

This is durham

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

4/7/2025 till 4/7/2025	Shakespeare in Love - TCR The HUB The Castle Players invite you to experience a heartwarming tale of love, theatre, and passion!	gordon.duffymcghie@castleplayers.co.uk
	TCR The HUB, Shaw Bank, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8TD	+44 01833 690150
4/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	A Weekend of Local Love: Independents' Day UK - Durham Market Durham Celebrates Independents' Day UK with a Weekend of Local Love, as Durham Markets joins national campaign to champion independent businesses.	https://durhammarkets.co.uk/
	Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025 2/8/2025 till 2/8/2025 16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Behind the Scenes Tour of Raby Castle Our exclusive behind-the-scenes tour offers a unique opportunity to step back in time, unlocking some of the hidden parts of the castle to reveal rooms, stories and treasures not usually seen by the public.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/raby-castle/whats-on/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Car Boot & Antique Fair Car Boot & Antique Fair. Large indoor and outdoor space with a cafe serving hot food.	West-park@live.co.uk http://www.westparkarena.com
	West Park Farm,, Tow Law, County Durham, DL13 4NR	+44 07710 040672
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Durham Singers' Concert "Only in Sleep" In their summer concert 2025, the Durham Singers will perform music for Evening prayer.	chair@durham-singers.org https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers
	St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth, County Durham, DH7 8DF	+44 0191 378 2866
4/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Exploring the Archives: New Dixon Discoveries Just in time for a 4th of July celebration, some exciting new discoveries have been made in Raby's Archives. Jeremiah Dixon is a name well known both in the North East and 'across the pond' for his skills in surveying. His role in developing the Mason-Dixon Line in the USA gained him fame and recognition, and the line is still	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/exploring-the-archives-new-dixon-discoveries/

regarded as one of the most important political boundaries in the world. Dixon's professional life started right here at Raby.

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5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025

Heritage Coastal Path parkrun Easington

Free weekly timed 5k parkrun event for all ages and abilities. Run, walk or volunteer!

heritagecoastalpatheasington@parkrun.com

Heritage Coastal Path, Off Crawlaw Avenue, Easington Colliery, County Durham, SR8 3QQ

+44 07730 333622

4/7/2025 till 5/7/2025

Like A Singing Bird - St. Edmund's Church

Your three Sedgefield choirs present this year's joint Summer Concert: Like A Singing Bird. Join Sedgefield Lyric Singers, SLYC & Lirica as they create stunning musical moments, with which to delight and entertain. With beautiful, breath-taking, new pieces and some old favourites to set your heart a-singing, this concert is a must. Save the date for these not-to-be-missed performances, and celebrate Summer in musical bliss with your choirs.

SedgefieldLyricSingers@gmail.com

St. Edmund's Church, Cross Hill, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 3AT

29/6/2025 till 5/7/2025

Loot by Joe Orton: A Comedy

Burying Mrs McLeavy should be a dignified affair, so how does a stash of cash come into proceedings?

la_510@hotmail.com

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

The City Theatre, Back Silver Street, Fowlers Yard, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RA

+44 03000266600

5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025

Merryoaks Community Hall Coffee Morning

Come and meet others in your local community, in the warm and accessible surroundings of Merryoaks Community Hall. See what is available, and let us know what you would like to see happening at the Hall. Along with the chance for a cuppa, some cake and a chat, Ecologico the mobile refill shop will be there too so bring some containers. Also some of your local councillors will be on hand to discuss any local issues that you might have.

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https://evvnt.com/events/?_ev_id=3095479

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Merryoaks Community Hall, Park House Road, Durham, England, DH1 3QF

5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025

National Meadows Day – Family Friendly

Celebrate National Meadows Day at this family friendly event. Join in the fun and creative activities for families and adults interested in nature, farming and cultural heritage.

