

This is durham

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

1/1/2020 till 31/12/2020
1/1/2021 till 31/12/2021
1/1/2022 till 31/12/2022

South Causey Monthly Dog Walk

South Causey Inn, Beamish Burn Road, STANLEY,
County Durham, DH9 0LS

southcausey@hotmail.com

<https://www.southcausey.co.uk/offer/monthly-dog-walk/>

01207 235 555

8/5/2025 till 8/5/2025
21/8/2025 till 21/8/2025
9/10/2025 till 9/10/2025

Showcase Events - The Manor House Hotel & Spa

You are invited to attend our showcase events, where you will be able to experience the Manor Houses charm and energy, dressed using our own table decorations, blossom trees, candelabras and chivari sashed chairs so you can imagine your becoming a reality.

angie@manorhousehotel.net

<https://manorhousehotel.net/weddings/>

+44 01388 834 834

The Manor House Hotel & Spa , Front Street, West
Auckland, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 9HW

17/5/2025 till 17/5/2025
10/8/2025 till 10/8/2025

Bunch of Fused Glass Flowers Workshop & Cream Tea

Join us and Nat from Northern Sky Designs for an afternoon of creative fun at our Fused Glass Bunch of Flowers Workshop.

sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk

<https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/>

Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester,
County Durham, DH7 0SS

+44 07740 880402

25/5/2025 till 25/5/2025
2/8/2025 till 2/8/2025
24/8/2025 till 24/8/2025

Men's Opens - Brancepeth Castle Golf Club

Brancepeth Castle Golf Club , Brancepeth, Durham,
County Durham, DH7 8EA

enquiries@brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk

<https://brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk/golf-open-competitions-in-north-east/>

+44 0191 378 0075

13/6/2025 till 13/6/2025
8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025
10/10/2025 till 10/10/2025

Stanley Street Food Market

Launching on Friday, April 11th, the markets will take place bi-monthly on the second Friday, bringing together delicious street food, local businesses, and a lively social atmosphere.

info@baccanalia.co.uk

<https://baccanalia.ssboxoffice.com/events/street-food-market-stanley/>

Front Street, Stanley, County Durham , DH9 0NA

+44 01388 540823

21/6/2025 till 21/6/2025
16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025

Organ Recital Series at Auckland Palace

The popular Organ Recital Series returns to St Peter's

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

18/10/2025 till 18/10/2025

Chapel.

<https://aucklandproject.org/vent/organ-recital-series/>

Auckland Palace & Gardens , Market Place, Bishop
Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR

+44 01388 743750

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/>

+44 01833 660202

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

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

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://nomorenout.org/big-projects/going-back-brockens>

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

19/7/2025 till 19/7/2025

26/7/2025 till 26/7/2025

2/8/2025 till 2/8/2025

Kynren - An Epic Tale of England - 2025

Travel through 2,000 years of history in a single unforgettable evening! Watch as legends come to life – Vikings storm ashore, battles rage, and heroes rise beneath a sky ablaze with magic and fire. In 2025, celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Locomotion No.1, the world's first passenger steam train, with a spectacular full-scale replica roaring into action in this epic tale. Experience the thunder of Roman chariots, the majesty of jousting knights, and poignant echoes of history's greatest triumphs and tragedies. With breathtaking stunts, stunning special effects, and a cast and crew of a thousand, Kynren will leave you inspired, amazed, and wanting more.

info@kynren.com

<https://kynren.com/>

+44 01388 436030

Flatts Farm , Toronto, Bishop Auckland , County Durham,
DL14 7SF

19/7/2025 till 19/7/2025

16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025

20/9/2025 till 20/9/2025

Marian Art in Durham Cathedral

Join Professor Jane Heath from the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University on this specially curated tour of the Marian Art in Durham Cathedral.

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk
<https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659545>

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

+44 0191 374 4069

19/7/2025 till 19/7/2025
26/7/2025 till 29/7/2025
4/8/2025 till 5/8/2025

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/>

Unit 1a, The Castleside, Seaham Harbour Marina,
Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EY

+44 0191 581 4391

20/7/2025 till 20/7/2025
27/7/2025 till 27/7/2025
6/8/2025 till 6/8/2025

Adults' SUP Lessons - Adventure Access

Stand Up Paddle boarding or SUP is a unique way of getting out and exploring the water. It is a fantastic way to get started in the world of paddlesports and suitable for all abilities.

bookings@adventureaccess.co.uk

<https://adventureaccess.co.uk/adults-night/>

Unit 1a, The Castleside, Seaham Harbour Marina,
Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EY

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20/7/2025 till 20/7/2025
24/8/2025 till 24/8/2025
21/9/2025 till 21/9/2025

Introduction to Foraging Walk - Dalton Moor Farm

An interesting and comprehensive introduction to foraging for beginners and more experienced foragers alike. Approximately 3.5 hours exploring the farm and meeting and eating the characters - the plants that is!

hello@daltonmoorfarm.co.uk

<https://www.daltonmoorfarm.co.uk/event-details/introduction-to-foraging-walk-2025-07-20-10-00>

Dalton Moor Vegan Fruit Farm and School of Sustainable Living, Murton, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9JY

+44 07887551643

22/7/2025 till 22/7/2025
5/8/2025 till 5/8/2025
12/8/2025 till 12/8/2025

Family Storytelling: Magna Carta

Hear from local storyteller and writer Elizabeth Baker, as she shares original and thought-provoking tales, as you learn more about Magna Carta and the North exhibition, as history comes to life. Booking is not required.

