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

24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	A Horrid History of Durham for Families - Durham Ghost Walk Perfect holiday time filler for your own 'little monsters'. Family entertainment for youngsters and parents with all the history your teacher dare not tell. Learn and laugh. Kids' Horrid History is not scary, but younger children might find it so (suitable for youngsters 6+ and their parents).	dave@durhamghostwalk.co.uk https://durhamghostwalk.co.uk/ +44 0191 3846583
	Horse Statue, Market Place , Durham , County Durham , DH1 3NJ	
1/9/2025 till 24/10/2025	Autumnal Afternoon Teas Autumnal Afternoon Tea Available to Book Monday to Friday from 1st September.	amygaffney@hotmail.co.uk +44 07970 546033
	Curlew Cafe, High Farm Holiday Park, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0QA	
24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	Boney M Live at Durham Cathedral Pop-Disco powerhouse BONEY M. will be performing live inside Durham Cathedral on Friday 24th October 2025!	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/boney-m-live-at-durham-cathedral +44 0191 338 7178
	Durham Cathedral, The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	
24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	Sip and Ceramics Join us for an evening of pottery painting and fun.	Info@highfarmholidaypark.uk +44 07858 133431
	High Farm Holiday Park, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0QA	
24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	Stargazing at the Lord Crewe - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Are we alone in the universe? This question has fascinated humans for a long time, and it has regularly come up as a conversation topic on previous stargazing events at The Lord Crewe Arms in Blanchland.	https://lordcrewearms.wearegifted.co.uk/stargazing-evening-aliens +44 01434 677100
	Lord Crewe Arms, The Square, Blanchland, County Durham, DH8 9SP	

24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	Stargazing for Beginners - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Ever wanted to explore the night sky but didn't know where to start? Fortunately the team at Allenheads Observatory will guide you step-by-step under one of the country's darkest skies – no prior knowledge needed.	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/stargazing-for-beginners/
	Allenheads Observatory at ACA, Allenheads Contemporary Arts, Old School House, Allenheads, Northumberland, NE47 9HR	
24/10/2025 till 24/10/2025 20/11/2025 till 20/11/2025 2/1/2026 till 4/1/2026	Stargazing Suppers - High Force Hotel and Waterfall Discover the magnificence of the night sky with an exciting stargazing experience at the breath-taking High Force Waterfall in County Durham.	admin@raby.co.uk
	High Force Waterfall, Alston Road, Forest-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH	https://www.raby.co.uk/high-force/stargazing/?utm_source=Newsletter+subscribers&utm_campaign=4d388b9d12-2022.10.24_Annual_Passholder_Regen_Farm_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_63a53fba70-4d388b9d12-106595409
		+44 01833 622336
6/10/2025 till 24/10/2025	West Side Story Exhibition at Locomotion Discover the untold story of Stockton & Darlington's far-reaching rail legacy through rare photos and maps.	https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/west-side-story
	Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	
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
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/
		+44 0191 389 1111
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Alston Moor Stargazing - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Come along to this fabulous stargazing opportunity at the Alston Moor Observatory on Saturday 25 October, 6pm to 9pm. It is a combination of themed talks, and (weather permitting) stargazing.	david@davidhymers.com
	Alston Moor Observatory, Alston Moor Golf Club, Alston, Cumbria, CA9 3DB	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/alston-moor-stargazing/
		+44 07483 327560
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Autumn Craft Fayre - Chester-le-Street Methodist Church Discover unique handmade treasures, from beautiful pyrography and cards, fused glass, jewellery, to so much more. The perfect place for a special gift.	info@cornerstonescentre.co.uk
	Chester-le-Street Methodist Church, North Burns, Chester-le-Street, Durham, DH3 3TF	+44 0191 388 1313

25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025 1/11/2025 till 1/11/2025 8/11/2025 till 8/11/2025	Behind the Scenes Tour of Raby Castle Join us for an extraordinary journey into the heart of history as we unveil the hidden stories and treasures of Raby Castle. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/behind-the-scenes-tours/ +44 01833 660202
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Boyzlife Live in Durham Cathedral Keith Duffy & Brian McFadden will be performing the greatest hits from Boyzone & Westlife live in Durham Cathedral with their full band in October. Durham Cathedral, The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/boyzlife-live-in-durham-cathedral +44 0191 338 7178
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Chasing the Northern Lights - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Experience the magic of the night sky and discover the science, beauty, and mystery of the Aurora Borealis at the Allenheads Observatory at ACA, on Saturday 25 October, 8pm to 10pm. Allenheads Observatory at ACA, Allenheads Contemporary Arts, Old School House, Allenheads, Northumberland, NE47 9HR	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/chasing-the-northern-lights/
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Cliffecon - Halloween Edition at Oak Leaf Sports Complex Cliffecon Halloween Edition will be taking place on Saturday 25th October 2025 at Oakleaf Sports Complex. You can expect all the delicious geekiness of Cliffecon but with a spooky twist! Oak Leaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe Ln, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 6QZ	admin@cutefox.co.uk https://cutefox.co.uk/cliffecon-halloween-guests/ +447403182678
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. Durham University Botanic Garden , Hollingside Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TN	botanic.bookings@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/03/crazy-creatures-/ +44 0191 334 5524
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Gin & Cheese Train at Weardale Railway Gin & Cheese Train returns to Weardale Railway after sell-out success. Bishop Auckland West Station, Weardale Railway, Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7TL	info@weardale-railway.org.uk https://www.weardale-railway.org.uk/events +44 01388 526203
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Learn to Draw a Fantasy Map Cartographic artist Kevin Sheehan will teach you how to hand-draw a fantasy map with pen and ink.	hello@elvetandbailey.com