communications@northpennines.org.uk

<https://northpennines.org.uk/event/national-meadows-day-family-friendly/>

Low Way Farm, Holwick, County Durham, DL12 0NJ

+44 01388528801

5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025

Over 30s Day Clubbing

It's back - Daytime Clubbing: 80s & 90s. After a sell-out launch, we're turning it up for round two... and it's a

richard.parker@peterlee.gov.uk

	battle of the decades.	http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/peterlee/t-rpnaemn
	Helford Road, Old Shotton, Peterlee, County Durham , SR8 1ER	+44 0191 5869957
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Ride the Wave at The Oriental Museum Spot the boats in the museum and make 3D sea sculpture.	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/07/ride-the-wave/
	Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH	+44 0191 334 5691
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Shakespeare in Love - Open Air Theatre at Raby Castle The Castle Players invite you to experience a heart-warming tale of love, theatre, and passion, set in the beautiful surroundings of Raby Castle, Park and Gardens.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/open-air-theatre-the-castle-players-shakespeare-in-love/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Step into Storytime: The Three Little Pigs - Hardwick Park Outdoor discover sessions involving storytelling, crafts activities, interactive trails, games and woodland play.	hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents
	Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN	+44 03000 262 899
5/7/2025 till 5/7/2025	Summer Nights Adventure - Adventure Valley Families looking to soak up the best of summer fun are in for a real treat this July, as Adventure Valley in Durham announces a brand-new evening experience. Summer Nights Adventure is set to be an evening filled with exciting entertainment and takes place for one night only on Saturday 5th July 2025, from 6pm to 9pm.	info@adventurevalley.co.uk https://www.adventurevalley.co.uk/
	Adventure Valley , Union Hall Farm , Brasside, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SG	+44 0191 386 8291
5/7/2025 till 6/7/2025	A Colliers Life: At Work & Play Join us at our Colliery and Pit Village, and discover all about a colliers life.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/
	Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025	Aromatherapy for Natural Skincare Workshop The workshop is suitable for those new to aromatherapy. A printed handbook of the sessions will be given for you to refer back to at home.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 0774 0880402

5/7/2025 till 6/7/2025	Crank It Up! 2025 - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Join us for a host of science, technology, engineering and maths-related activities taking place over this special weekend!	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/crank-it-up-2025-2/ +44 0191 370 4000 Beamish, The Living Museum of the North, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG
5/7/2025 till 6/7/2025	Durham County Show The annual Durham County Show.	durhamcountyshow@outlook.com https://www.durhamcountyshow.com/ +44 07770 902152 Durham County Show Showfield, Thornley Hall Farm, nr Thornley, County Durham , DH6 3LY
6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025 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.com/events/ +44 0191 389 1111 Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX
6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025 12/10/2025 till 12/10/2025 8/11/2025 till 8/11/2025	Morning Sound Bath and Meditation at Raby Castle Experience a profound and restorative Sound Bath & Meditation session under the expert guidance of Stephen, a highly qualified meditation instructor, set within the tranquil and historic surroundings of Raby Castle. This one-hour session offers an opportunity to immerse yourself in a deep guided meditation, complemented by the calming vibrations of Tibetan and crystal singing bowls.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/morning-sound-bath-and-meditation/ +44 01833 660202 Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH
6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025	St Margaret's Allotments, Churchyard and Centre Open Day There are over eighty allotment gardens to visit (open from 14.00 to 17.00), the churchyard and St Margaret's Church to explore (open from 14.00 to 17.00), and the Centre (open from 11.00 to 16.00).	davidrollason94@gmail.com +44 07568978740 St Margaret's Allotments and Centre, Margery Lane, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 4QT
6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025 12/7/2025 till 13/7/2025 19/7/2025 till 19/7/2025	SUP or Kayak Experience - Adventure Access 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 https://adventureaccess.co.uk/sup-or-kayak-experience/ +44 0191 581 4391 Adventure Access, Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EY
5/7/2025 till 6/7/2025	Way Back When: 1940s Weekend - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens Way Back When: 1940s is back for its fifth instalment on Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 July 2025!	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/way-back-when-1940s/

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

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6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025
27/7/2025 till 27/7/2025
12/10/2025 till 12/10/2025

Wedding Open Day - Hall Garth Hotel and Country Club

Experience the magic of Hall Garth Hotel, nestled in its expansive 70-acre parkland. Our enchanting venue offers a picturesque setting with hidden gardens, graceful weeping willows, and charming kissing bridges, perfect for capturing those timeless wedding moments.

gm@hallgarthdarlington.co.uk

<https://hallgarthdarlington.co.uk/wedding/>

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Hallgarth Hotel and Country Club , Coatham Mundeville, Darlington, County Durham, DL1 3LU

6/7/2025 till 6/7/2025
20/7/2025 till 20/7/2025
3/8/2025 till 3/8/2025

Wildflower Walks for Wellbeing

Wildflower wellbeing walks with Dr Margaret Bradshaw and Dr Geoff Herbert.

