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Welcome

to the summer edition of Durham County News

As the temperatures rise and the days get longer, it's time to embrace the spirit of summer. Whether you are seeking adventure or relaxation, there is plenty to intrigue and enjoy in this edition.

As we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, it's a time when many will reflect on the rich history and traditions of our county. We take a look back at how we came together as a community and celebrated coronations in the past on pages 8 and 9.

The spectacular Durham Brass Festival returns this July and is always a highlight of our annual events programme. Get ready for a lively atmosphere and plenty of great music from the street bands performing throughout the festival (pages 10 and 11).

In this edition, we also shine a spotlight on our Shared Lives scheme, which supports adults and young people who are not able to live on their own. Read the inspiring story of Lorraine and Paul Finnegan, who have opened their home to help others and have never looked back (page 20).

And finally, our What's On section is packed full of activities for the whole family. Whether you're looking for a fun day out or a chance to connect with your community, you're sure to find something that catches your eye.

I hope you all have a lovely summer enjoying all our county has to offer.



Councillor Amanda Hopgood,
Leader of the Council

Amanda Hopgood

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Going underground at Killhope

Take a trip underground and experience a taste of life as a Victorian lead miner at Killhope this summer.

The ever-popular museum is currently undergoing essential works but remains open to the public, offering a fantastic day out in a stunning location.

Although some areas are closed off to ensure the safety of visitors and staff while work is underway, the **visitor centre, café, mine** and other areas, including the **washing floor**, are still accessible.

The museum also continues to offer an exciting programme of workshops, performances and exhibitions as well as its famous mine tours.

The works, which are being funded through Arts Council England's Museum Estate and Development Fund, will see the repair, restoration and refurbishment of a number of buildings at the site which have been damaged by time and harsh weather.



The works will focus on the mine, launder, water bridges and mine cart ramp, while essential maintenance will also be undertaken on the Armstrong Water Wheel, thanks to funding from Weardale Area Action Partnership.

It is anticipated that all works will be completed by the autumn, ensuring Killhope continues to offer a fantastic experience for visitors of all ages.



Killhope

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Lighting the Jubilee Beacon

Sitting proudly in place on high ground above Durham City, a new Jubilee Beacon is offering a fitting tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Gifted from the Durham City Freeman, the 19-foot tall structure was designed and created by County Durham blacksmith Brian Russell at his Teesdale forge.

It will be lit to mark national events, including His Majesty King Charles III's coronation.

Our highways team prepared for its arrival by laying new footpaths and installing handrails to ensure the area, known as Jubilee Hill, is accessible to the public. Our clean and green team worked alongside them to trim back trees and hedges, while conservationists and ecologists surveyed the area at Aykley Heads to assess any likely impact on existing habitats.



STACK comes to County Durham

Two new leisure venues are on their way to County Durham as part of ambitious plans to revitalise our high streets.

Plans have now been approved for STACK venues in Bishop Auckland and Durham City. The developments will not only offer a place for people to eat, drink and be entertained, they will also provide opportunities for local food operators.

Unlike other STACK venues in the region, which have been based in shipping containers, the County Durham facilities will be created within existing developments but will still have the signature elements the brand has become known for.

It is hoped that STACK Bishop Auckland will open in spring 2024, with details of STACK Durham's opening set to be confirmed soon.

Raising the County Durham flag

The County Durham flag will be flown later this year to mark Historic County Flag Day. And this year is particularly special as it marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of the flag.

The flag was designed by twins Katie and Holly Moffatt, from Chilton, who were both 19 at the time, with help from their father James. The flag features the Cross of St Cuthbert, the patron saint of northern England who is buried at Durham Cathedral, and the coat of arms Palatinate colours of blue and yellow.

The flag was also raised earlier this year outside County Hall, in Durham, to mark County Durham Day, which falls on St Cuthbert's Day. The flag serves as a reminder of our rich history and celebrates the traditions that bind our community together.



