

This is durham

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

17/7/2026 till 17/7/2026	BRASS & PIPES : Howard Beaumont at The Mighty Wurlitzer with Stanhope Silver Band Brass & Pipes returns for a spectacular evening celebrating the thrilling sounds of brass band and theatre organ. Featuring music from the movies, musicals and much more, the concert showcases the very best of both traditions - from powerful brass band classics to the rich, iconic sound of the Mighty Wurlitzer.	brassfestival@durham.gov.uk https://brassfestival.co.uk/eventDetails?id=796202AQMGRGDVTLSTRGJCDNCMQMCVTBC
	New Victoria Centre, High Street, Howden Le Wear, Crook, County Durham, DL15 8EZ	
13/7/2026 till 17/7/2026	Durham Brass Festival's Big and Little Brass Bashes Durham Brass Festival's Big and Little Brass Bashes are going on tour again this year, bringing free concerts to towns and communities across County Durham.	https://brassfestival.co.uk/
	Various Locations , Durham, County Durham ,	
17/7/2026 till 17/7/2026	HECTOR GANNET "Talking In The Mother Tongue" with Durham Miners' Association Brass Band Hector Gannet returns to Durham Brass Festival, ahead of their forthcoming third album, The Great Shakedown, due later in this year.	boxoffice@durham.gov.uk https://redhillsdurham.org/ +44 03000 266 600
	Redhills, Miners' Hall, Flass Street, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 4BE	
18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	Brassed Off (30th Anniversary) - Gala Durham In line with the 20th anniversary of Durham Brass Festival, we'll be screening Mark Herman's award-winning comedy Brassed Off starring Ewan McGregor, Pete Postlethwaite and Tara Fitzgerald.	boxoffice@durham.gov.uk https://galadurham.co.uk/cinema/post/brassed-off/ +44 03000 266 600
	Gala Durham, 1 Millennium Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1WA	
18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	Brassed On featuring Dilettante, Vice Killer & Isabel Maria alongside brass Celebrating the incredible versatility of brass, Brassed On will perform a show featuring North East local artists.	boxoffice@durham.gov.uk https://galadurham.co.uk/ +44 03000 266 600
	Gala Durham, Millennium Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1WA	

18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026 15/8/2026 till 15/8/2026 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026	Clay Pigeon Shoot - South Causey Inn Experience the thrill of clay pigeon shooting in the beautiful Beamish Valley. South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/clay-pigeon-shooting-2-2/ +44 01207235555
16/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	Durham City Run Festival Ten years after the first Durham City Run in 2016, the 5K and 10K races return to the historic city centre this July! Experience a midsummer evening of running around some of Durham's most iconic historic landmarks, and collect a medal and goody bag to celebrate your achievement, The festival will run from 16 to 18 July with 5km and 10km races taking place 16 July and Paula's Families on Track will also be returning on Saturday 18 July. Durham City Centre, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	info@eventsofthenorth.com https://durhamcityrunfestival.com/
4/7/2026 till 4/7/2026 18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	Durham Spray Paints Workshops - Dirtydog Airsoft At our workshops, you can learn the basics of how to spray paint, or get expert advice on improving your techniques. Whether it's graffiti letters, stencils, murals, or you just want to try it out , these sessions are perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike. Dirtydog Airsoft, 44/46 Sunnysdale, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 2ER	artist@cyancic.uk https://www.durhamspraypaints.com/workshops +44 0 7548 394401
18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	EverReady Band performing Myth, Magic & More - Durham Cathedral One of the North East's most celebrated brass ensembles, EverReady Band brings epic stories and cinematic soundscapes to life in the beautiful surroundings of Durham Cathedral as part of the 2026 Durham Brass Festival. Durham Cathedral, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3EH	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/visit-us/concerts-events +44 0191 3744069
18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026 15/8/2026 till 15/8/2026 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026	Noo Noo Forest School - St Johns Hall Meadowfield Forest school for primary age. St Johns Hall Meadowfield, John Street, Meadowfield, County Durham, DH7 8RP	lesleypb@aol.com +44 07846542035
18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	Summer Concert with Innominata - 5 Welsh Terrace A concert of madrigals, well- known folk songs, Victorian part songs and solo songs by British twentieth century composers. 5 Welsh Terrace, Annfield Plain, County Durham, DH9 7SP	innominatachoir@gmail.com +44 07725482008
18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	The Revolutionaires & Tyne Valley Big Band - Pelton Community Centre	hello@peltoncc.org.uk

Following their hugely popular debut at Bishop Auckland Town Hall during the Durham Brass Festival 2025, the Tyne Valley Big Band returns as part of an expanded programme that now includes dances in Easington Colliery, Pelton, and Bishop Auckland. Their infectious mix of Big Band standards and modern arrangements is guaranteed to get audiences on the dance floor, all showcased in An Evening of Swing and Jive with The Revolutionaires and Tyne Valley Big Band.

