess.co.uk/sup-or-kayak-experience/</a>  Adventure Access, Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EY  +44 0191 581 4391
13/7/2025 till 13/7/2025	<b>Wedding Showcase - Lumley Castle Hotel</b> Are you engaged and still looking for the perfect venue? Grab a glass of bubbly on arrival and take a tour through our stunning wedding spaces.	weddings@lumleycastle.com  <a href="https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/">https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/</a>  Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX  +44 0191 389 1111
14/7/2025 till 14/7/2025	<b>Durham Brass Festival: Barry Hyde &amp; Durham Miners Association Brass Band perform "Miners' Ballads"</b> The Futureheads' frontman Barry Hyde, brings his deeply personal and evocative new solo album, Miners' Ballads, to life in a special live performance.	<a href="https://brassfestival.co.uk/brass/barry-hyde-presents-miners-ballads/">https://brassfestival.co.uk/brass/barry-hyde-presents-miners-ballads/</a>  Redhills Miners' Hall, Flass Street, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 4BE
14/7/2025 till 14/7/2025 18/9/2025 till 18/9/2025 23/10/2025 till 23/10/2025	<b>Spotlight Tour - Joséphine, A Woman of Taste and Fashion - The Bowes Museum</b> Join Rachel Whitworth, Curator of Fashion & Textiles for an insightful introduction to the new Joséphine: A Woman of Taste and Fashion exhibition.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk  <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion-spotlight-tour/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion-spotlight-tour/</a>  The Bowes Museum , Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP  +44 01833 690606
15/7/2025 till 15/7/2025	<b>Durham Brass Festival: Bill Ryder-Jones &amp; NASUWT Riverside Band presents "lechyd Da"</b> Following Bill's recent collaborations with the BBC Concert Orchestra, this show will bring a bold new reimagining of lechyd Da to this year's Durham Brass Festival.	<a href="https://brassfestival.co.uk/brass/bill-ryder-jones-plus-brass/">https://brassfestival.co.uk/brass/bill-ryder-jones-plus-brass/</a>  +44 03000 266600  Gala Durham , Millennium Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1WA
15/7/2025 till 15/7/2025	<b>Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club Workshop</b> Members Night Workshop. For more details please find us on Facebook @ Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club.	Secretary.fsdflowerclub@gmail.com  +44 07747863753

Parish Hall, 19 Front Street, Sedgefield, County Durham,  
United Kingdom, TS21 2AT

15/7/2025 till 15/7/2025  
22/7/2025 till 22/7/2025  
29/7/2025 till 29/7/2025

**Magna Carta - Secret Spaces - Durham Cathedral**  
Join us on this exclusive tour of the Cathedral's secret spaces that are rarely open to the general public.

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

<https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173658999>

Durham Cathedral , The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH

+44 0191 374 4069

15/7/2025 till 15/7/2025  
30/7/2025 till 30/7/2025  
12/8/2025 till 12/8/2025

**Nature Walk with Ranger Jason**

Explore rocky headlands, wildflower meadows and secluded bays with a ranger. Discover local wildlife, including birds, butterflies, moths, and fungi. Try out specialist equipment like binoculars, moth traps and bat detectors. Be a part of monitoring nature and protecting the iconic Durham coastline.

jason.thompson1@nationaltrust.org.uk

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/durham-coast/events/96e1efc1-e889-44d0-a58a-a2a8b89db98d>

Various locations along the Durham Coast , , County Durham,

+44 01915290901

16/7/2025 till 16/7/2025

**An Evening with Ambrose Parry - Waterstones**

Spend an evening in conversation with Ambrose Parry delving into the new Raven and Fisher Mystery - The Death of Shame.

durham@waterstones.com

+44 01913831488

Waterstones, 69 Saddler Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NP

16/7/2025 till 16/7/2025

**Durham Brass Festival: Durham Brass hosts BBC Radio 4's Loose Ends!**

Writer and broadcaster, Stuart Maconie, will host Loose Ends from Redhills on Wednesday 16th July.