	Elvet & Bailey, 23 High Street, Prince Bishops Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3UJ	+44 07307 620744
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Learn to Draw a Map of a Real Place Cartographic artist Kevin Sheehan will teach you how to hand-draw a map of a real place with pen and ink.	hello@elvetandbailey.com
	Elvet & Bailey, 23 High Street, Prince Bishops Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3UJ	+44 07307 620744
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Sarah Nelson Open Studio Following her new home/studio being featured on Grand Designs, Sarah is opening her gallery and studio to the public. All welcome	info@sarahnelsonstudio.co.uk
	6 Sun Road, Woodland, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL135NF	+44 07703369449
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025 15/11/2025 till 15/11/2025 22/11/2025 till 22/11/2025	Stargazing at Raby Castle This exclusive event offers a rare opportunity to explore the night sky under the expert guidance of a professional astronomer. Whether you are an experienced stargazer or a newcomer to astronomy, this session promises to provide valuable insights into the celestial wonders above.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/stargazing-at-raby-castle-3/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
23/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	The Crucible - St Mary's Anglican Church Set during the Salem witch trials of 1692, The Crucible is a timeless masterpiece that crackles with urgency. Beneath the surface of its historical setting lies a chilling reflection of our own world — where fear spreads like wildfire, truth is twisted, and standing up for what's right can come at a terrible cost.	gordon.duffymcghie@castleplayers.co.uk
	St Mary's Anglican Church, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NQ	+44 01833 637018
25/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	We Are The Lions, Mr Manager! In 1976, six workers walked out of Grunwick Film Processing Laboratory and Factory in Willesden. They staged a strike against their poor working conditions, demanding the right to join a union. Less than two years later, those six had been joined by 20,000 supporters in an historic dispute fighting for better rights for poorly treated workers.	admin@redhillsdurham.org
	Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Flass Lane, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 4BE	+44 0191 323 3658
25/10/2025 till 26/10/2025	61 Durham Halloween Funfair 61 Durham Halloween Funfair. Halloween fun at 61 Durham!	https://allevents.in/durham/61-durham-halloween-funfair/200028150007955
	61 Durham , High Pitington, Durham, County Durham, DH6 1AB	

26/10/2025 till 26/10/2025	Charity Ghost Walk - Walkergate Durham This October, just before Halloween, lovers of the spooky and supernatural can experience a night like no other on the annual Walkergate and Durham Ghost Whisperer charity ghost walk! The Bishops' Mill, Walkergate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1WA	durhamghostwhisperer@yahoo.com https://www.walkergate-durham.co.uk/raising-money-spirits-with-a-durham-charity-ghost-walk/ +44 07939 419474
24/10/2025 till 26/10/2025 12/11/2025 till 12/11/2025 14/11/2025 till 15/11/2025	Dark Sky Astronomy and Stargazing - Grassholme Observatory Tonight's event promises to be a spectacular evening of astronomy. Grassholme Observatory, Grassholme Reservoir, nr Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0PW	gary@grassholmeobservatory.org https://bookwhen.com/grassholmeobservatory?tags=Familystar#focus=ev-smzp-20251001200000 +44 0345 155 0236
24/10/2025 till 26/10/2025	Dark Sky Astronomy and Stargazing - North Pennines Stargazing Festival The event will begin with a welcome from the lead astronomer at Grassholme Observatory, Gary Fildes. Gary is a very experienced science communicator and astronomer, and founder of the Kielder Observatory, where he was Director and CEO for over 11 years. Grassholme Observatory, Grassholme Reservoir, nr Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0PW	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/dark-sky-astronomy-and-stargazing-25/2025-10-24/
26/10/2025 till 26/10/2025	Dark Sky Stargazing - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Step beneath one of the darkest night skies in England and witness the Milky Way in all its glory. From the Allenheads Observatory at ACA, located in one of the darkest skies in the country, you will discover a stargazer's paradise where the universe truly comes alive. Allenheads Observatory at ACA, Allenheads Contemporary Arts, Old School House, Allenheads, Northumberland, NE47 9HR	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/dark-sky-stargazing/
25/10/2025 till 26/10/2025 29/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Halloween After Dark in The Plotters' Forest - Raby Castle Park and Gardens Halloween After Dark Illuminated Trail in The Plotters Forest. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/afterdarktrail/ +44 01833 660202
4/10/2025 till 26/10/2025 27/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Kinley Hill Pumpkin Patch Come and explore our family-run, home-grown pumpkin patch, set in the beautiful coastal town of Seaham, County Durham. We're a local family farm that started our pumpkin patch in 2022, and each year we're growing, improving, and welcoming more visitors. If you're looking for a no-fuss day out—with pumpkin picking, warm drinks, and access to stunning coastal walks—our patch could be just the place for you.	https://www.kinleyhillpumpkinpatch.co.uk/