<https://brassfestival.co.uk/eventDetails?id=800002AJBDKRNSDCSQLKTQCTPGGGPSSHL>

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Pelton Community Centre, Front Street, Pelton, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH2 1DE

18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026
15/8/2026 till 15/8/2026

Wellbeing Retreats - Crux Fitness

Our wellbeing retreats are a unique experience providing skills and techniques to help reset your nervous system and tackle the stresses of every day life.

crux.fitness@outlook.com

<https://cruxfitness.co.uk/collections/wellbeing-retreats>

Pea Farm, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 8PT

+44 07760 423549

18/7/2026 till 19/7/2026

Attelage Horse Weekend - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North

See a remarkable carriage driving competition by the Concours d'International d'Attelage de Tradition (CIAT) take place around the museum.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/attelage-horse-week-end-2026/>

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

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18/7/2026 till 19/7/2026

Brass Boat Cruises 2026 - Prince Bishop River Cruiser

This year, BRASS will take over the streets...and the water too! Cruise along the River Wear on the Prince Bishop, with our fantastic street bands onboard.

brassfestival@durham.gov.uk

<https://brassfestival.co.uk/article/34776/Events>

Prince Bishop River Cruiser, Elvet Bridge, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3AF

12/7/2026 till 19/7/2026

Durham Brass Festival 2026

BRASS is back in 2026 with a fantastic programme of brass-inspired events coming to Durham from 12 - 19 July.

brassfestival@durham.gov.uk

<https://brassfestival.co.uk/>

Various Locations, Durham , County Durham ,

+44 03000 266 600

19/7/2026 till 19/7/2026

Grimethorpe Colliery Band In Concert - Gala Durham

Founded over a century ago in a Yorkshire mining village, Grimethorpe Colliery Band achieved a worldwide reputation from the hit film Brassed Off and are regarded as one of Britain's finest brass bands.

boxoffice@durham.gov.uk

<https://galadurham.co.uk/>

+44 03000 266 600

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

19/7/2026 till 19/7/2026

Moana Island Crafts Adventure - Lanchester Garden Centre

Set sail for a sun-soaked crafting journey inspired by Moana's world. Children step into the spirit of the islands as they create three magical keepsakes, each linked to a moment from the beloved story.

sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk

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

	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 01207529987
19/7/2026 till 19/7/2026	Moana's Sparkling Island Craft Session - Lanchester Garden Centre Join us for a shimmering, sea-soaked crafting adventure inspired by Moana's world — where creativity, colour and a little bit of mischief come together. Children dive into hands-on island-themed makes, each one linked to a favourite character or moment from the film.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk http://www.lanchestergardencentre.co.uk +44 01207529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
19/7/2026 till 19/7/2026	Polynesian Princess Breakfast - Lanchester Garden Centre Join us for a delicious cooked breakfast, fun and photos with your favourite Polynesian Princess.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk http://www.lanchestergardencentre.co.uk +44 01207529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
18/7/2026 till 19/7/2026	Seaham Festival Seaham Festival – Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2026 Terrace Green and Church Street, Seaham , County Durham , SR7 7EU	info@seaham.gov.uk https://www.seaham.gov.uk/index.php/events/upcoming-events/seaham-festival-saturday-18th-sunday-19th-july-2026
18/7/2026 till 19/7/2026	Streets of Brass 2026 In July, Durham City comes alive with Streets of Brass, welcoming brilliant street bands from the UK and across the globe. Bringing new and unexpected sounds to traditional brass music, it's a celebration of creativity, energy and live performance. Various locations within the City Centre, Durham, County Durham,	brassfestival@durham.gov.uk https://brassfestival.co.uk/eventDetails?id=808802AHTBTMNBGBCVTVHRHMGGCVTSMVV
20/7/2026 till 20/7/2026	Little Detectives Club - The Detective Rooms This summer, give your child the chance to step into the fascinating world of crime scene investigation at the Little Detectives Club Fingerprinting Academy. Designed especially for curious young minds aged 7–12, this exciting two-hour workshop introduces children to one of the most important skills used by real detectives and forensic investigators. Belmont Industrial Estate, Durham, Durham, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TN	jen@detectiverooms.co.uk http://www.detectiverooms.co.uk +44 07796148635
20/7/2026 till 20/7/2026 17/8/2026 till 17/8/2026 21/9/2026 till 21/9/2026	Live Music at Crook Hall Gardens - Crook Hall Gardens Local musicians make a visit extra special. Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b6a007ba-45a4-4f99-adc0-1101039edf2a