New life for former rail route



Work is set to begin on improving active travel links between County Durham communities situated along the route of an historic railway.

We are currently developing new walking and cycling routes along a 19-kilometre stretch of the former Stockton and Darlington Railway.

More than £7 million from the government's Levelling Up Fund will be invested in the creation of walking and cycling paths which will run between Witton Park and our boundary with Darlington Borough, south of Newton Aycliffe.

The routes will take in the train stations of Shildon, Newton Aycliffe and Heighington and the National Cycle Network, as well as linking to Locomotion rail museum.

We are also hoping the route will include Gaunless Bridge, the world's first iron railway bridge, which was designed by 'father of the railways' George Stephenson. We recently secured funding from Historic England for the restoration of the bridge's abutments.

The new routes will be in place ahead of celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 2025.

Improving County Durham's rural links

Residents of a County Durham village can now make the most of local transport links.

We have installed a one kilometre footpath leading from Fir Tree village to the Harperley roundabout on the A689, allowing pedestrians to enjoy walks out of the village or travel further afield using the accessible route to access the main bus service.

The project is one of several rural links to be enhanced across the county this year, with works also taking place at Fellside, Delves Lane, Mill Lane in Shincliffe, and Mainsforth.

Do you love our local landscape?

We need your help to make sure our public rights of way are fit for the 21st Century.

A public consultation on our fourth **Rights of Way Improvement Plan** is currently underway. The 10-year plan sets out how we will invest in outdoor routes for the benefit of residents and aims to ensure footpaths, bridleways and byways are accessible for all to enjoy.

Since the pandemic, working habits and how we spend our free time have changed, with people now spending more time in their local green spaces. We also know that many people now value more than ever before the benefits of spending time in the outdoors, for their mental and physical health.

We are hosting online consultation events on **Monday 5 June**, 2pm to 3pm, and on **Thursday 8 June**, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The consultation closes at 5pm on **Wednesday 26 July**.

For more information on the online events and to have your say on the plan, visit www.durham.gov.uk/consultation

Get involved in shaping health and care services

Could you help guide health and care services in County Durham?



We are currently looking for public representatives to join us on our Health and Care Engagement Forum.

The forum, run by the County Durham Care Partnership, was set up to challenge those making decisions and to help gather feedback from those receiving care.

We are excited to be able to invite more people to join us and make it even more effective. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to receive further information, please email cdcarepartnership@durham.gov.uk



Supporting community groups

Voluntary and community groups in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge areas are better able to support residents after receiving almost £150,000 in funding.

Our Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (AAP) has awarded £146,652 to 14 groups to enable them to provide a wide range of activities, social groups, drop-in sessions and days out.

Refurbishing the Baileys

A street in the heart of Durham's World Heritage Site, which includes Durham Castle and Cathedral, is set to be brought back to its former glory.

Work to North and South Bailey, which will include footpath improvements, resurfacing of roads and the reinstatement of historic cobbles, is planned to commence summer 2023 and is set to be complete by late summer next year.

The road running through North and South Bailey dates back to the Middle Ages when it sat within the original castle walls. It is hoped the completed public realm works will retain and enhance the heritage characteristics of the area.

Similar work has already taken place on North Road, Old Elvet Bridge and Claypath.



Youth panel approves grants

Young people in County Durham are being given the opportunity to have a final say on funding for community projects.