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/visit-us/things-to-see-and-do/magna-carta-in-the-north-at-durham-cathedral/magna-carta-at-durham-cathedral-events>

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

+44 0191 374 4069

22/7/2025 till 22/7/2025
29/7/2025 till 29/7/2025
9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025

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

27/7/2025 till 27/7/2025
3/8/2025 till 3/8/2025
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025

Sunrise SUP and Sauna - Adventure Access

Are you an early bird? Do you like the feeling of being up and about before the rest of the world? Then join first thing on a morning to watch the sun come up on a new day, feel the sea air on your face whilst you paddle on the North Sea and marvel at that sun rising then warm up with DOTM in their beach side Sauna!!

bookings@adventureaccess.co.uk

<https://adventureaccess.co.uk/sunrise-sup-and-sauna/>

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Unit 1 A, The Castleside , Seaham Harbour Marina,
Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EY

29/7/2025 till 29/7/2025
26/8/2025 till 26/8/2025
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025

Forest Club - Hardwick Park

Forest Club is a hands-on experience designed to engage children with the world around them through natural and play based activities. The programme is aimed at children between two and six years of age. Each session will include a different element or skill.

hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

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

+44 03000 262 899

Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN

30/7/2025 till 30/7/2025
6/8/2025 till 6/8/2025
20/8/2025 till 20/8/2025

Adventure Camp

A full afternoon of activities for kids ages 8-16.

bookings@adventureaccess.co.uk

<https://adventureaccess.co.uk/adventure-camp/>

+44 0191 581 4391

Seaham Harbour Marina, Unit 10, The Waterside,
Seaham, County Durham , SR7 7EE

30/7/2025 till 30/7/2025
6/8/2025 till 6/8/2025
13/8/2025 till 13/8/2025

Wild Wednesday

Wild Wednesday activities during the summer holidays at Bowlees Visitor Centre. Suitable for children aged five to twelve years and their families. 10.30am to 12.30pm.

naomi@northpennines.org.uk

<https://northpennines.org.uk/events/>

+44 01833 622145

Bowlees Visitor Centre, Newbiggin, County Durham,
DL12 0XE

31/7/2025 till 31/7/2025
6/8/2025 till 6/8/2025
13/8/2025 till 13/8/2025

Summer Yoga at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

Join our experienced Yoga instructors from Yoga Union (Thursdays) Kalma Life (Wednesdays) for a guided session of child-friendly Yoga in our beautiful building.

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/summer-yoga/>

+44 0191 373 8500

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

2/8/2025 till 2/8/2025
9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025
14/8/2025 till 14/8/2025

Exhibition: 'VJ Day 80' at Brancepeth Castle

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan and the end of World War II.

brancepeth.archive@outlook.com

<https://brancepethcastle.uk/>

+44 0191 378 0974

Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, County Durham , DH7 8DF

2/8/2025 till 2/8/2025
16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025

Exotic Animal Encounters with Leon Exotics - High Farm Holiday Park

Exciting News: Leon's Exotics is Coming to The Paddocks!

Info@highfarmholidaypark.uk

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

+44 07858 13343

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

2/8/2025 till 2/8/2025 9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025 16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Saturday's of Alfresco Pizza on The Vinery Terrace Enjoy delicious seasonal dining this summer on the beautiful Vinery Terrace at Raby Castle. Our pop-up kitchens offer the perfect way to relax and savour fresh, handcrafted pizzas in the stunning castle grounds.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/summer-saturday-pizza-on-vinery-terrace/
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
4/8/2025 till 4/8/2025 18/8/2025 till 18/8/2025	Active play: Summer of Play at Crook Hall Gardens Wacky races and silly faces: try outdoor games and sports at Crook Hall Gardens.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/89b30ae-e-6612-44ce-9a79-4638fd839862
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	+44 0191 383 1832
5/8/2025 till 5/8/2025 19/8/2025 till 19/8/2025 2/9/2025 till 2/9/2025	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/
	The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
5/8/2025 till 5/8/2025 12/8/2025 till 12/8/2025 19/8/2025 till 19/8/2025	Nature crafts: Summer of Play at Crook Hall Gardens Be inspired by nature and create some wild art.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/f34b38c5-bab3-4727-98f3-e1b19967f0be
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	+44 0191 383 1832
7/8/2025 till 7/8/2025 9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025 16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Family yoga with Kalma Life: Summer of Play at Crook Hall Gardens Yoga with a twist! Dance, pretend and stretch with an imaginative yoga class.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3dbf2128-944d-49b4-8250-f781fd8ac639
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	+44 0191 383 1832
7/8/2025 till 8/8/2025	80s Anthems by Candlelight - Durham Cathedral Calling 80s music fans Everywhere... this is your show! 80s Anthems By Candlelight is here, serving up the biggest and best rock anthems, power ballads and pop classics of the decade, live!	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/80s-anthems-by-candlelight