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21/7/2026 till 21/7/2026 15/12/2026 till 15/12/2026	Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club - Workshop A flower club workshop where participants make a flower arrangement led by area demonstrator Val Guest, of 40 years experience. Refreshments provided and you can take home your creation.	secretary.fsdflowerclub@gmail.com +44 07747 863753
	Sedgefield Parish Hall, Front Street, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 3AT	
21/7/2026 till 21/7/2026 4/8/2026 till 4/8/2026 18/8/2026 till 18/8/2026	Nature Spotters - The Bowes Museum Gather around an indoor campsite to explore the plants and animals that thrive in the museum's surrounding parkland.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/summer-holidays/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
22/7/2026 till 22/7/2026	Meditation Classes - The Dunelm Club Wednesdays 7 - 8:15pm. These introductory classes begin with a simple guided meditation to reduce stress, tension and distractions. This is followed by a short teaching on how to apply Buddhist principles to daily life, followed by a second meditation and an opportunity to ask questions and discuss with others.	info@meditationindarlington.org +44 01325 365265
	The Dunelm Club, 55 Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HN	
16/6/2026 till 1/8/2026	One-Day Walking Pilgrimage at Durham Cathedral In anticipation of the new Cuthbert Centre for Pilgrimage and Prayer launching in September, the Revd James Shelton will be leading a series of one-day walking pilgrimages this summer.	https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665554
	The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	
4/7/2026 till 23/8/2026	The Hidden Garden: An Immersive Experience - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens After the success of last summer's immersive experience, the Riding School will be transformed again into the Hidden Garden. The secret escape will be filmed with pastel flowers, earthy green tones, glowing tones, toad stools and a maze of mystery.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-hidden-garden-an-immersive-experience/ +44 01833660202
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	
18/7/2026 till 29/8/2026	Artist Makers - The Bowes Museum Join in and get creative at this hands-on workshop for children aged 5 and over.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/summer-holidays/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	

30/6/2026 till 30/8/2026	Sons and Daughters of Leadgate - The Willow Burn Hospice Café and Gardens Sons and Daughters of Leadgate is a documentary portrait of the well-known, much-loved characters who have shaped and are still shaping the social history of Leadgate. We're hoping to rope in every corner of the village to ensure we capture the true essence of Leadgate life. We'll be teaming up with schools, care homes, sports clubs, history societies, Churches and shops too. Picture this: individual images of our local legends popping up in shops, schools, and other spots around the village, all leading to a grand exhibition in the village. It's going to be a heart-warming reunion, a celebration of Leadgate in all its quirky glory! The Willow Burn Hospice Café and Gardens, Howden Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0QS	ledger.george@gmail.com https://communitiesinfocus.weebly.com/lanchester---community-in-focus.html +44 07712 353721
18/7/2026 till 30/8/2026	Summer Holidays at The Bowes Museum School's out! This summer, discover a packed programme of family-friendly activities inspired by the The Bowes Museum's collection, exhibitions and beautiful parkland. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/summer-holidays/ +44 01833 690606
28/3/2026 till 31/8/2026	150 Years of Wedding Dresses at Ushaw 150 Years of Wedding Dresses showcases the exquisite craftsmanship and evolving trends that have defined one of the most memorable days in countless lives. Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham , County Durham, DH7 7DW	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/150-years-of-wedding-dresses/ +44 0191 373 8500
2/5/2026 till 31/8/2026	Castle in Bloom - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens A summer of celebrating the beauty of nature through experiences and events. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens , Staindrop , County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/castle-in-bloom/ +44 01833660202
23/5/2026 till 31/8/2026	May Half Term: Discover Dinosaurs at High Force Waterfall Breathe in the fresh summer air and stomp into a prehistoric world of fun at High Force Hotel & Waterfall. Our brand-new Discover Dinosaurs Trail is waiting for little explorers who love big adventures and fascinating history. High Force Waterfall, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, Durham, County Durham, DL12 0XH	https://www.raby.co.uk/events/discover-dinosaurs-at-high-force-waterfall/ +44 01833 622336
13/7/2026 till 31/8/2026	Summer Holidays: Knights and Dragons Family Explorer Tour - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens Join one of our castle characters this school holiday for a free family tour on the castle terrace at 11am. Explore the castle defences and work out how to attack a formidable fortress like Raby! Will the castle be captured or survive an attack?	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/castle-terraces-family-explorer-tour/ +44 01833660202

