

This is durham

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

7/8/2026 till 7/8/2026	Children's Bath Bomb Workshop - Lanchester Garden Centre Join us for another exciting Bath Bomb Workshop that's perfect for keeping the kids entertained! They'll love creating their own colourful, fizzy bath bombs in this hands-on, creative session!	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk http://www.lanchestergardencentre.co.uk +44 01207529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	
7/8/2026 till 7/8/2026	Family Activities: Rangoli Workshop - Durham University Oriental Museum Learn all about beautiful Indian rangoli, and make your own intricate rangoli artwork.	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2026/08/family-activities-rangoli-workshop/ +44 0191 334 5691
	Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TH	
7/8/2026 till 7/8/2026	Street Food Carousel Bishop Auckland FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH Bishop Auckland, Street Food Carousel.	info@baccanalia.co.uk http://www.baccanalia.co.uk +44 01388540823
	Market Place, Bishop Auckland, Bishop Auckland, County Durham,	
8/8/2026 till 8/8/2026	Family Activities: Brooch Workshop - Durham University Oriental Museum Take inspiration from the heavenly Korean jewellery on display and make your own brooch.	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2026/08/family-activities-brooch-workshop/ +44 0191 334 5691
	Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3TH	

8/8/2026 till 8/8/2026	Life Drawing at Palace Green Library - Courtyard Gallery Palace Green Library Hello and welcome to Life Drawing at Palace Green Library! This is an in-person life drawing class that is open to everybody and hosted at Palace Green Library in Durham City.	artcollection@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2026/08/life-drawing-at-palace-green-library/
	Learning Centre, Palace Green Library, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN	+44 0191 334 2932
8/8/2026 till 8/8/2026	Recomposed by Max Richter: Vivaldi, The Four Seasons - Durham Cathedral A unique concert will take place at the magnificent Durham Cathedral on the 8th of August! Durham Cathedral, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	info@redevents.world https://redevents.world/event/686-recomposed-by-max-richter-vivaldi-the-four-seasons.html?date=2026-08-08%2019:30:00&utm_source=ThisIsDurham&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Richter
		+44 0191 338 7178
8/8/2026 till 8/8/2026	Sip, Select & Style Charm Bracelet Workshop - Lanchester Garden Centre Meet friends and catch up whilst selecting your very own Waterproof, Stainless steel, 14k Gold plated pieces then curating your chosen style of bracelet. Additional pieces will be available to purchase during the evening as there are so many to fall in love with! But for just £39.95 you will be given the choice of bracelet design plus 5 charms as well as a drink on arrival!	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk http://www.lanchestergardencentre.co.uk
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 01207529987
9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026	A Raby Reenactment - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens Step back into the early medieval period as we turn back the clocks and welcome Living History Group at Raby Castle. Find out what life was like in the early years of Raby Castle with fascinating demonstrations of combat skills, craft activities and games, lovingly brought to life by a team of dedicated reenactors. Crafters include: Fur trader, Warp weighted loom and luceting crafts , Embroidery, spinning and carding and jewellery, Family Activities such as Merrels.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/reenactment/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, Darlington, County Durham, DL2 3NF	+44 01833 660888
9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026 13/9/2026 till 13/9/2026 11/10/2026 till 11/10/2026	Beamish Folk - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Beamish Folk is a new folk music session taking place on the second Sunday of each month in our 1900s Pit Village band hall, 11.30am-1.30pm.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/?category=50
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000