<https://brassfestival.co.uk/brass/durham-brass-hosts-bbc-radio-4s-loose-ends/>

Redhills Miners' Hall, Flass Street, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 4BE

16/7/2025 till 16/7/2025

**Railway 200 Talk: "Teesdale Tracks and Derailing Dukes" – with Chris Lloyd**

As we're into the Stockton & Darlington Railway Bicentenary year, we're teaming up with the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and Jane Hackworth-Young to present a series of talks at Timothy Hackworth's own Institute.

enquiries@shildonrailway.institute

<https://railway200.co.uk/activity/teesdale-tracks-and-derailing-dukes-with-chris-lloyd-railway-bicentenary-talks/>

Shildon Railway Institute, 78 Redworth Road, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2JJ

+44 01388 772942

16/7/2025 till 16/7/2025

**Scott Bennett: Blood Sugar Baby - The Witham**

Scott Bennett (from Live at the Apollo, Royal Variety Show and The News Quiz) tells the amazing true story of how his daughter fell ill with a rare genetic condition. Yes, it's a story about an ill baby, but it's a very funny one with a happy ending.

peter@funnywaytobe.com

<https://thewitham.org.uk/event/funny-way-to-be-comedy-scott-bennett-blood-sugar-baby-14/>

The Witham, 3 Horse Market , Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY

+44 01833650930

17/7/2025 till 17/7/2025	<b>Tea, Cake and Chat - Merryoaks Community Hall</b> Everyone welcome, come meet your neighbours and find out what is happening in Merryoaks Community Hall. There will be cake, advice on local issues if you need it, books and jigsaws and a warm welcome.	susan.walker@lowesbarnc p.org.uk  <a href="https://evvnt.com/events/?_ev_id=3144694">https://evvnt.com/events/?_ev_id=3144694</a>
	Merryoaks Community Hall, Park House Road, Durham, County Durham , DH1 3QF	+44 07557978580
2/5/2025 till 18/7/2025	<b>Dead Dog Gallery Exhibition Preview: Maria Cooper - Colour, Print and Motion</b> Maria Cooper is a printed textile artist and designer based in County Durham. A graduate of both the Royal College of Art and the Northern School of Art, her practice is deeply rooted in the materiality of textiles, handcrafted processes and the expressive potential of colour.	info@deaddoggallery.co.uk  +44 0191 383 0708
	Dead Dog Gallery at Durham Sixth Form Centre, The Sands, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1SG	
11/6/2025 till 18/7/2025	<b>Vitality Blast 2025 Fixtures</b> Vitality Blast T20 from Wednesday, 11 June 2025 to Friday, 18 July 2025 at BANKS Homes Riverside.	box.office@durhamcricket.c o.uk  <a href="https://tickets.durhamcricket.co.uk/content">https://tickets.durhamcricket.co.uk/content</a>
	Durham Cricket, Banks Homes Riverside, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 3QR	+44 0191 387 1717
17/7/2025 till 19/7/2025	<b>Durham City Run Festival 2025</b> The Durham City 5K and 10K races returns to Durham on Thursday 17th July 2025.	info@eventsofthenorth.com  <a href="https://durhamcityrunfestival.com/">https://durhamcityrunfestival.com/</a>
	Durham City Centre Locations , Durham City, County Durham ,	+44 01434 689040
13/7/2025 till 20/7/2025	<b>Durham Brass Festival 2025</b> BRASS is back in 2025 with a fantastic programme of brass-inspired events coming to Durham from 13 - 20 July, with a headline performance by Bill Ryder-Jones.	brassfestival@durham.gov.u k  <a href="https://brassfestival.co.uk/">https://brassfestival.co.uk/</a>
	Various Locations, Durham , County Durham ,	+44 03000 266 600
1/7/2025 till 28/7/2025	<b>Janice Hutchinson - Durham University Botanic Garden</b> Janice Hutchinson, a local artist based in County Durham, resides with her husband Ian, who recently retired from Durham University. She draws inspiration from the beautiful landscapes, meadows, pastures and coastline of the area.	botanic.bookings@durham. ac.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden/whats-on/exhibitions/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden/whats-on/exhibitions/</a>
	Durham University Botanic Garden, Hollingside Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TN	+44 0191 334 5524