Kinley Hill Farm , Hawthorn, Seaham, County Durham,
SR7 8SW

25/10/2025 till 26/10/2025	Little Ones Pumpkin Painting at Raby Castle Park and Gardens Celebrate the autumn season with a fun and creative pumpkin painting workshop!	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/little-onespumpkin-painting/ +44 01833 660202
26/10/2025 till 26/10/2025 30/11/2025 till 30/11/2025 28/12/2025 till 28/12/2025	Skiffle Session & Uke Club - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Join us for an afternoon of skiffle music in the 1950s welfare hall! Enjoy our own band, Hop, Skiffle and Jump performing from 12pm until 1pm, followed by our Uke Club from 1.15pm until 2.15pm where you can develop your ukulele skills.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/?category=50 +44 0191 370 4000
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	
27/10/2025 till 27/10/2025	Build A Wizard Bear Workshop Join us for our very first Build A Wizard Bear Workshop and create your very own keepsake magical bear.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/ +4401207 529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
27/10/2025 till 27/10/2025 29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025 31/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Halloween Evenings at Beamish Museum Step into the The Un-living Museum of the North this Halloween, where the past comes alive... in a most unexpected way.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/halloween-evenings-2025/ +44 0191 370 4000
	Beamish - The Living Museum of the North, Beamish, County Durham , DH9 0RG	
27/10/2025 till 27/10/2025	Introduction to Astrophotography - North Pennines Stargazing Festival If you have ever wanted to capture the wonders of the night sky but don't know where to start – this is the event for you. Join Martin Kitching for an engaging talk and workshop at Carrshield Village Hall, on Monday 27 October, 7pm to 9pm.	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/introduction-to-astrophotography-2/
	Carrshield Village Hall, Barney Craig, Carrshield, Northumberland, NE47 8AR	

27/10/2025 till 27/10/2025	October half term: Active Play at Crook Hall Gardens' Get active at Crook Hall Gardens this October half term.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3db0f3be-aabf-478f-9b5c-10507fb3e0c2 +44 0191 383 1832
24/10/2025 till 27/10/2025 24/10/2025 till 25/10/2025	Pumpkin Patch - East Grange Farm This year we will grow over 100,000 pumpkins spread out over 20 acres. There will be 17 varieties, 6 different colours and sizes ranging from 500g to 12kg. Don't worry about carrying all those pumpkins; we will have plenty of wheelbarrows to help.	hello@eastgrange.com https://www.eastgrange.com/pumpkins
	East Grange Farm , High Shincliffe, Durham, County Durham, DH1 2TB	
27/10/2025 till 27/10/2025	Regal Beasts with Maddie Agnew Create a Victorian-style portrait of your pet in this playful workshop with artist Maddie Agnew.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
27/10/2025 till 27/10/2025 5/2/2026 till 5/2/2026	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/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum , Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025	Alpaca Petting Join us and Fellside Alpacas for the return of our Alpaca Petting event.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/ +44 01207 529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025	Family Coastal Wildlife Walk Join us for a relaxing walk around Blackhall Rocks Nature Reserve this half-term. We'll look for wildflowers and insects, identify trees, and spot seasonal birds along our coastal grasslands.	dkealoha@durhamwt.co.uk +44 0191 5843112
	Blackhall Rocks Nature Reserve, Blackhall Colliery, County Durham, TS7 4AT	
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.	hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents

Each session will include a different element or skill.

	Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN	+44 03000 262 899
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025	Guided Nature Walk from Crook Hall Gardens Explore the nature surrounding Crook Hall Gardens with a ranger. 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/1943f532-8a58-4021-870b-7690bbb32d2d
		+44 0191 383 1832
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025	Halloween Bath Bomb Workshop Join us for a frightfully fun Halloween Bath Bomb Workshop with Bath Bomb Bons. Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
		+44 01207 529987
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025	Halloween Forest Club - Hardwick Park Halloween Forest Club is a hands-on experience designed to engage children about the natural world around them, aimed at children between 2 and 6 years of age. This session will include having a go at toasting a marshmallow on a fire. Outdoor clothing is required. Tickets must be booked in advance. Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN	hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents
		+44 03000 262 899
27/10/2025 till 28/10/2025 31/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Halloween Half Term Events - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors Get ready for a frightfully fun Half Term at Dalton Park! There's spooky happenings throughout half term and all of our Halloween events are completely free. Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU	guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/halloween-half-term-events
		+44 0191 526 6500
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 , Durham City, 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
28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025	Hollywood Magic - Gala Durham From the team that brought Hollywood in Space to Gala Durham earlier this year, join conductor Lewis Wilkinson and the 65-piece North East Film Orchestra as they return this October half-term with their brand-new spellbinding show, Hollywood Magic!	info@galadurham.co.uk https://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/hollywood-magic/
		+44 03000 266 600

Gala Durham , Millennium Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1WA

28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025
1/11/2025 till 1/11/2025

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.