info@teesdalespecialflora.uk

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

Meet: Cow Green Reservoir Car Park, , County Durham , DL12 0HX

+44 07890 710416

4/7/2025 till 6/7/2025

World Heritage Site Tours

Immerse yourself in the history of Durham by taking part into a guided tour around the World Heritage Site.

castle.tours@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/durham-castle-museum-and-tours-33796687285>

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

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7/7/2025 till 7/7/2025
5/8/2025 till 5/8/2025
2/9/2025 till 2/9/2025

Discover the Beauty of Art at Raby Castle

Take a moment to slow down, breathe, and immerse yourself in the captivating world of art at Raby Castle. Our new programme invites you to step away from the hustle and bustle and spend an hour truly connecting with the artworks in our collection. Led by a friendly member of the Raby team, you'll have the chance to pause and take a deeper, more personal look at the paintings, gaining a new perspective and appreciation.

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/stop-and-stare-exploring-art-at-raby-castle/>

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Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH

7/7/2025 till 7/7/2025

Ladies Team of 4 Open - Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa

Prizes will only be awarded to teams where all players have submitted at least 4 WHS scores within the previous 12 months

proshop@ramsidehallhotel.co.uk

<https://ramsidehall.intelligentgolf.co.uk/competition2.php?tab=details&compid=850>

Ramside Golf Club, Carrville, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TD

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8/7/2025 till 8/7/2025
5/8/2025 till 5/8/2025
19/8/2025 till 19/8/2025

Be You at The Bowes - The Bowes Museum

Be You at The Bowes is a LGBTQIA+ co-production working group is the first of its kind at the Museum, teaming up with regional partners and working as a community to learn from one another and grow together. The group will investigate queer narratives within the collection. Join a group of like-minded people to create inclusive content and research further into historical objects from around Europe.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/be-you-at-the-bowes/>

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

9/7/2025 till 9/7/2025
10/9/2025 till 10/9/2025
12/11/2025 till 12/11/2025

Durham Market Hall History Tours

Come and enjoy free history tours of Durham Market Hall, hosted by local historian and archivist, David Butler.

info@durhammarkets.co.uk

+44 0191 3846153

Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

10/7/2025 till 10/7/2025
14/7/2025 till 14/7/2025
18/9/2025 till 18/9/2025

Spotlight Tour - Joséphine, A Woman of Taste and Fashion - The Bowes Museum

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

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion-spotlight-tour/>

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

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10/7/2025 till 10/7/2025

The Curators Series: Joséphine Bowes: Art Collector, Female Artist, and French Impressionism

In this insightful talk on Joséphine Bowes, Curator of Fine Art and Design, Dr. Howard Coutts will examine her artistic endeavours, deep understanding of the 1860s French art scene, and passion for collecting contemporary French paintings. Discover how her collection helped pave the way for the early developments of French Impressionism in the 1870s. Booking required, however, spaces may be available on the day. Ask reception for details.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/josephine-bowes-art-collector-female-artist-and-french-impressionism/>

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

13/6/2025 till 5/7/2025
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

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>

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

2/5/2025 till 18/7/2025	<p>Dead Dog Gallery Exhibition Preview: Maria Cooper - Colour, Print and Motion</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dead Dog Gallery at Durham Sixth Form Centre, The Sands, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1SG</p>	<p>info@deaddoggallery.co.uk</p> <p>+44 0191 383 0708</p>
11/6/2025 till 18/7/2025	<p>Vitality Blast 2025 Fixtures</p> <p>Vitality Blast T20 from Wednesday, 11 June 2025 to Friday, 18 July 2025 at BANKS Homes Riverside.</p> <p>Durham Cricket, Banks Homes Riverside, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 3QR</p>	<p>box.office@durhamcricket.co.uk</p> <p>https://tickets.durhamcricket.co.uk/content</p> <p>+44 0191 387 1717</p>
1/7/2025 till 28/7/2025	<p>Janice Hutchinson - Durham University Botanic Garden</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Durham University Botanic Garden, Hollingside Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TN</p>	<p>botanic.bookings@durham.ac.uk</p> <p>https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden/whats-on/exhibitions/</p> <p>+44 0191 334 5524</p>
10/2/2025 till 31/7/2025	<p>S&DR200 - Invention Challenge</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Various locations , , County Durham ,</p>	<p>http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme</p>
3/7/2025 till 14/8/2025	<p>Knight of Knowledge - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX</p>	<p>events@lumleycastle.com</p> <p>https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984</p> <p>+44 0191 389 1111</p>
2/6/2025 till 30/8/2025	<p>Brick Flicks - Bishop Auckland Town Hall</p> <p>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</p> <p>Bishop Auckland Town Hall , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP</p>	<p>contactbath@durham.gov.uk</p> <p>https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery/current-exhibition/</p> <p>+44 03000 269 524</p>