10/2/2025 till 31/7/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Invention Challenge</b> S&DR200 and Little Inventors are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway with the S&DR Invention Challenge, inviting Year 5–8 students from Stockton, Darlington, and Durham to reimagine the 4,000 miles of disused train tracks in the UK.	<a href="http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme">http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme</a>
	Various locations , , County Durham ,	
3/7/2025 till 14/8/2025	<b>Knight of Knowledge - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel</b> Think you've got what it takes to be the local quiz champ? Grab your team and prove it at our brand new Resident Quiz Night in The Tipi– now happening every Thursday, 7pm-10pm!	<a href="mailto:events@lumleycastle.com">events@lumleycastle.com</a>  <a href="https://www.lumleycastle.co.uk/events/?category=984">https://www.lumleycastle.co.uk/events/?category=984</a>  +44 0191 389 1111
	Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	
15/7/2025 till 23/8/2025	<b>Twenty Years of EDAN - The EDAN Gallery</b> 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of EDAN. We would like to mark this with an exhibition that shows both the range of work that we are currently undertaking and also something of our history.	<a href="mailto:edanart@live.com">edanart@live.com</a>  <a href="https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/twenty-years-of-edan">https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/twenty-years-of-edan</a>
	The EDAN Gallery , 74 Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	+44 0191 649 9431
2/6/2025 till 30/8/2025	<b>Brick Flicks - Bishop Auckland Town Hall</b> From Wayne's World to West Side Story, The Matrix to Mary Poppins, and Laurel & Hardy to Life of Pi, see classic movies in LEGO® bricks in this exhibition of some of the most iconic and memorable film moments of all time recreated by Warren Elsmore, the well-known artist in LEGO bricks	<a href="mailto:contactbath@durham.gov.uk">contactbath@durham.gov.uk</a>  <a href="https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery/current-exhibition/">https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery/current-exhibition/</a>  +44 03000 269 524
	Bishop Auckland Town Hall , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	
2/7/2025 till 31/8/2025	<b>Exhibition Celebrating 60 Years of the Pennine Way - A Trail of Inspiration</b> Throughout 2025 there will be a rolling exhibition along the trail - showcasing how people have been inspired by the Pennine Way and inspiring others to get out and walk a bit (or even all!) of the route.	<a href="mailto:visitbowlees@northpennines.org.uk">visitbowlees@northpennines.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/pennine-way-at-60/">https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/pennine-way-at-60/</a>
	Bowlees Visitor Centre, Bowlees, Newbiggin, County Durham , DL12 0XE	+44 01833 622145
1/3/2025 till 31/8/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Memory of a Journey</b> Various locations throughout March to August 2025 S&DR200 Presents: Trains have been part of our lives for 200 years. This project is a participation project that encourages visitors to reminisce about a journey that they remember.	<a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16698/Memory-of-a-Journey">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16698/Memory-of-a-Journey</a>
	Various locations , , County Durham ,	
28/6/2025 till 31/8/2025	<b>The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens</b>	<a href="mailto:meet@ushaw.org">meet@ushaw.org</a>

The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists. This summer, see The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists in our family-focused exhibition which celebrates the art of the Ladybird book artists from the 1940s to the 1970s.

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/the-wonderful-world-of-the-ladybird-book-artists/>

+44 0191 373 8500

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW

24/5/2025 till 14/9/2025

**Weaving Stories: From Community Hands and Hearts**

Spanning generations and cultures, each group explored a different part of the museum's collection and responded through collage, painting, textiles, poetry, printmaking, and interactive installations. Their artworks reflect personal stories, cultural connections, and new ways of seeing the past.

[oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk](mailto:oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk)

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/05/weaving-stories/>

Durham University Oriental Museum , Elvet Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TH

+44 0191 334 5691

1/6/2025 till 30/9/2025

**S&DR200 Public Art Commissions at Locomotion**

As part of the S&DR200 celebrations, two special public art installations will be unveiled in 2025, each capturing a unique story of the Stockton & Darlington Railway's legacy and its connection to the community.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17017/Public-Art-Commissions>

Locomotion, Shildon and Stockton, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE

1/6/2025 till 30/9/2025

**S&DR200: Tracks of Change**

Following a major redevelopment, Preston Park will open its new exhibition space with Tracks of Change, a series of exhibitions exploring the impact and legacy of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17222/What-s-on>

Preston Park Museum & Grounds, Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees, Tees Valley, TS18 3RH

27/6/2025 till 1/10/2025

**Railway 200: Exhibition Train - Inspiration**

Welcome to Inspiration. Discover the past, present and future of railways on our incredible exhibition train Inspiration, touring Britain from 27th June 2025.