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

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

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28/10/2025 till 28/10/2025

Stars and songs: family-friendly stargazing - North Pennines Stargazing Festival

Celebrate the North Pennines Stargazing Festival with guided stargazing and astronomy, arts and crafts, and an enchanting, evening sing-along. Suitable for all ages with facts, food and fun for everyone.

<https://northpennines.org.uk/event/stars-and-songs/>

Bowlees Farm, Newbiggin, County Durham, DL12 0XE

7/5/2025 till 29/10/2025

61 Durham Weekly Market
61 Weekly Market, every Wednesday.

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29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025
31/10/2025 till 31/10/2025
1/11/2025 till 2/11/2025

Astronomy and Stargazing - Grassholme Observatory

The event will begin with a personal welcome from our astronomer, Gary Fildes. Gary is a very experienced science communicator and astronomer, and founder of the Kielder Observatory, where he was Director and CEO for over 11 years.

<https://bookwhen.com/grassholmeobservatory?tags=Star#focus=ev-smzp-20251001200000>

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Grassholme Observatory, Grassholme Reservoir, nr Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0PW

29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025
31/10/2025 till 31/10/2025
1/11/2025 till 2/11/2025

Astronomy and Stargazing - North Pennines Stargazing Festival

Have you ever looked up at the night-time sky and wondered why you can't see anything other than stars? There are four chances to book onto this event during the North Pennines Stargazing Festival: Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 October; and Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November – all 8pm to 11pm.

<https://northpennines.org.uk/event/astronomy-and-stargazing-4/2025-10-29/>

Grassholme Observatory, Grassholme Reservoir, nr Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0PW

28/10/2025 till 29/10/2025

Celebrate Science at Locomotion

Calling all young scientists! Locomotion is the next stop for the annual festival to celebrate science.

<https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/celebrate-science>

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

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 https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040aa-6555-4ed6-aaaa-87904fc0b79f +44 0191 383 1832
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , , County Durham , DH1 5SZ	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Dark Skies Run - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Discover the freedom of trail running at night, in the company of experienced runners, as we follow the route of the High Force and Bowlees Geotrail.	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/dark-skies-run-2/ +44 01833 622145
	Bowlees Visitor Centre, Newbiggin, County Durham, DL12 0XF	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight in Durham Cathedral Featuring a world class cast of West End Singers and epic live band, join us for a Landslide concert, jam packed with Fleetwood Mac hits, as you have never heard them before!	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/fleetwood-mac-by-candlelight-2 +44 0191 374 4069
	Durham Cathedral , The College, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3EH	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Funny Way To Be Comedy: Cally Beaton A funny show about a deadly serious subject, a celebration of and for the female of the species. Invisible no more.	peter@funnywaytobe.com https://thewitham.org.uk/event/funny-way-to-be-comedy-cally-beaton-namaste-motherfuckers-16/ +44 01833 650930
	The Witham, 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Ghost Stories with Dr Emma Liggins and Adam Z. Robinson at Raby Castle Park and Gardens This spine-chilling Halloween event brings together ghost story expert Dr Emma Liggins with theatrical performer and writer Adam Z. Robinson. It promises spooky stories, haunted histories and the terror of the unknown.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/ghost-stories-for-halloween-haunted-places/ +44 01833 660202
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Golf Clubhouse Children's Halloween Party Our children's Halloween party is packed with fun and frightful delights, including delicious food, Halloween-themed games and a spooky disco that's sure to get everyone dancing.	https://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/whats-on/clubhouse-halloween-party/ +44 0191 386 9514
	Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf & Spa, Carrville , Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TD	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Halloween Family Tours at Durham Castle Step into the shadowy halls of Durham Castle for a spine-tingling Halloween adventure!	castle.tours@durham.ac.uk

	Durham Castle, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3RW	+44 0191 334 2932
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Halloween Trail - St Cuthbert's Hospice Join us for an enchanting Halloween woodland trail through the stunning grounds of St Cuthbert's Hospice! This magical family-friendly evening has been created to raise funds for the hospice, with every child's ticket helping to support their vital work.	info@poplartreegardencentre.co.uk +44 0191 3847553
	St Cuthbert's Hospice, Park House Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3QF	
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Life of a Roman Soldier - Binchester Roman Fort Join Julius as he takes you on a tour of the Roman fort and explains what life was like for the 2,000 soldiers who lived here. After the tour you can talk to a soldier who will show you his marching pack and tell you everything a beginner soldier needs to know before entering the army.	archaeology@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/22825/Binchester-Roman-Fort-events
	Binchester Roman Fort , Binchester, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 8DJ	+44 01388 663 089
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Pumpkins and Potions - Wharton Park Join the education team this October half-term for a pumpkin carving workshop. Pleasant? Powerful? Pongy? Puzzling? What will you create? Carve and decorate your own pumpkin with a range of materials and practise your potion skills to have a spell binding time with your magical mixes. Pre-booking essential.	outdoorlearning@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/WhartonParkEvents
	Wharton Park , Framwelgate Peth, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4FJ	+44 03000 262 845
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Wicked Grimmoire Workshop Join us and Craftily Ever After for another Wicked inspired craft workshop.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 01207 529987
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Wicked Suniversity Join us and Craftily Ever After for our very first Wicked Suniversity.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+4401207 529987
29/10/2025 till 29/10/2025	Wickedly Good Cupcakes Masterclass Join us and Craftily Ever After for our Wickedly Good Cupcakes Masterclass where Madame M leads the decoration of 2 Wickedly good cupcakes along with container decoration to take your creations home.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 01207 529987