9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026	Cake Trails: Early Christianity and the Natural World in Durham Peninsula Grab your slice of history! We take you on a guided walk through Durham Peninsula's geology, biodiversity, and historic legacy of Christian belief around the natural world. Cake + Tea/Coffee included.	kim.foy@ilestours.co.uk https://ilestours.co.uk/tour/early-christianity-natural-world-durham/ +44 07584416197
	Durham Peninsular Walk, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	
9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026	Classic and Vintage Vehicle Show - Hamsterley Forest Join us for our annual show! Exhibitors of Vintage and classic cars, vans, motorcycles, campervans, tractors, stall holders and our amazing onsite catering and ice cream kiosk will be onsite until 5pm.	enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-event/events-hamsterley/hamsterley-classic-and-vintage-vehicle-show-0
	Hamsterley Forest, Redford, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	+44 01388488312
9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026	Summer Shrub & Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens Join us for our exciting Summer Pruning Workshop where we'll get hands-on with espalier and cordon apples, pears and more, learning the specific techniques needed to encourage fruit production, maintain shape, and promote airflow and sunlight to ripening fruit. Whether you're maintaining a trained form or just getting started, this session will give you the confidence and knowledge to prune with purpose.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/summer-shrub-fruit-tree-pruning-workshop/ +44 01833 660888
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3NF	
9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026	Wedding Showcase - Lumley Castle Experience the magic of Lumley Castle as it transforms into the perfect fairytale wedding venue. Join us for an inspiring afternoon filled with romance, elegance, and everything you need to plan your special day. Whether you've just started planning or are putting the finishing touches on your big day, this is the perfect opportunity to explore the castle.	reservations@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/weddings/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23497724803&gbraid=0AAAABCaEI95SVv9XvFswl6DadvplrXzK&gclid=CjwKCAjwpqHTBhAcEiwAj2Afur4If0hewKNKQN2BtfC4mHPuulCL8emDii27FXptYErSctFoZTtaKhoChL4QAvD_BwE
	Lumley Castle, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	+44 0191 389 1111
9/8/2026 till 9/8/2026	Zoolab - Hamsterley Forest From spider to snakes, cockroaches and giant snails - get up close to nature in the forest!	customerrelations@forestryengland.uk https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-event/events-hamsterley/zoolab-hamsterley-forest
	Hamsterley Forest, Forestry England, Bedburn, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	+44 01388488312

10/8/2026 till 10/8/2026	Bigfoot Beats - Barnard Castle Library Join us for an amazing interactive session with Bigfoot Arts (recommended for children aged 7-11).	bdcaslibrary@durham.gov.uk +44 03000 263409
	Barnard Castle Library , Witham Building, 2 Hall St, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8JB	
10/8/2026 till 10/8/2026	Bigfoot Beats - Shildon Library County Durham Libraries, Summer Reading Challenge, 'Bigfoot Beats' at Shildon Library on Monday 10th August. Time: 10.30-11.30am.	shildon.lib@durham.gov.uk +44 03000 269526
	Shildon Library, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1DU	
11/8/2026 till 11/8/2026	Bugs n Stuff - Crook Library Join the Bugman for a hands-on workshop with some amazing animals - cold, warm, hard, soft, rough, smooth, scaly, silky, slimy, hairy and of course tickly!	crook.lib@durham.gov.uk +44 03000 269002
	, Civic Centre, North Terrace, Crook, County Durham , DL15 9ES	
11/8/2026 till 11/8/2026 16/8/2026 till 16/8/2026	Ramble Worldwide Celebrates 80 Years with FREE Guided Walks Across England this Summer This summer, Ramble Worldwide, the original walking holiday specialist with a charitable ethos, is offering a programme of free guided walks across England and Scotland to celebrate its 80th birthday. Join us on this free guided sample walk to experience the camaraderie and sense of adventure that thousands of our guests have enjoyed before, and help us celebrate the last 80 years as we step into our next adventure.	https://www.rambleworldwide.co.uk/about-us/80-years/sample-walks +44 01707 331133
	Start: Delta Hotels by Marriott Durham Royal County, Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3JN	
11/8/2026 till 11/8/2026	Stacey Bone - Cornforth Library Join us for an amazing story session with Stacey Bone reading her book, 'The Wonderful Woodlouse', (recommended for ages 3-7).	cornforth.lib@durham.gov.uk +44 03000 269529
	Cornforth Library , High St, Cornforth, County Durham, DL17 9HP	
12/8/2026 till 12/8/2026	Summer of Play: SEND kids sports and games with Smile Through Sport - Crook Hall Gardens Join us for outdoor games and sports activities designed for children aged 6 and up with SEND and their families. Try out different sports and games with trained coaches. Each session will be adapted to suit the needs and interests of the children and young people taking part.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/9b8d8af0-2f19-4498-84f4-88fac1fade9e
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ	+44 01913831832
12/8/2026 till 12/8/2026	Wild Wednesday - Fantastic Fossils Discover fantastic fossils around Bowlees in this family friendly outdoor activity	communications@northpennines.org.uk https://northpennines.org.uk/event/wild-wednesday-fun-w

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

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13/8/2026 till 13/8/2026

Bigfoot Beats - Consett Library

Join us for an amazing interactive session with Bigfoot Arts (recommended for children aged 7-11).