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

18/7/2026 till 31/8/2026

Summer of Fun 2026 - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North

Throughout the summer holidays, experience a variety of engaging activities across the museum's different time periods.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/summer-of-fun-2026/>

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

18/7/2026 till 31/8/2026

Summer of Fun 2026: Step into Stories at Beamish Museum

Pick up an activity book from the Entrance, choose from six adventures and enjoy a journey through Beamish from the perspective of a person from the past.

museum@beamish.org.uk

<http://www.beamish.org.uk>

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

2/3/2026 till 6/9/2026

Character Studies – 3 Acts: Meg Fletcher Artwork Installation at The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is proud to unveil a captivating new commission by Northumberland-based fashion and textile artist Meg Fletcher, whose work delves into identity, storytelling, and the theatrical nature of dress. Fletcher has created a series of bold, visually stunning flags inspired by the museum's upcoming exhibition, Vivienne Westwood: Rebel – Storyteller – Visionary.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/meg-fletcher-character-studies-3-acts/>

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

18/7/2026 till 6/9/2026

The House Cup - The Hole in Wand

The House Cup 18th July – 6th September Five Houses. Five Locations. One House Cup.

daltonpark@theholeinwand.com

<https://www.theholeinwand.com/daltonpark/>

The Hole in Wand, Dalton Park, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9HU

+44 0191 447 5070

28/3/2026 till 6/9/2026

Vivienne Westwood: Rebel - Storyteller - Visionary at The Bowes Museum

Vivienne Westwood: Rebel - Storyteller - Visionary (28 March 2026 – 6 September 2026) is a multi-gallery exhibition honouring one of fashion's most provocative and imaginative designers.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/vivienne-westwood-rebel-storyteller-visionary/>

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

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18/7/2026 till 12/9/2026

Kynren - An Epic Tale of England - 2026

Step into Kynren, a live action outdoor theatre spectacular that immerses you in 2000 years of history on an epic scale.

info@kynren.com

<https://kynren.com/>

+44 01388 436030

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

7/1/2026 till 30/9/2026	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. 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/?day=07&month=01&year=2026&search=all&keywords=little+dragons&categories%5B%5D=Event+Venues%3EOriental+Museum +44 0191 334 5691
9/6/2026 till 27/10/2026	History of Durham City Walk - Crook Hall Gardens A guided walk from Crook Hall Gardens delving into the history of Durham. Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate, Durham, 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
3/6/2026 till 28/10/2026	Crook Hall Gardens Tour: History and Literary Links - Crook Hall Gardens Join volunteer Chris for a guided tour of Crook Hall Gardens and the medieval hall. Learn about the history of the home, all the way back 1217, when it first appears in written records. Hear about some of the fascinating families who lived here over the centuries and discover the hall's surprising literary connections. Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040aa-6555-4ed6-acaa-87904fc0b79f +44 0191 383 1832
29/5/2026 till 30/10/2026	Crook Hall Gardens Tour: Horticulture - Crook Hall Gardens Join our gardening guru volunteers for a horticultural tour of Crook Hall Gardens. Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ	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
3/7/2026 till 4/12/2026	Discover Big Library - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens Experience the Big Library on the first Friday of every month (July-Dec 2026) as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of one of Britain's most extraordinary historic libraries. Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW	enquiries@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/discover-big-library-26/ +44 0191 373 8500
14/11/2025 till 11/12/2026	Live Music Nights at South Causey Inn Sit with us and enjoy live music every Friday, where we welcome a brilliant mix of local musicians from all across the North East to our cosy indoor bar - with a roaring log-	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk

burning fire.