30/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Children's "Good" or "Wicked" Halloween Party Halloween just wouldn't be the same without a Halloween Party at Lanchester Garden Centre!	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/ +44 01207 529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
30/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Children's Halloween Disco - Lumley Castle Hotel Come along for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun at our Children's Halloween Disco!	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/ +44 0 191 389 1111
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	
29/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Family Stargazing at High Force - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Discover the Magic of the Night Sky — Together.	https://www.raby.co.uk/events/family-stargazing-at-high-force/ +44 01833 622 336
	High Force Hotel and Waterfall, Forest In Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH	
30/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Halloween Magic and Myths - Hardwick Park Are you feeling superstitious this Halloween? There are many magical myths of mischievous and monstrous creatures that once roamed the North East. Join the education team to discover some of these terrific tales and take part in a variety of related activities in the park grounds. Tickets must be booked in advance.	hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents +44 03000 262 899
	Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN	
29/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Halloween Night at Potter's World - Lanchester Garden Centre Spooky season has arrived, so why not gather all your favourite ghouls and monsters together for some terrific Halloween fun at our Halloween Nights at Potter's World.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/ +44 01207529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
30/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Lantern making and night-time mine trip - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Celebrate the dark skies of the North Pennines and join us for a free mine trip like no other at Nenthead Mines, near Alston.	rebecca@northpennines.org.uk +44 01388 528801
	Nenthead Mines, Nenthead, Cumbria, CA9 3PB	
29/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	The Music of Taylor Swift by Candlelight - Durham Cathedral Swifties, get ready to sing your heart out, swap your bracelets, share the love and Shake It Off! The Music of Taylor Swift by Candlelight is here, and it's pure magic!	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/taylor-swift-by-candlelight +44 0191 374 4069
	Durham Cathedral, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	

30/10/2025 till 30/10/2025	Why Space Travel is Hard - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Come along for an exciting dark skies event in Croglin Village Hall, on the western edge of the North Pennines on Cumbria's eastern fellsides, Thursday 30 October, 7pm to 10pm.	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/why-space-travel-is-hard/
	Croglin Village Hall, Croglin, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 9RZ	
30/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Family Time Scare Night - Thorpe Farm Centre Family Time Scare Night at Thorpe Farm Centre ... where fright comes to life!!!	info@thorpefarm.co.uk http://www.thorpefarm.co.uk/family-friendly-events/
	Thorpe Farm Centre, Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 9TY	+44 01833 627242
27/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Pumpkin Picking - Tweddle Farm Join us in the North East's most loved Pumpkin Patch! Filled with garden games, fairground rides, photo opportunities and more. Tickets include Farm Admissions!	phoebe@tweddlefarm.co.uk +44 0191 5863311
	Tweddle Farm, Filpoke Lane, Blackhall Colliery, County Durham, TS274BT	
30/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	Scare Night - Thorpe Farm Centre Scare Night – do you dare enter the Halloween Maze?	info@thorpefarm.co.uk https://www.thorpefarm.co.uk/family-friendly-events/
	Thorpe Farm Centre, Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 9TY	+44 01833 627242
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 https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-story-of-raby-and-the-railways/
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham , DL2 3AH	
27/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	The Haunted Harbour - Seaham Harbour Marina Join the Haunted Harbour this Halloween! With many spooky activities and fantastic prizes to be won, you won't want to miss out on all the fun!	info@seahammarina.com https://www.seahammarina.com/events
	Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EE	+44 0191 5818998
29/10/2025 till 31/10/2025	The Whimsical Tale of Pumperknickle at Auckland Palace Come along for the whimsical tale of Pumperknickle, penned and performed by the talented thespians of The Auckland Project!	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/the-whimsical-tale-of-pumperknickle/
	Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR	