consett.lib@durham.gov.uk

+44 03000 269 513

Consett Library , Victoria Rd, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5AT

13/8/2026 till 13/8/2026

Companionship Cafe - Merryoaks Community Hall

Companionship Cafe for people with dementia and their friends and carers

susan.walker@lowesbarncp.org.uk

https://evvnt.com/events/?_ev_id=3719950

Park House Road, Durham, County Durham , DH1 3QF

+44 07557978580

13/8/2026 till 13/8/2026
21/8/2026 till 21/8/2026

Snakes & Shakes - Lanchester Garden Centre

Do you love snakes? Do you want to learn more about our slithery friends ? Do you also crave delicious milkshakes? If you answered yes to any (or all) of the above questions then this event is for you!

sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk

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

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

+44 01207529987

13/8/2026 till 13/8/2026

Social Selling With Sales Navigator - Glow

This Masterclass is ideal for salespeople, senior business development teams, sales-focused business owners, and marketers looking to support their company's lead generation and sales efforts.

events@maverrik.co.uk

+44 020 3918 5230

Glow, Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 6AP

11/8/2026 till 13/8/2026

Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape - Gala Durham

A brand-new family musical for everyone over five.

boxoffice@durham.gov.uk

<https://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/toto-the-ninja-cat-and-the-great-snake-escape/>

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

+44 03000 266 600

1/8/2026 till 15/8/2026

Enchanted Durham LEGO Trail

Enchanted Durham LEGO Trail – Save The Date For A Spectacular New Event

info@durhambid.co.uk

<https://www.lifeindurham.co.uk/event/enchanted-durham-lego-trail/>

Durham City Centre, Durham , County Durham,

11/8/2026 till 15/8/2026

Heritage Open Days - The Fitzhugh Library

Visit the hidden gem of the Fitzhugh Library and its collection of photographs, books and documents re the County Palatine of Durham and the parish of Romaldkirk. It contains over 70,000 items. Special Exhibition for Hannah Hauxwell Centenary.

fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/the-fitzhugh-library-1.html>

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	The Fitzhugh Library, Market Place, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0QH	
12/8/2026 till 15/8/2026	The Female of the Species - Comedy by Joanna Murray-Smith - The City Theatre Margaret Mason is a best selling women's lib author with writer block. Will a visit from a fan help or hinder? And why the handcuffs?	la_510@hotmail.com http://www.durhamcitytheatre.co.uk
	The City Theatre, Fowler's Yard, Back Silver Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RA	+44 07531858341
12/8/2026 till 16/8/2026	Knight School - Auckland Palace and Gardens Join Medieval Prince Bishop Antony Bek's ranks for an interactive outdoor adventure! Meet Antony Bek: Crusader, Knight, Prince Bishop and King in the North. Join his ranks for an interactive outdoor session, hone your battle skills and find out what life was like in Medieval Auckland.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/knight-school-2/
	Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	+44 01388 743750
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/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833660202
29/7/2026 till 26/8/2026	Art as Protest: A Vivienne Westwood-Inspired Workshop - The Bowes Museum Fashion isn't just what you wear – it's a statement. A form of protest. Explore pieces from Vivienne Westwood's collection and uncover how she used fashion to challenge power and how you can use creativity to make your voice heard.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/art-as-protest-a-vivienne-westwood-inspired-workshop/
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
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/
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606

1/8/2026 till 29/8/2026	Camp Dalton - Dalton Park Enjoy nostalgic activities, fresh air and good times for little and large adventurers alike. Our outdoor park located outside of Tommy Hilfiger will come alive with nature-inspired fun, creative challenges and wholesome camp vibes, all led by our very own Camp Counsellor, Cathy.	guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/camp-dalton +44 01915266500
	Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9HU	
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!	ledger.george@gmail.com https://communitiesinfocus.weebly.com/lanchester---community-in-focus.html +44 07712 353721
	The Willow Burn Hospice Café and Gardens, Howden Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0QS	
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.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/summer-holidays/
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+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.	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/150-years-of-wedding-dresses/
	Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham , County Durham, DH7 7DW	+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.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/castle-in-bloom/
	Raby Castle, Park and Gardens , Staindrop , County Durham, DL2 3AH	+44 01833660202
23/5/2026 till 31/8/2026	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.	https://www.raby.co.uk/events/discover-dinosaurs-at-high-force-waterfall/ +44 01833 622336