2/7/2025 till 31/8/2025	Exhibition Celebrating 60 Years of the Pennine Way - A Trail of Inspiration 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.	visitbowlees@northpennines.org.uk https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/pennine-way-at-60/
	Bowlees Visitor Centre, Bowlees, Newbiggin, County Durham , DL12 0XE	+44 01833 622145
1/3/2025 till 31/8/2025	S&DR200 - Memory of a Journey 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.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16698/Memory-of-a-Journey
	Various locations , , County Durham ,	
28/6/2025 till 31/8/2025	The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens 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.	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/the-wonderful-world-of-the-ladybird-book-artists/
	Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW	+44 0191 373 8500
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 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. Various stops nationwide , Durham stop: Locomotion , County Durham ,	https://railway200.co.uk/inspiration/
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. Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b6a007ba-45a4-4f99-adc0-1101039edf2a
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	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-story-of-raby-and-the-railways/

how travel evolved into a privilege for the upper classes from their collections.

Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham , DL2 3AH

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.

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

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

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4/4/2025 till 2/11/2025

Binding the Bard - Palace Green Library

An exhibition of the entrants to our international bookbinding competition.

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<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/binding-the-bard/>

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

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4/4/2025 till 2/11/2025

Shakespeare Recovered: Durham's First Folio - Palace Green Library

This year, our iconic book takes centre stage at Palace Green Library.

pg.library@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/shakespeare-recovered/>

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13/6/2025 till 9/11/2025

Enchanted Objects: Adornment and Personal Protection from Amulets to the Mobile Phone

Contemporary artist Dinah Kelly shines a light on the protective powers and symbolism of charms, talismans and amulets.

oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/enchanted-objects/>

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

+44 0191 334 5691

25/3/2025 till 25/11/2025

S&DR200 - The Whistle Stop

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.

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16712/The-Whistle-Stop>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

23/4/2025 till 30/11/2025

Railway 200: Guided Tours of Stockton and Darlington Railway

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.

<https://railway200.co.uk/activity/guided-tours-of-stockton-and-darlington-railway/>

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

1/3/2025 till 30/11/2025

S&DR200 - Festival Fringe

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

+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

<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

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

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

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

+44 (0)3000 261 016

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

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 and Saturday 8:00-16:00	ehcp@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets
	Middle Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5QP	+44 (0)771 416 9208
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Durham Food Producers' and Crafters' Market 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 http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk
	Market Place, Durham city, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Guided Walks for Groups - RSPB Saltholme 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 https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/108311
	RSPB Saltholme , Seaton Carew Road, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough, , TS2 1TU	+44 01642 546625
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	LGBTQIA+ Object Trail - The Bowes Museum 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 https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	Parkland Play - The Bowes Museum 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 https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833690606
17/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	Pockerley 30th Anniversary Celebrations at Beamish 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 https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/pockerley-30/
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Saturday Outdoor Market 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 https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/
		+44 0191 384 6153

Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

15/2/2025 till 31/12/2025

S&DR200 - Railway Firsts at Locomotion

Home to one of largest collections of historic rail vehicles in the world, Locomotion is pulling out all the stops to commemorate S&DR200.

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

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

<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

<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.

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<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

<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

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

	and designers in the Create Space.	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	Spotlight Tour - The Bowes Museum 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.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/spotlight-tour/
	The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
2/1/2025 till 8/1/2026	Stay and Play - The Bowes Museum 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.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
25/5/2025 till 26/1/2026	S&DR200 - All Change 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.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change
	The Story, Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TQ	
12/2/2025 till 31/1/2026	The Stick Man Trail at Hamsterley Forest 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.	https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/the-stick-man-trail-hamsterley-forest?utm_source=social&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=stick-man&utm_content=hamsterley
	Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	+44 01388 488312
22/3/2025 till 31/3/2026	Joséphine, A Woman of Taste and Fashion - The Bowes Museum Discover the timeless elegance, craftsmanship and innovation of Joséphine Bowes' textile collection.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/
	The Bowes Museum , Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606

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