30/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	All Hallows' Eve: Daytime Garden Trail Head through our wicked forest, which have been transformed into haunting trail, filled with wonder, mystery, and a touch of fright.	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/allhallows-daytime-garden-trail/
	Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW	+44 0191 373 8500
30/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	All Hallows' Eve: Illuminated Trail at Ushaw Our Illuminated Trail is back! Step through the stone gates and leave the everyday behind... if you dare. This spooky season, Ushaw's historic grounds transform into a haunting illuminated trail, filled with wonder, mystery, and a touch of fright.	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/allhallowseve/
	Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW	+44 0191 373 8500
25/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	Fa-BOO-lous Halloween - Adventure Valley This October, join our Fa-BOO-lous Fun event, where there will be more giggles than ghouls for all the family! This event is friendly for kids of all ages - no scaries, but plenty of adventure and fun!	info@adventurevalley.co.uk https://www.adventurevalley.co.uk/seasonal-events/halloween/
	Adventure Valley , Union Hall Farm , Brasside, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SG	+44 0191 386 8291
25/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	Family Halloween Torchlight Tour at Raby Castle Join us for a special spooky family tour of Raby Castle ... with a difference!	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/hauntings-and-happenings-family-tour/
	Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
25/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	Haunted Raby: Tour by Torchlight at Raby Castle Park and Gardens Join us at dusk for a special torchlit tour of Raby Castle. Find out from our guides about the unexplained phenomenon and reported hauntings witnessed over centuries at the castle.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/haunted-raby-tour-by-torchlight/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
25/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	Hauntings and Happenings Family Evening Tour at Raby Castle Park and Gardens Join us for a special spooky family tour of Raby Castle ... with a difference! Bring your own torch and our knowledgeable guides will escort you through some of our favourite rooms in the castle at twilight.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/hauntings-and-happenings-family-tour/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833 660202
30/10/2025 till 1/11/2025	Open Art Space: Spooky Animation - Auckland Tower Flex your crafty, art skills and join animator Sheryl for a series Halloween inspired animation drop in sessions. Sheryl Jenkins is a North East based animator and participatory artist. Her artistic practice includes moving	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/open-art-space-spooky

image content for theatre and television, commercial film work, and education and community projects.

+44 01388 743 750

Auckland Tower , North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland,
County Durham, DL14 7PG

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

<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

+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

<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

+44 0191 334 2932

25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Fun and Folklore: October Half Term at Beamish Museum

Come and join us this October Half-Term for fun and folklore. From Saturday, 25th October to Sunday, 2nd November, join us for a programme of activities as we delve into the quirky, mysterious, and sometimes spooky world of North East folklore.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/october-half-term-2025/>

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

+44 0191 370 4000

25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Gothic Gargoyles Halloween Trail - Hardwick Park

Gargoyles have descended on Hardwick Park this Halloween. But do not fear, they are here to scare away any Halloween evil spirits and protect the park. Can you collect all of the letters to work out which building acts as a portal for spirits to cross the boundary into the park and cause havoc?

hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

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

Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN

+44 03000 262 899

19/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Halloween DreamMaze at Wynyard Hall

Discover DreamMaze: A Magical, Festive Adventure for the Whole Family!

reception@wynyardhall.co.uk

<https://www.wynyardhall.co.uk/offer-event/dreammaze/>

Wynyard Hall, Wynyard, , , TS22 5NF

+44 01740 644 811

4/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Halloween Maize Maze Trail - Thorpe Farm Centre

Spooktacular family fun awaits at Thorpe Farm Centre. The Spooky Halloween Maize Maze opens on Saturday 4th October! Grab a map and activity sheet from The Courtyard Café and head off to explore the 4 acre maize and find surprises around every corner. Solve spooky puzzles and collect treats along the way.

info@thorpefarm.co.uk

<https://www.thorpefarm.co.uk/family-friendly-events/>

+44 01833 627242

Thorpe Farm Centre, Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle,
County Durham, DL12 9TY

30/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Halloween Spooky Scent Adventure

This is a whole family fun session including the main participants.....the dogs!

louisa.dean@ymail.com

+44 07790 098295

Country Canines Dog Park, North Barnley, Eggleston,
Barnard Castle, England, DL12 0BF

4/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Halloween Tiny Terrors Trail at The Plotters' Forest - Raby Castle Park and Gardens

Join us for a spooktacular Halloween adventure at The Plotters' Forest!

admin@raby.co.uk

https://www.raby.co.uk/events/tiny-terrors-trail/?utm_source=Newsletter+subscribers&utm_campaign=8a87a0b0b6-2022.10.24_Annual_Passholder_Regen_Farm_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_63a53fba70-8a87a0b0b6-106575029

+44 01833 660202

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

4/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Halloween Trail at High Force Waterfall

Perfect for families looking to enjoy the outdoors with a seasonal twist, this self-led trail is included with general admission.

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/high-force-halloween-trail/>

+44 01833 622336

High Force Waterfall, Forest in Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH

4/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Hamsterley Forest Disc Golf

Autumn Adventures Await—Try Disc Golf at Its Most Magical! Crisp air, golden leaves, and the satisfying zing of a perfect throw—autumn is the ultimate season to fall in love with disc golf! Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, now's the time to grab a disc and hit the course.

enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/disc-golf-hamsterley>

+44 01388 488312

Hamsterley Forest Outdoor Centre, Bedburn, County Durham, DL13 3NL

6/9/2025 till 2/11/2025

Lafcadio Hearn – Kwaidan at Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens

This Autumn at Ushaw, see a touring exhibition of prints inspired by the writing of Lafcadio Hearn's Kwaidan book of Japanese ghost stories. Perfect for spooky season!

meet@ushaw.org

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

+44 0191 373 8500

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

25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025

Lanchester Food Week

Lanchester Food Week is a celebration of the amazing food outlets in the charming village of Lanchester, taking place over October half-term week 25th October - 2nd November 2025.