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

+44 0191 338 7178

4/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Hardwick Conservation Champions 2025

Become a Durham Countryside Conservation Champion this Summer through our park experience.

hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

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

Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN

+44 03000 262 899

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Horden Library Scavenger walk and craft session

Join us for a scavenger walk at Horden Welfare park and collect some leaves and flowers then make a bird craft afterwards at the library.

horden.library@durham.gov.uk

+44 03000 269507

Horden Library, Sunderland Road, Darlington Avenue,
Horden, County Durham, SR8 4PF

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

In Service: The Historic Workforce of Raby

Join us as we journey through the working experiences of those employed in Raby Castle and on the wider estate.

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/in-service-the-historic-workforce-of-raby/>

Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH

+44 01833 660202

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Mini Pride - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors

As part of its exciting summer programme, Dalton Park is proud to partner with Curious Arts to present Mini Pride – a vibrant, family-friendly celebration of creativity, self-expression and inclusivity.

guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk

<https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/>

Dalton Park, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU

+44 0191 526 6500

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Moth night at Crook Hall Gardens

Meet some of our nocturnal wildlife.

crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk

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

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/7b53f0a5-364b-4a55-bd97-7bfee081a315>

+44 0191 383 1832

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Murder Mystery Dinner - Murder in Wonderland at Lumley Castle Hotel

Step into the story... where the ending is deadly.

events@lumleycastle.com

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

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

+44 0191 389 1111

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Pirate Night with the Auckland Shanty Singers - High Farm Holiday Park

Ahoy, me hearties! Set sail for PIRATE NIGHT!

Info@highfarmholidaypark.uk

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

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

+44 07858 13343

8/8/2025 till 8/8/2025

Sip n Paint - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel

Let your creativity flow and release your inner artist with The Paint and Sip Party Co.

events@lumleycastle.com

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

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

+44 0191 389 1111

9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025

Beyond the Bookshelf: An Evening with the Icons of Childhood Literature at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

Join us for An Evening with the Greats of Children's Literature, as Anne Fine and Linda Birch return to discuss how their words and illustrations have allowed them to captivate audiences young and old throughout their career.

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/beyond-the-bookshelf-an-evening-with-the-icons-of-childhood-literature/>

+44 0191 373 8500

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

9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025

Festival of Books at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

Get ready for a magical day of stories, imagination and creativity at Ushaw's Festival of Books on Saturday 9 August 2025.

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/festival-of-books/>

+44 0191 373 8500

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

9/8/2025 till 9/8/2025

Vintage & Classic Sports Car Day at Brancepeth Castle

Vintage and Classic Sports Car Day in the grounds of Brancepeth Castle.

Brancepeth Castle Grounds, Brancepeth, Durham , County Durham , DH7 8DF

6/8/2025 till 10/8/2025
13/8/2025 till 17/8/2025

Knight School - Auckland Gardens and Auckland Palace

Join Medieval Prince Bishop Antony Bek's ranks for an interactive outdoor adventure!

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/knight-school-2/>

Auckland Gardens and Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR

+44 01388 743750

10/8/2025 till 10/8/2025

Rock Choir at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

On Sunday 10 August, the stunning vocal arrangements of the North East's biggest choir, Rock Choir take to our stunning Rose Garden.

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/rockchoir/>

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

12/8/2025 till 12/8/2025
27/8/2025 till 27/8/2025

Nature Walk with Ranger Jason

Explore rocky headlands, wildflower meadows and secluded bays with a ranger. Discover local wildlife,

jason.thompson1@nationaltrust.org.uk

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.

<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

13/8/2025 till 13/8/2025

Family Selfie Adventure at Diggerland

Strike a pose and share your best Diggerland moments!

mail@diggerland.com

Diggerland, Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, County Durham , DH7 9TT

<https://www.diggerland.com/get-ready-for-the-ultimate-family-selfie-adventure-at-all-diggerland-parks/>

+44 01634 711711

13/8/2025 till 13/8/2025

Wedding Showcase - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel

Are you engaged and still looking for the perfect venue? Come and experience the magic of our Summer Tipi!

weddings@lumleycastle.com

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

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

+44 0191 389 1111

14/8/2025 till 14/8/2025
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025

Crazy Creatures - Durham University Botanic Garden

Get interactive with the Crazy Creatures visiting the Garden for the day.

botanic.bookings@durham.ac.uk

Durham University Botanic Garden , Hollingside Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TN

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/03/crazy-creatures-/>

+44 0191 334 5524

3/7/2025 till 14/8/2025

Knight of Knowledge - Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel

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!