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

18/7/2026 till 31/8/2026

Summer Festival - Locomotion

Join us for an action-packed summer of fun! Enjoy our sandy beach, take a train ride and get stuck into hands-on family activities as we celebrate the exciting world of engineering. Legendary locomotive Flying Scotsman will be visiting from 2 August offering steam rides and up-close experiences.

info@sciencemuseum.ac.uk

<https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/summer-festival>

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

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/>

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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/>

+44 0191 370 4000

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>

+44 0191 370 4000

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

20/7/2026 till 1/9/2026

Free Cricket Summer Programmes - Durham Cricket

Durham Cricket Foundation, with support from Accenture and ECB is running a number of free one-day and two-day holiday camps with food for children aged 5-11 during the summer holidays.

events@durhamcricket.co.uk

<https://www.durhamcricket.co.uk/foundation/free-sessions-events/free-cricket-summer-haf-programmes/>

Durham Cricket, Banks Homes Riverside, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3QR

18/7/2026 till 1/9/2026

Gone But Not Forgotten: Remembering Britain's Vanished Species Through Art and Science - Museum of Archaeology

An exhibition jointly created by artist Stephen Livingstone and the Museum of Archaeology

pg.custodian@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2026/07/gone-but-not-forgotten-remembering-britains-vanished-species-through-art-and-science/>

Museum of Archaeology, Palace Green, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RN

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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. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/meg-fletcher-character-studies-3-acts/ +44 01833 690606
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. The Hole in Wand, Dalton Park, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9HU	daltonpark@theholeinwand.com https://www.theholeinwand.com/daltonpark/ +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. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/vivienne-westwood-rebel-storyteller-visionary/ +44 01833 690606
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. Flatts Farm , Toronto, Bishop Auckland , County Durham, DL14 7SF	info@kynren.com https://kynren.com/ +44 01388 436030
22/7/2026 till 14/9/2026	Colour and Light: Stained Glass Exhibition - Durham Cathedral This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Rose Window. Plan your summer day out as we explore the stories behind the cathedral's much-loved stained glass. Durham Cathedral, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	enquiries@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/visit-us/things-to-see-and-do/colour-and-light-durham-cathedral-stained-glass +44 0191 338 7178
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.	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&cat

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

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nues%3EOriental+Museum

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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.

crookhallgardens@nationalt
rust.org.uk

Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate,
Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ

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

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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.

crookhallgardens@nationalt
rust.org.uk

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

Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate,
Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ

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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.

crookhallgardens@nationalt
rust.org.uk

Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate,
Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/d8e35d70-8f86-4f3c-8aa1-396217ee7327>

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20/6/2026 till 8/11/2026

Extinction - Ushaw, Historic Houses, Chapels and Gardens

Extinction affects us all and one in ten of our wildlife in the UK is critically endangered. Scientists have identified five periods of mass extinction over the geological record and the question is now being asked: are we in a sixth? The exhibition will also have a life size baby triceratops and a life size utahraptor on display. Extinction addresses this fascinating topic and journeys through the demise of the dinosaurs and marine reptiles, death of the ice age mammoths and the impact of humans on the dodo.

enquiries@ushaw.org

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

+44 01913738500

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

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.

enquiries@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/discover-big-library-26/>

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

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-burning fire.

enquiries@southcausey.co.uk

<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@beeresponsible.co.uk

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

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

+44 07790480480

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/>

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

+44 01388 743750

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 town centre. Fridays weekly between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/vent/archaeology-open-lab/
	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/BarnayWednesdayMarket/
	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.

heritagecoastalpatheasingto
n@parkrun.com

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

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

15/7/2026 till 31/12/2026

Light and Fire: 500 Years of Tyndale's New Testament - The Faith Museum

A courageous man and his 'naughtily translated' book

enquiries@aucklandproject.
org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/event-light-and-fire-500-years-of-tyndales-new-testament/>

The Faith Museum, Market Place, Bishop Auckland,
County Durham, DL14 7NR

+44 01388 743750

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/>

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

+44 01388 743797

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>

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

+44 01388 488312

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/>

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

+44 0191 384 6153

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	Seaham Seaside Market Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday. Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	stalls@events2gogo.com https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/ +44 (0)7769 352637
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-farmer-smarket.co.uk +44 01740 620609
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/ +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 +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
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

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