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

Lanchester Village , Lanchester , County Durham ,

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 importance today.	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/magna-carta-and-the-north
	Durham Cathedral, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3EH	+44 0191 374 4069
25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025	Moon Trail at Bowlees Visitor Centre - North Pennines Stargazing Festival Our self-guided trail this half term holiday is a Moon-themed treasure trail, all part of the North Pennines Stargazing Festival 2025.	https://northpennines.org.uk/event/moon-trail-at-bowlees-visitor-centre/
	Bowlees Visitor Centre, Newbiggin, County Durham, DL12 0XF	+44 01833 622145
22/10/2025 till 2/11/2025	North Pennines Stargazing Festival 2025 The North Pennines Stargazing Festival is returning for 2025 – running for a week between Friday 24 October and Sunday 2 November.	visitbowlees@northpenninesaonb.org.uk http://www.NorthPenninesStarFest.org
	Various Locations , , County Durham ,	+44 01388 528801
25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025	October half term: Autumn nature trail at Crook Hall Gardens Explore the gardens on a self-led trail this half term.	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/6535f26e-6a67-42f3-ac7b-c22e26c4f020
		+44 0191 383 1832
24/10/2025 till 2/11/2025	October Half-Term Activities at Hamsterley Forest Looking for unforgettable days out that won't break the bank this October half-term? Forestry England invites families to explore the magic of the nation's forests, where a wide range of affordable and free activities are waiting to be discovered.	enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest
	Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	+44 01388 488312
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	+44 0191 334 2932
25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025	Spooky Half Term at Hall Hill Farm Are you brave enough to come to Hall Hill Farm for a ghoulishly-good time?	https://www.hallhillfarm.co.uk/events/

	Hall Hill Farm, Lanchester, County Durham , DH7 0TA	+44 01388 731 333
24/9/2025 till 2/11/2025	The Haunting of The Magic Corner The Magic Corner is a custom built magic show bar located in the heart of Durham.	info@themagiccorner.co.uk https://www.themagiccorner.co.uk/
	The Magic Corner , 19½ Old Elvet, Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HL	+44 07796 874436
25/10/2025 till 2/11/2025	Villains Unleashed - The Hole in Wand Expect chaos around every corner, spellbinding surprises, and a battle of good vs. evil as you putt your way through their twisted takeover.	daltonpark@theholeinwand.com +44 0191 4475070
	Dalton Park, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9HU	
24/10/2025 till 3/11/2025	Exhibitions, Trails and Activities: October Half-Term at The Bowes Museum The Bowes Museum is the perfect place for a day out this October half-term, 25 October – 2 November 2025. From daily self-guided trails and hands-on art activities to interactive exhibitions and an intimate live concert, there is something fun for the whole family, and best of all, under 18s go free. Whether exploring the museum's stunning galleries or wandering through its vibrant autumn grounds, there are lots of ways to discover quality time together this October half-term.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/october-half-term/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
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 +44 0191 370 4000
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	
30/10/2025 till 9/11/2025	Derek Slater, "Time Changes Nothing" Art Exhibition Prince Bishops Place are thrilled to partner with the Citrus Group Ltd to host "Time Changes Nothing", an art exhibition by Derek Slater. This extensive gallery show features some of Slater's most thought-provoking pieces which explore global humanitarian and ecological crises through a distinctly North Eastern perspective.	hello@princebishopsplace.co.uk +44 0191 3750416
	Prince Bishops Place, 23-24 High St, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UJ	

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. Durham University Oriental Musuem, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/enchanted-objects/ +44 0191 334 5691
4/10/2025 till 9/11/2025	Horrible Histories Takeover at Raby Castle Park and Gardens Join us this autumn for a Horrible Histories takeover of Raby Castle! From 4th October to 9th November we're turning back clock to the Measly Middle-Ages. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/horrible-histories-takeover-at-raby-castle/ +44 01833 660202
13/6/2025 till 9/11/2025	Telling Tales: Making Stories Come to Life at The Oriental Museum Experience the joy and wonder of storytelling through the Oriental Museum's new summer exhibition, Telling Tales Making Stories Come to Life. Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/06/telling-tales-exhibition/ +44 0191 334 5691
7/10/2025 till 15/11/2025	Mag Lime Magic - The EDAN Gallery EDAN Members' Themed Exhibition. This is our major themed exhibition for the year. The EDAN Gallery , 74 Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	edanart@live.com https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/mag-lime-magic +44 0191 649 9431
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. Various locations , , County Durham ,	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16712/The-Whistle-Stop
15/9/2025 till 26/11/2025	Bastions & Brews - A Tour of Lumley Castle Learn about the history of the Castle whilst having fun with our resident tour guide, Phil, who will share the history and ghostly goings on from days gone by. After an opportunity for a selfie or two, end the tour with a drink and a sweet treat, all included in the ticket price! Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/?category=1022 +44 0 191 389 1111
2/7/2025 till 30/11/2025	British Landscapes in the Bishop Trevor Rooms - Auckland Palace Explore the birth of British landscape painting through works by 18th-century masters including Gainsborough, Reynolds, Stubbs, and Wilson.	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.