<https://railway200.co.uk/inspiration/>

Various stops nationwide , Durham stop: Locomotion, , County Durham ,

11/7/2025 till 5/10/2025

**S&DR200 - STEAM to the Future**

An exhibition reflecting on the history of steam railways and how the rail industry is gearing up for a second revolution driven by the growing green technologies sector in Teesside.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16504/STEAM-to-the-future>

Hopetown Darlington, North Road Station, Station Road, Darlington, County Durham , DL3 6ST

17/2/2025 till 20/10/2025

**Live Music at Crook Hall Gardens**

Local musicians Julie and William bring an extra dimension to the historic gardens and hall with live performances on the third Monday of each month.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b6a007ba-45a4-4f99-adc0-1101039edf2a>

Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ

25/6/2025 till 22/10/2025

**Organ Recital Series 2025 - Durham Cathedral**

Organ Recital Series 2025. Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

Durham Cathedral, The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

<https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659739>

+44 0191 374 4069

15/4/2025 till 28/10/2025

**History of Durham City Walk at Crook Hall Gardens**

A guided walk from Crook Hall Gardens delving into the history of Durham.

Start: Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ

crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3526cd84-7f98-4c9c-9b98-353a446e34de>

+44 0191 383 1832

16/4/2025 till 29/10/2025

**Crook Hall Gardens Tour: History and Literary Links**

Step into Crook Hall Gardens' past on a guided tour.

Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ

crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040aa-6555-4ed6-acaa-87904fc0b79f>

+44 0191 383 1832

7/5/2025 till 29/10/2025

**GNB - 61 Durham Weekly Market**

61 Weekly Market, every Wednesday.

61 Durham , High Pittington, County Durham, DH6 1AB

Gnbeventsuk45@outlook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/share/18bPNz8dE8/>

+44 07425 610845

28/6/2025 till 31/10/2025  
3/7/2025 till 29/10/2025

**S&DR200: Coal, Canals and Carriages: The Story of Raby and the Railways**

Raby Castle will celebrate the year with stories associated with 19th-century inventions, including the reactions of landowners and farmers to trains, as well as how travel evolved into a privilege for the upper classes from their collections.

Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham , DL2 3AH

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-story-of-raby-and-the-railways/>

14/6/2025 till 2/11/2025

**Beasts and Legends: Adventures Through North East Folklore**

This family friendly exhibition features a selection of artefacts from across the Durham University collections to help tell the stories of local folktales.

Palace Green Library , Palace Green, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN

pg.library@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/beasts-and-legends-exhibition/>

+44 0191 334 2932



4/4/2025 till 2/11/2025	<b>Binding the Bard - Palace Green Library</b> An exhibition of the entrants to our international bookbinding competition.	pg.library@durham.ac.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/binding-the-bard/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/binding-the-bard/</a>  +44 0191 334 2932
11/7/2025 till 2/11/2025	<b>Magna Carta and the North - Durham Cathedral</b> 800 years after the 1225 Magna Carta was issued, this exhibition will feature all six documents, exploring why Durham Cathedral came to have them, what they meant for life in the north of England, and their continuing importance today.	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk  <a href="https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/magna-cart-and-the-north">https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/magna-cart-and-the-north</a>  +44 0191 374 4069
4/4/2025 till 2/11/2025	<b>Shakespeare Recovered: Durham's First Folio - Palace Green Library</b> This year, our iconic book takes centre stage at Palace Green Library.	pg.library@durham.ac.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/shakespeare-recovered/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/shakespeare-recovered/</a>  +44 0191 334 2932
13/6/2025 till 9/11/2025	<b>Enchanted Objects: Adornment and Personal Protection from Amulets to the Mobile Phone</b> Contemporary artist Dinah Kelly shines a light on the protective powers and symbolism of charms, talismans and amulets.	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk  <a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/enchanted-objects-/">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/enchanted-objects-/</a>  +44 0191 334 5691
25/3/2025 till 25/11/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - The Whistle Stop</b> This bespoke touring library exhibition will travel round the region and showcases the Stockton and Darlington Railway's history using high-quality reproductions of important artefacts and documents found and brought together from archives across the UK.	<a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16712/The-Whistle-Stop">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16712/The-Whistle-Stop</a>
23/4/2025 till 30/11/2025	<b>Railway 200: Guided Tours of Stockton and Darlington Railway</b> To celebrate Railway 200, I am available to offer guided tours of the line by coach, bicycle or walking together with the opportunity of visiting the fabulous museums of Locomotion in Shildon, HopeTown in Darlington and Preston Park in Stockton.	<a href="https://railway200.co.uk/activity/guided-tours-of-stockton-and-darlington-railway/">https://railway200.co.uk/activity/guided-tours-of-stockton-and-darlington-railway/</a>
1/3/2025 till 30/11/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Festival Fringe</b> The Fringe Festival will include events created by	

community organisations, local businesses and heritage partners.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17187/S-DR200-Fringe>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