events@lumleycastle.com

<https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=984>

+44 0191 389 1111

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

14/8/2025 till 14/8/2025

Lanchester Library

Come along and join us on a scavenger walk where you will pick leaves and flowers to then make a bird craft afterwards.

lanchester.lib@durham.co.uk

+44 03000 269514

Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0NT

14/8/2025 till 14/8/2025	Much Ado About Nothing - Handlebards - Open Air Theatre at Raby Castle Settle in for an unforgettable evening of open-air theatre as the brilliant HandleBards return to Raby Castle with their delightfully chaotic, bicycle-powered production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/open-air-theatre-handlebards-much-ado-about-nothing/ +44 01833 660202
14/8/2025 till 14/8/2025 28/8/2025 till 28/8/2025	SEND outdoor games with Smile Through Sport: Summer of Play at Crook Hall Gardens Have a go at a variety of games and activities with trained coaches. Sessions will be tailored to the needs and interests of participating young people on the day.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/81e4e7e3-e021-4477-9f58-2eac6b2ce604 +44 0191 383 1832
14/8/2025 till 14/8/2025	The Curator Series: The Bowes Museum in the 20th Century The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/the-curator-series-the-bowes-museum-in-the-20th-century/ +44 01833 690606
15/8/2025 till 15/8/2025 18/8/2025 till 18/8/2025	Axe throwing with B Outdoors: Summer of Play at Crook Hall Gardens Channel your inner warrior with family-friendly axe throwing. Ready to test your aim? Step up, take a deep breath, and hurl your axe!	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/4eac1ed9-a452-45d5-88c6-9e173bf40a3f +44 0191 383 1832
15/8/2025 till 15/8/2025 22/8/2025 till 22/8/2025 29/8/2025 till 29/8/2025	Crook Hall Gardens Tour: Horticulture Join our gardening guru volunteers for a tour of Crook Hall Gardens.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/d8e35d70-8f86-4f3c-8aa1-396217ee7327 +44 0191 383 1832

11/8/2025 till 15/8/2025	Dodgecamp We are running a summer dodgeball camp for kids of all ages and abilities! Anyone is welcome, weather you've played before or not! New College Durham, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5ES	mightyknightsdodgeball@outlook.com +44 07908 877662
14/8/2025 till 15/8/2025	Durham Children's Book Festival The Durham Children's Book Festival is a joyful celebration of reading, creativity, and storytelling, designed to inspire young minds and ignite a lifelong love of books. Durham Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	info@durhammarkets.co.uk https://durhammarkets.co.uk/event/childrens-book-fest/ +44 0191 3846153
15/8/2025 till 15/8/2025	Hair Braids & Milkshakes - Lanchester Garden Centre Join us for some more hair-raising fun with another helping of our Hair Braids & Milkshakes event. Lanchester Garden Centre, Lanchester, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk http://www.lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events +44 07591203776
11/8/2025 till 15/8/2025	Hardwick Holiday Club 2025 - Hardwick Park Join us this August for Hardwick Holiday Club. Each day will offer opportunities to explore and discover a range of outdoor adventures while making new friends, playing games, and learning new skills. Holiday Club will include a themed morning followed by a free play afternoon. Pre booking is required. Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN	hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents +44 03000 262 899
15/8/2025 till 15/8/2025	The HandleBards: Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' (Outdoor Theatre) - Wharton Park The HandleBards return to Wharton Park in summer 2025. Make the most of the early bird offer, tickets make a great Christmas gift. Book here for The Handlebards. - make the most of the early bird offer - visit and search for Wharton Park. Wharton Park , Framwelgate Peth, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4FJ	whartonpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/WhartonParkEvents +44 03000 262 655
15/8/2025 till 15/8/2025	Victory Over Japan Day at The Story Durham County Council has planned a programme of family activities at its culture and heritage venue, The Story, to commemorate VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day) on Friday 15 August. The Story, Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham , County Durham, DH1 3TQ	info@thestorydurham.org https://www.thestorydurham.org/whats-on/victory-over-japan-day-at-the-story/
16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Boots & Beats in the Tipi - Lumley Castle Hotel Dust off your cowboy boots and grab your favourite hat because it's time to kick up some fun line dancing at Beats & Boots in the Tipi. A celebration of all thing's country!	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/