[https://railway200.co.uk/acti
vity/guided-tours-of-stockton
-and-darlington-railway/](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/art
icle/17187/S-DR200-Fringe](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/pro
gramme](http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme)

Various locations , , County Durham ,

27/9/2025 till 1/12/2025

Psycho Path - Lintz Hall Farm

PSYCHO PATH 2025 promises to be once again the
biggest Halloween Event in the UK. Our Multi Award
winning Screamathon is now established as a must
experience event every year and 2025 will be no
different. With more nightmarish attractions and
experiences imaginable let us deliver you beyond the
dark side for 2025 Halloween season.

info@psycho-path.co.uk

[https://www.psycho-path.co.
uk/](https://www.psycho-path.co.uk/)

Psycho Path , Lintz Hall Farm , Lintz Lane, Burnopfield,
Tyne and Wear, NE16 6AS

12/10/2025 till 14/12/2025

Games at the Hearth - The Auckland Project

A relaxed afternoon of board and card games for all
ages. Whether you're a seasoned player or just in it for
the laughs, there's something for everyone. Second
Sunday of every month 1.30pm – 4.30pm

[enquiries@aucklandproject.
org](mailto:enquiries@aucklandproject.org)

[https://aucklandproject.org/e
vent/games-at-the-hearth/](https://aucklandproject.org/event/games-at-the-hearth/)

Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County
Durham , DL14 7NJ

13/8/2025 till 17/12/2025

Little Dragons - Durham University Oriental Museum

Join us at the Oriental Museum on Wednesday mornings
for Little Dragons, our FREE session for children under 5
and their families/carers. Each session will be packed full
of exploring the museum galleries, fun craft activities,
singing, games and stories.

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

[https://www.durham.ac.uk/th
ings-to-do/whats-on/events-
calendar/2024/12/little-drago
ns-1-december/?event_type
=recurs_29](https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2024/12/little-dragons-1-december/?event_type=recurs_29)

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

+44 0191 334 5691

10/9/2025 till 19/12/2025

Guided Countryside Walks

County Durham's beautiful countryside is home to a wide variety of plants and animals and the area has a fascinating historical and geological heritage.

countryside@durham.gov.uk

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

Various Locations. , , ,

+44 03000 264 589

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

29/7/2025 till 29/12/2025

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.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/auckland-gardens-tours/>

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

+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
13/10/2025 till 31/12/2025	Books at the Hearth - The Auckland Project Take some time out for yourself and get lost in a good book. At this friendly, drop-in book club you can bring something you're already reading or pick from our shared shelf. Fourth Sunday of every month.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/books-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
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
13/10/2025 till 31/12/2025	Films at the Hearth - The Auckland Project A free, community-led film club bringing people together through stories on screen. Each month we show a relaxed, family-friendly movie in the afternoon, followed by an early evening film for general audiences. Third Sunday of every month.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/films-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
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	
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	museum@beamish.org.uk

	Pockerley Old Hall, the museum will hold 30 activities at Pockerley between 17th May and 31st December 2025.	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	Quiet Shopping Mornings - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors Did you know we host regular Quiet Shopping Mornings every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm and Saturdays from 9,30am to 10,30am all year round?	guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/quiet-shopping-mornings
	Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU	+44 0191 526 6500
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	
1/9/2025 till 31/12/2025	S&DR200 Celebrating Railways: Past, Present and Future at Locomotion The highlight of the anniversary year will be Rail Futures, a celebratory festival taking place in late September and early October.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16711/Celebrating-Railways-Past-Present-and-Future
	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	roger@clubleys.co.uk

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.

<http://www.sedgefield-farmer-smarket.co.uk>

+44 01740 620609

Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025

South Causey Monthly Dog Walk

Join the South Causey Dog Walking Club every 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am for a picturesque stroll through the beautiful Beamish Valley.

southcausey@hotmail.com

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

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

01207 235 555

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-exhibitor/>

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. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/ +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. The Story, Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TQ	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change
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
27/9/2025 till 1/2/2026	S&DR200 - Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail An exhibition showcasing historic fashion, toys and artworks that reflect on how the railway reshaped lives and culture. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham , DL12 8NP	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16701/Dressed-for-Departure-Fashion-in-the-Age-of-Rail
20/9/2025 till 28/2/2026	Bisque Pottery Workshops Join Mud & More Pottery to paint your own bisque cat or dog figurine, cast from 18th and 19th objects in The Bowes Museum's collection. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk +44 01833 690606
22/3/2025 till 1/3/2026	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	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/ +44 01833 690606
14/6/2025 till 1/3/2026	Nathan Coley You Create What You Will and Tate Modern on Fire - The Bowes Museum For the first time together, The Bowes Museum hosts	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

Nathan Coley's works, You Create What You Will (2014) and Tate Modern on Fire (2017).

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

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

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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.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

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

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