1/3/2025 till 30/11/2025

**S&DR200 Festival**

The 27 September 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR), which gave birth to the modern railway. To celebrate this landmark anniversary, the nine-month S&DR200 Festival will take place across Durham and Tees Valley from March to November 2025.

<http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

22/3/2025 till 20/12/2025

**Middleton-in-Teesdale Farmers Market**

March to December, traditional Farmers Market in an all-weather, undercover auction mart. Free Entry. Free Parking. Dog Friendly. 40+ Fabulous Foodie Traders every month.

[middletonteesdalefm@gmail.com](mailto:middletonteesdalefm@gmail.com)

+44 07943 636202

Middleton Auction Mart, Middleton-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0PJ

27/6/2025 till 21/12/2025

**S&DR200 - Fuelling the Railway Revolution**

This special exhibition explores the inextricable link between coal mining and the railways.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16719/Fuelling-the-Railway-Revolution>

The Mining Art Gallery, 45 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Barnard Castle Farmers' Market**

Barnard Castle Farmers' Market is one of the North East's most popular markets featuring a wide range of artisan food and crafts from the region. Open 9:00 to 14:00 on the first Saturday of each month.

[barnardcastlefarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:barnardcastlefarmersmarket@gmail.com)

<http://www.barnardcastlefarmersmarket.co.uk/>

The Cobbles , Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Barnard Castle Market**

Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Wednesday 8.00am to 16.30

[market@barnardcastletowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:market@barnardcastletowncouncil.gov.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/BarnardWednesdayMarket/>

Marketplace, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NF

+44 (0)1833 690970

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Bishop Auckland Market**

Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday 8:00-17:00

[ehcp@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ehcp@durham.gov.uk)

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets>

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP

+44 (0)3000 261 016

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Consett Market**

Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday, Friday

[ehcp@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ehcp@durham.gov.uk)

	and Saturday 8:00-16:00	<a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a>
	Middle Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5QP	+44 (0)771 416 9208
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Durham Food Producers' and Crafters' Market</b> Durham's Food Producers' and Crafters' Market is now on the first Thursday of each month – open from 9am until 4.30pm, or until stock has sold out.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk <a href="http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk">http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk</a>
	Market Place, Durham city, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Guided Walks for Groups - RSPB Saltholme</b> Want to get more out of your visit to RSPB Saltholme? We offer group guided walks! We can tailor the walk route and topic(s) to suit your group.	saltholme@rspb.org.uk <a href="https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/108311">https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/108311</a>
	RSPB Saltholme , Seaton Carew Road, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough, , TS2 1TU	+44 01642 546625
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>LGBTQIA+ Object Trail - The Bowes Museum</b> Explore The Bowes Museum's collection through a different lens and learn about the stories and emotions objects hold through the lived experiences of those who identify as LGBTQIA+.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Parkland Play - The Bowes Museum</b> Explore the museum with our spotting and drawing activities and enjoy our outside spaces with the Pocket Parkland Playbook, specially designed to help you get creative with the natural materials around you. All available from reception.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/</a>
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
17/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Pockerley 30th Anniversary Celebrations at Beamish</b> To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of Pockerley Old Hall, the museum will hold 30 activities at Pockerley between 17th May and 31st December 2025.	museum@beamish.org.uk <a href="https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/pockerley-30/">https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/pockerley-30/</a>
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>Saturday Outdoor Market</b> Every Saturday, the Market Place is transformed by up to 30 small independent traders...it becomes a traditional, bustling, fresh air market and a great shopping experience.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk <a href="https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/">https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/</a>
	Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
15/2/2025 till 31/12/2025	<b>S&amp;DR200 - Railway Firsts at Locomotion</b> Home to one of largest collections of historic rail vehicles in the world, Locomotion is pulling out all the stops to	<a href="http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme">http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme</a>

commemorate S&DR200.

Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon,  
County Durham , DL4 2RE

1/6/2025 till 31/12/2025

**S&DR200 - Young Railway Photographer of the Year exhibition at Locomotion**

The exhibition will feature the winning entries from a competition to find the UK's most promising young railway photographers.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16705/Young-Railway-Photographer-of-the-Year>

Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon,  
County Durham , DL4 2RE

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Seaham Seaside Market**

Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday.

[stalls@events2gogo.com](mailto:stalls@events2gogo.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/>

Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF

+44 (0)7769 352637

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Sedgefield Farmers Market**

The market is run by Sedgefield Development Trust - and is held every first Sunday of the Month, on the village green, from 8.30am to 12.30pm - and includes a free community stall, music tent & health bus. The free stall is available to clubs and societies for promotion or fundraising.

[roger@clubleys.co.uk](mailto:roger@clubleys.co.uk)

<http://www.sedgefield-farmersmarket.co.uk>

+44 01740 620609

Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB

1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Sensory Packs - The Bowes Museum**

To ensure everyone can fully enjoy their museum experience, we've collaborated with three local schools from across County Durham to create new sensory packs designed to enhance your visit. Please ask at Reception if you would like to borrow a sensory pack and please return this at the end of your visit for others to use.

[hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk](mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk)

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/>

+44 01833690606

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

**Stanley Market**

Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday 8.00-16:00

[ehcp@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ehcp@durham.gov.uk)

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets>

Front Street, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0JE

+44 (0)191 373 0220

4/1/2025 till 3/1/2026

**Artist Makers - The Bowes Museum**

Make time for making; join in and get creative. An opportunity to try out new techniques, materials and experiment with the Museum's team of artists, makers and designers in the Create Space.

[hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk](mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk)

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/artist-makers/>

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

+44 01833690606

2/1/2025 till 4/1/2026	<b>Spotlight Tour - The Bowes Museum</b> A friendly and informative introduction to an exhibition, the collection or building. Led by The Bowes Museum's team of Visitor Attendants, Curators and Volunteer Tour Guides, join us for an informal 30-minute tour, everyday at 11:00 to find out more.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/spotlight-tour/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/spotlight-tour/</a>  +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
2/1/2025 till 8/1/2026	<b>Stay and Play - The Bowes Museum</b> Time for The Bowes' youngest visitors to explore and play in the Conversation Gallery, investigate materials and be creative in this self-led, free-play session.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/</a>  +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
25/5/2025 till 26/1/2026	<b>S&amp;DR200 - All Change</b> Through authentic voices from letters, diaries, court papers, and other day-to-day records from their collections, The Story will uncover the impact of the Stockton & Darlington Railway on the socio-economic fabric of the region.	<a href="https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change">https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change</a>
	The Story, Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TQ	
12/2/2025 till 31/1/2026	<b>The Stick Man Trail at Hamsterley Forest</b> Families can join a new forest adventure as the much-loved character Stick Man, based on the beautiful picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, returns to Forestry England Hamsterley.	<a href="https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/the-stick-man-trail-hamsterley-forest?utm_source=social&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=stick-man&amp;utm_content=hamsterley">https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/the-stick-man-trail-hamsterley-forest?utm_source=social&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_campaign=stick-man&amp;utm_content=hamsterley</a>
	Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	+44 01388 488312
14/6/2025 till 1/3/2026	<b>Nathan Coley You Create What You Will and Tate Modern on Fire - The Bowes Museum</b>	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/nathan-coley/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/nathan-coley/</a>  +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
22/3/2025 till 31/3/2026	<b>Joséphine, A Woman of Taste and Fashion - The Bowes Museum</b> Discover the timeless elegance, craftsmanship and innovation of Joséphine Bowes' textile collection.	<a href="mailto:hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk">hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/">https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/</a>  +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum , Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	

7/7/2025 till 6/7/2026

**The Paddocks - High Farm Holiday Park**

The Paddocks: wide variety of rare breed animals and bird in picturesque tranquil setting. Perfect for animal lovers of any age.

Info@highfarmholidaypark.uk

<https://www.highfarmholidaypark.uk/>

High Farm Holiday Park, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland,  
County Durham, DL14 0QA

+44 07858 13343

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