	Tipi at Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	+44 0191 389 1111
15/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Derwent Fest 2025 A weekend festival of live tribute music, food and drink, and children's activities and entertainment, set in a stunning location, not far from you. Bring all the family, including the dog, and enjoy some fun, quality time together.	info@watersideparksuk.com https://www.watersideparksuk.com/derwent-fest-2025/ +44 0345 155 0236
	Derwent Waterside Park, Edmundbyers, County Durham, DH8 9TT	
16/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Dragons Quest at Brancepeth Castle Come and join us for a morning or afternoon of questing for dragons at Brancepeth Castle!	info@brancepethcastle.uk +44 0191 3789670
	Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, County Durham, DH7 8DE	
26/7/2025 till 16/8/2025	Summer Lates - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens Join us for a relaxed Summer Late. Amble in the stunning remodelled walled gardens, enjoy a bite to eat or a glass of wine in the beautiful Vinery and why not treat yourself to something from the stunning Coach House Shop. A wonderful evening filled with shopping, great food and beautiful walks in the garden.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/summer-late/ +44 01833 660202
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	
13/8/2025 till 16/8/2025	Waiting for Godot by Samuel Becket (Tragic Comedy) Classic, ground breaking play of its time.	la_510@hotmail.com http://www.durhamcitytheatre.co.uk +44 03000266600
	City Theatre, Back Silver Street, Fowlers Yard, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RA	
19/7/2025 till 17/8/2025	Adventures in Wonderland: An Immersive Experience - Raby Castle Park and Gardens Raby Castle, Park and Gardens is encouraging families to journey down the rabbit hole this summer with an Alice in Wonderland inspired takeover of the castle grounds.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/adventures-in-wonderland-an-immersive-experience/ +44 01833 660202
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025 24/8/2025 till 24/8/2025	Exhibition: Celebrating Local Amateur and Junior Football over the Decades at Brancepeth Castle An opportunity to look back at the history and heyday of amateur and junior football in this part of County Durham	brancepeth.archive@outlook.com https://brancepethcastle.uk/ +44 0191 378 0974
	Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, County Durham , DH7 8DF	
15/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	Hardwick Festival 2025 Hardwick Festival returns 15th to 17th August. The 2025 line-up will be revealed soon.	support@hardwickfestival.co.uk

		https://hardwickfestival.co.uk/
	Hardwick Festival, Grounds of Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2EH	
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	HMS Pinafore by Illyria Join us for outdoor summer theatre with sharp dialogue and catchy tunes, this timeless comic opera is performed outdoors by a cast of six outstanding performers from the world of musical theatre, on a spectacular nautical set and using Sir Arthur Sullivan's full score.	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173661377
	Durham Cathedral, Palace Green, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3EH	+44 0191 3744069
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	InterCity 125 High Speed Train (HST) at The Weardale Railway Railway fans and families are in for a treat this summer as the legendary InterCity 125 High Speed Train (HST) makes a rare appearance on the scenic Weardale Railway.	info@weardale-railway.org.uk https://www.weardale-railway.org.uk/
	The Weardale Railway, Stanhope Station, Station Road, Stanhope, County Durham , DL13 2YS	+44 01388 526203
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025 21/9/2025 till 21/9/2025 19/10/2025 till 19/10/2025	Pit Village Music Hall - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Head to The 1900s Pit Village band hall where music group Kiddars Luck will be hosting the Pit Village Music Hall from 11.30am-2.30pm, a musical celebration of the North East, including clog dancing and a surprise guest or two!	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/page/2/?category=50
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
16/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	Summer Artisan Market - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors Get ready for a weekend of shopping, sunshine and summer vibes at Dalton Park's Summer Artisan Market	guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/summer-artisan-market
	Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU	+44 0191 526 6500
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025 31/8/2025 till 31/8/2025	Summer Brass Concerts at Wharton Park We look forward to welcoming a selection of local colliery brass bands who will bring music to the ears of our visitors.	whartonpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/WhartonParkEvents
	Wharton Park, Framwellgate Peth, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 4FJ	+44 03000 262 655
17/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	Swift-Tea Party - Lanchester Garden Centre Join us this "Cruel Summer" for our very first Swift-Tea - with live singing, games, dance competitions and of course meet & greet with photo opportunities.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk http://www.lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Lanchester, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 07591203776

16/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	The Bishop Auckland Family Festival 2025 An exciting weekend packed with hands-on creative workshops, entertainment, building competitions and activities that encourage imagination and play for people of all ages.	info@baccanalia.co.uk https://baccanalia.ssboxoffice.com/events/the-bishop-auckland-family-festival-2025/
	Jane Armstrong Park (opposite Aldi), Watling Road, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 6PP	+44 01388 540823
15/8/2025 till 17/8/2025	Tweddle Carnival - Tweddle Children's Animal Farm A day of carnival fun for all the family! Take part in all of our activities including: Children's funfair rides (additional charges), face painting, local treat stalls, garden games, a circus workshop & more!	phoebe@tweddlefarm.co.uk +44 0191 5863311
	Tweddle Children's Animal Farm , Filpoke Lane, Blackhall Colliery, Durham, TS274BT	
18/8/2025 till 18/8/2025	Brandon Library scavenger walk and craft session Come along to Brandon Library on Monday 18th of August at 10.30am to scavenge some materials from the walk to make a bird craft.	brandon.library@durham.gov.uk +44 03000 269501
	Brandon Library, Lowland Road, Brandon, County Durham, DH7 8NN	
19/8/2025 till 19/8/2025	Step into Storytime: Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell - 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
20/8/2025 till 20/8/2025 17/9/2025 till 17/9/2025 22/10/2025 till 22/10/2025	Deer Park Safari - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens Enjoy a scenic tour of Raby Castle's extensive Deer Park, guided by a knowledgeable ranger who will share fascinating insights about the deer and the park's history.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/deer-park-safari/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+441833660202
20/8/2025 till 20/8/2025	Exploring the Archives: Raby & the Royals Uncover the hidden history between Raby Castle and the British monarchy.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/exploring-the-archives-raby-and-the-royals/
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
20/8/2025 till 20/8/2025	Jemima Puddleduck at Brancepeth Castle Join Jemima and her farmyard friends on her feather-ruffling adventures in this delightful new adaptation of Beatrix Potter's family favourite.	info@brancepethcastle.uk https://brancepethcastle.uk/book
	Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, County Durham, DH7 8DE	+44 0191 3789670