<https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/live-music-nights/>

South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS

+44 01207235555

10/1/2026 till 12/12/2026

Free Monthly Guided Walks - Wolsingham

Our monthly guided walks take place on the 2nd Saturday of every month leaving Wolsingham Town Hall in the Market Place at 10am.

wolsinghamwayfarers@gmail.com

<https://wolsinghamwayfarers.co.uk/guided-walks>

Wolsingham Town Hall , Market Place, Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3AB

1/6/2026 till 14/12/2026

Half Day Bee and Beekeeping Related Courses - Unit A The Old School

A selection of bee related short courses, hosted at our workshops beside the River Tees in Middleton-In-Teesdale. Join our expert Beekeeper to learn something new about bees!

pamela@beerresponsible.co.uk

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

+44 07790480480

Unit A The Old School, Bridge Street, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0QB

18/2/2026 till 24/12/2026

Tom McGuinness: Out of the Darkness - Mining Art Gallery

Our new Tom McGuinness exhibition opens on 18 February 2026. In his centenary year, the Mining Art Gallery celebrates this quiet man who communicated through his art – he did not seek simply to record details of the mining industry but expressed what it really felt like to be a miner.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/tom-mcguinness-out-of-the-darkness/>

+44 01388 743750

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

3/1/2026 till 26/12/2026

Durham parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! Nearby Sunday 2k junior parkrun events for 4 to 14 year olds and their families can be found here.

durham@parkrun.com

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/durham/>

Graham Sports Centre, Maiden Castle , Stockton Rd , Durham, County Durham, DH1 3SE

3/1/2026 till 26/12/2026

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens - parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! Nearby Sunday 2k junior parkrun events for 4 to 14 year olds and their families can be found here.

ushawhistorichouse@parkrun.com

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/ushawhistorichouse/>

+44 0191 373 8500

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

16/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Archaeology 'Open Lab' - an Auckland Project Exhibition

Archaeologists uncovering the hidden history of Auckland Palace are inviting the public behind the scenes as historic finds from eight years of excavations are analysed in a new 'open laboratory' in Bishop Auckland

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/archaeology-open-lab/>

town centre. Fridays weekly between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

The Hearth (formerly Mrs M's), 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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	
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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/BarnardCastleWednesdayMarket/
	Marketplace, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NF	+44 (0)1833 690970
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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
23/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	Fireside Afternoon Tea and Waterfall Walk at High Force Monday - Saturday Celebrate in the heart of Upper Teesdale with our cosy Fireside Afternoon Tea at High Force Hotel.	admin@raby.co.uk +44 01833660202
	The High Force Hotel, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, Durham, County Durham, DL12 0XH	
3/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	Heritage Coastal Path parkrun, Easington A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! Nearby Sunday 2k junior parkrun events for 4 to 14 year olds and their families can be found here.	heritagecoastalpatheasington@parkrun.com https://www.parkrun.org.uk/heritagecoastalpatheasington

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Mental Health Swims - Seaham

Mental Health Swims is an award-winning, mental health peer support community. The regular dip at Seaham takes place on the last Sunday of every month - booking required.

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

The Slope Beach , Seaham, County Durham , SR7 7EE

18/2/2026 till 31/12/2026

Roger Wagner: The Seeds of Eternity - Exhibition at Auckland Palace

The Bishop Trevor Rooms at Auckland Palace will host an exhibition of the works of artist and poet Roger Wagner. Weaving together Biblical narratives and contemporary landscapes, Wagner's visionary paintings explore the mysteries of human existence.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/roger-wagner-the-seeds-of-eternity-exhibition/>

+44 01388 743797

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

28/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Room on the Broom Trail at Hamsterley Forest

This interactive family trail is packed with Room on the Broom themed activities, fascinating forest facts and plenty of hands-on fun.

enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/room-on-the-broom>

+44 01388 488312

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Saturday Outdoor Market

Every Saturday, the Market Place is transformed by up to 30 small independent traders...it becomes a traditional, bustling, fresh air market and a great shopping experience.

info@durhammarkets.co.uk

<https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/>

+44 0191 384 6153

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Seaham Seaside Market

Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday.

stalls@events2gogo.com

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

+44 (0)7769 352637

Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Sedgefield Farmers Market

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

roger@clubleys.co.uk

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

+44 01740 620609

Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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	+44 01207 235 555
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	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
18/4/2026 till 31/12/2026	Stay and Play at High Force Hotel and Barnard Castle Golf Club Nestled in the stunning countryside of Teesdale, Barnard Castle Golf Club offers an unforgettable golfing experience in the heart of the North East.	admin@raby.co.uk +44 01833660202
	The High Force Hotel, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, , County Durham, DL12 0XH	
27/6/2026 till 3/1/2027	Norman Cornish: A Life in Sketchbooks - The Bowes Museum Step inside the working imagination of Norman Cornish in this intimate exhibition, bringing together finished drawings, paintings and watercolours alongside the preparatory sketches that shaped them.	volunteers@thebowesmuseum.org.uk +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	

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