20/8/2025 till 20/8/2025	Railway 200 Talk: “Timothy Hackworth – The Man who Engineered a Future for the Locomotive” – with Mike Norman 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/timothy-hackworths-institute-with-dave-reynolds-railway-bicentenary-talks-4/ +44 01388 772942
21/8/2025 till 21/8/2025	Tea, Cake and Chat Everyone welcome, come meet your neighbours and find out what is happening in Merryoaks Community Hall.	susan.walker@lowesbarncp.org.uk https://evvnt.com/events/?_ev_id=3165654 +44 07557 978580
22/8/2025 till 22/8/2025	Tapas Night with Live Music from Joe Metcalfe - High Farm Holiday Park Join us for an evening filled with acoustic sing-along anthems performed by the talented Joe Metcalfe.	Info@highfarmholidaypark.uk https://www.highfarmholidaypark.uk/ +44 07858 13343
22/8/2025 till 22/8/2025 24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	Whisky Tasting at Lumley Castle Hotel Our Whisky tasting sessions provide a genuine insight into how one should 'nose' the whisky before defining how one should really taste it.	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/ +44 0191 389 1111
15/7/2025 till 23/8/2025	Twenty Years of EDAN - The EDAN Gallery 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.	edanart@live.com https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/twenty-years-of-edan +44 0191 649 9431
24/8/2025 till 24/8/2025 21/9/2025 till 21/9/2025 12/10/2025 till 12/10/2025	Jeanie and the Jollyboys - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Enjoy the sound of Jeanie and the Jollyboys, who will be performing in the 1950s welfare hall between 12-2pm.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/page/3/?category=50 +44 0191 370 4000
23/8/2025 till 24/8/2025	Sounds on the Bounds at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens Join us for a vibrant weekend of live music and street art on the Bounds Field at Ushaw! Taking place Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 from 10am to 6pm.	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/sounds-on-the-bounds-presented-by-fund-a-fest/

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW +44 0191 373 8500

25/8/2025 till 25/8/2025	Durham Classic Car Show Durham's City Centre will host over a hundred classic cars, a great family day out with displays in the Market Place, on Palace Green, and on Framwellgate and Elvet Bridges.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk https://durhammarkets.co.uk/event/durham-classic-car-gala-durham-city-centre/
	Durham City Centre, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 3846153
23/8/2025 till 25/8/2025	Harvest Seasonal Market at Raby Castle Held in the stunning Riding School and Dutch Barn, expect live music, local produce, delectable food, and unique gifts for all the family here at Raby Castle, Park and Gardens.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/harvest-seasonal-market/
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
24/8/2025 till 25/8/2025	Roman Army Weekend The Roman Army returns to Binchester Roman Fort to do battle against the enemy! Come and see demonstrations of archery, slingstaves and the firing of the artillery catapult; the ballista.	archaeology@durham.gov.uk +44 01388 663089
	Binchester Roman Fort, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 8DJ	
26/8/2025 till 26/8/2025	Jeremy McComb at Steam Machine Brewing Company Country singer Jeremy McComb is coming to Newton Aycliffe.	garyquinnmusic@gmail.com +44 07745 587652
	Steam Machine Brewing Company, 26 Northfield Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 6UF	
25/7/2025 till 29/8/2025	Active Fridays at Wharton Park Primary school aged children in receipt of free school meals can take part in free fitness activities and games at Wharton Park Active Friday workshops over the summer holiday period.	whartonpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/WhartonParkEvents
	Wharton Park, Framwellgate Peth, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 4FJ	+44 03000 262 655
24/7/2025 till 30/8/2025	Auckland Tower Open Art Space - The Auckland Project This summer, Open Art Space returns to Auckland Tower with a vibrant programme of free, drop-in creative workshops for families and visitors of all ages. Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 11am – 3pm.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/whats-on/
	Auckland Tower , Market Place , Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NJ	+44 01388 743 750
2/6/2025 till 30/8/2025	Brick Flicks - Bishop Auckland Town Hall 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	contactbath@durham.gov.uk

some of the most iconic and memorable film moments of all time recreated by Warren Elsmore, the well-known artist in LEGO bricks

<https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery/current-exhibition/>

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

+44 03000 269 524

22/7/2025 till 26/8/2025
16/8/2025 till 30/8/2025

Summer of Magic at The Hole in Wand - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors

Join us for a spellbinding adventure this July and August as The Hole in Wand brings a touch of enchantment to Dalton Park with their Summer of Magic. Across selected dates, enjoy magical live magician performances and face painting for little witches and wizards. Whether you're shopping, dining, or just enjoying a day out, be sure to stop by for some unforgettable magical moments. Fun for all ages – no wands required!

guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk

<https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/summer-of-magic-at-the-hole-in-wand>

+44 0191 526 6500

Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU

3/7/2025 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

5/8/2025 till 31/8/2025

Flying Scotsman Experiences at Locomotion

From 5 August Flying Scotsman is back at Locomotion this summer—what memories will you make with the famous locomotive?

info@locomotion.org.uk

<https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/flying-scotsman-experiences>

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

+44 033 0058 0058

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 ,

19/7/2025 till 31/8/2025

S&DR200 - Summer Celebration Festival at Locomotion

Head down to Locomotion for a summer of fun. Locomotion's Summer Celebration returns to Shildon from 19 July – 31 August and the programme includes steam rides, a pop-up beach, Flying Scotsman and a rolling programme of activities

<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16717/Summer-Festival>

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

21/7/2025 till 31/8/2025

Summer Family Activities - Durham Cathedral

Bringing history to life this summer with crafts,

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

storytelling and mini-tours.

Durham Cathedral, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH

<https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/summer-activities-25>

+44 0191 374 4069

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/>

+44 0191 373 8500

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

25/7/2025 till 1/9/2025

Gigantic Maize Maze at Adventure Valley

A gigantic Maize Maze has opened at Adventure Valley, the environmentally friendly attraction has opened for a sixth consecutive year.

info@adventurevalley.co.uk

<https://www.adventurevalley.co.uk/>

Adventure Valley, Union Hall Farm, Brasside, County Durham , DH1 5SG

+44 0191 386 8291

19/7/2025 till 1/9/2025

Summer Fun: Tales from the Rails - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North

This summer, step back in time and make unforgettable memories at Beamish Museum! Our summer of fun is packed with exciting activities for all ages.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/summer-fun-at-beamish-2025/>

Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish , County Durham, DH9 0RG

+44 0191 370 4000

25/7/2025 till 1/9/2025

Summer Holidays at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

We're celebrating a special summer of stories at Ushaw!

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/summer-holidays/>

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

+44 0191 373 8500

19/7/2025 till 1/9/2025

The Plotters' Forest Down the Rabbit Hole Trail- Raby Castle Park and Gardens

This summer, embark on a thrilling journey down the rabbit hole.

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-plotters-forest-down-the-rabbit-hole-trail/>

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

+44 01833 660202

22/7/2025 till 2/9/2025

Bug Hunt - The Bowes Museum

Embark on playful bug hunt to spot artworks around the museum that feature insects, vibrant colours and striking patterns. This interactive session invites curious explorers to engage their senses and uncover how nature has inspired artist and makers for centuries.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/bug-hunt/>

+44 01833 690606

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

31/7/2025 till 3/9/2025	Gardens trail: Summer of Play at Crook Hall Gardens Embark on an adventure through the gardens and learn more about the colourful array of flowers and plants all around you. Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b9114b3b-83ea-4f9a-8c29-7d4e547ceff4 +44 0191 383 1832
26/7/2025 till 7/9/2025	Brass Bands - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Tap your foot along to the sound of brass bands at Beamish Museum, who will be performing tunes in The 1900s Town bandstand from 2pm - 4pm. Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/?category=50 +44 0191 370 4000
28/7/2025 till 7/9/2025	Bumble Bee Safari Trail - High Force Waterfall Visit High Force Waterfall this summer and enjoy the Little Bees' Trail — a brand-new, nature-inspired activity for children, included free with your waterfall admission. High Force Waterfall, Forest in Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH	highforcehotel@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/little-farmers-trail/ +44 01833 622336
23/7/2025 till 7/9/2025	Summer Lates at High Force Hotel and Waterfall Evenings Just Got Better at High Force Waterfall. Until the 7th of September we are now open daily until 8pm! Giving you more time to unwind, explore, and catch those spectacular sunset views in one of the North East's most scenic locations. High Force Waterfall, Alston Road, Forest-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH	admin@raby.co.uk +44 01833 622336
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. Durham University Oriental Museum , Elvet Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TH	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/05/weaving-stories/ +44 0191 334 5691
28/7/2025 till 21/9/2025	Maize Maze Embark on an exciting hunt through our 4-acre trail. Our Maize Maze is brand new for 2025 with twists, turns and dead ends!! Thorpe Farm Centre, Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 9TY	info@thorpefarm.co.uk +44 01833 627242
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	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/art-icle/17017/Public-Art-Comm

unique story of the Stockton & Darlington Railway's ssions
legacy and its connection to the community.

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 ,

26/8/2025 till 4/10/2025

Grid Point - The EDAN Gallery

Loosely, the grid point in question will be that of the EDAN Gallery.

edanart@live.com

<https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/grid-point>

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

+44 0191 649 9431

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.

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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

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

+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.

crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk

	Start: Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	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.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ	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.	Gnbeventsuk45@outlook.com
	61 Durham , High Pittington, County Durham, DH6 1AB	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.	admin@raby.co.uk
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham , DL2 3AH	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.	pg.library@durham.ac.uk
	Palace Green Library , Palace Green, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN	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	Binding the Bard - Palace Green Library An exhibition of the entrants to our international bookbinding competition.	pg.library@durham.ac.uk
	Palace Green Library , Palace Green, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN	https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/binding-the-bard/
		+44 0191 334 2932
11/7/2025 till 2/11/2025	Magna Carta and the North - Durham Cathedral 800 years after the 1225 Magna Carta was issued, this exhibition features all six documents, exploring why Durham Cathedral came to have them, what they meant for life in the north of England, and their continuing	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk
		https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/magna-carta-

importance today.

and-the-north

Durham Cathedral, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3EH

+44 0191 374 4069

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-are-recovered/>

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

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10/8/2025 till 9/11/2025

Beamish Folk - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North

Beamish Folk is a new folk music session taking place on the second Sunday of each month in our 1900s Pit Village band hall, 11.30am-1.30pm.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/?category=50>

Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG

+44 0191 370 4000

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 ,

2/7/2025 till 30/11/2025

British Landscapes in the Bishop Trevor Rooms - Auckland Palace

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/british-landscapes/>

Auckland Palace and Gardens , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR

+44 01388 743750

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. Locomotion, Dale Road, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	https://railway200.co.uk/activity/guided-tours-of-stockton-and-darlington-railway/
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. Various locations , , County Durham ,	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17187/S-DR200-Fringe
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. Various locations , , County Durham ,	http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme
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. Middleton Auction Mart, Middleton-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0PJ	middletonteesdalefm@gmail.com +44 07943 636202
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. The Mining Art Gallery, 45 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16719/Fuelling-the-Railway-Revolution
29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	Auckland Gardens Tour at Auckland Palace Join our weekly 'walk and talk' sessions with our dedicated volunteers as they reveal the story behind the gardens and highlight special features. Wednesday and Saturday. Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham , DL14 7NR	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/auckland-gardens-tours/ +44 01388 743797

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
	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 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
1/8/2025 till 31/12/2025	Folk at the Hearth - The Auckland Project Join us for a monthly evening of traditional tunes, songs, and easy-going community spirit. Hosted by renowned local musician Paul Martin (aka 'The Dunholm Piper') with special guest players, these sessions bring people together through high-quality, welcoming music-making. First Friday of every month 7pm – 11pm.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/folk-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
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

29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	Hearth Outdoors at Auckland Palace Deer Park A free, welcoming programme of nature-based activities designed to help you feel good, connect with others, and explore the green spaces of Auckland Palace Deer Park.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/hearth-outdoors/ Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham , DL14 7NR +44 01388 743797
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
29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	No.42 - Creative Forum - The Auckland Project An adult group for like-minded creatives. Every Wednesday.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/creative-forum/ 42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7PB
29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	No.42 - Pregnant to Preschool - The Auckland Project Pregnant to Preschool is a weekly drop-in for parents who are pregnant or with young children (0-5). Every Monday 1 – 3pm. Excluding bank holidays.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/pregnant-to-preschool/ 42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7PB
29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	No.42 - Young Artists' Club - The Auckland Project Discover the works of great artists throughout history, and create your own pieces of art. Thursdays.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/young-artists-club/ 42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7PB
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/ +44 01833690606 The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP
28/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	Personal Highlights at The Mining Art Gallery Our weekly short talks are a chance for the public to not only get a deeper understanding of the artworks and artists behind them, but also the social context of life in mining communities. Every Thursday.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/mining-art-gallery-personal-highlights/ Mining Art Gallery, 45 Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham, DL14 7NP +44 01388 743750

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/
	Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
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
	Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB	+44 01740 620609

29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	Spanish Gallery - Murillo: Master of the Golden Age Exhibition Step into the splendour of Spain's Golden Age through the work of Bartolomé Esteban Murillo - one of the most celebrated and enduring artists of his time.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/murillo-exhibiton/
	Spanish Gallery, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7JF	
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
28/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	The Spanish Gallery Guided Tour Our knowledgeable guides offer in-depth insights and personalised attention, enhancing the experience for all visitors.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/spanish-gallery-guided-tour/
	Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7JF	
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 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.

Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL

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

+44 01388 488312

14/6/2025 till 1/3/2026

Nathan Coley You Create What You Will and Tate Modern on Fire - The Bowes Museum

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

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/nathan-coley/>

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26/7/2025 till 1/3/2026

Pippa Hale: Pet Project - The Bowes Museum

See the museum's renowned ceramic collection re-imagined into a vibrant and interactive experience for all ages.

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

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<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/pippa-hale-pet-project/>

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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.

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

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<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/>

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