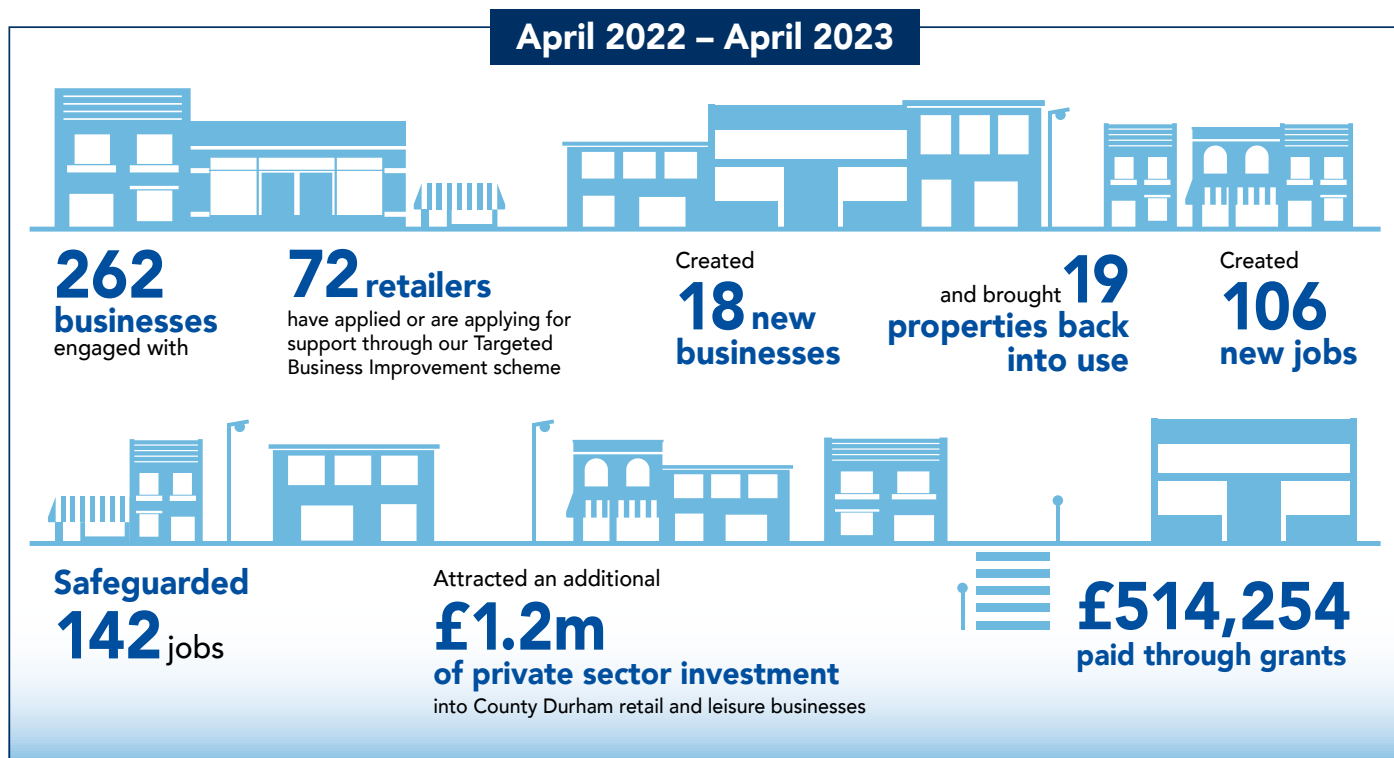
3 Towns Partnership's (AAP) newly-formed Youth Panel gathered for the first time to assess applications for its Children and Young People's Small Grants fund.

Jointly managed by the AAP and the Youth Panel, the fund awards grants of between £200 and £500 to organisations for projects for children and young people up to age 19.



A year in numbers

It's been another busy year for our Towns and Villages programme. Below is a look at the project's last year in numbers. Additional projects that are still underway, will further boost these figures further, with £1.3 million of grant awards helping to create 71 jobs and lever £2.1 million of private investment.



Reaching the heart of our communities

Communities across the county are benefitting from more than **£2 million** of investment awarded by our Area Action Partnerships (AAP) through the Towns and Villages project.

Each of the 14 AAPs has been awarded £210,000 to support projects to revitalise towns and villages in their area, while additional funding has been made available through elected members.

So far, more than £1 million of funding has been awarded, with 57 projects having received support and a further 64 projects in the pipeline. The programme has also helped us attract almost £500,000 in additional private investment to support communities.

Great Aycliffe Garden Guild is one project to have benefitted, receiving more than £41,000 plus match funding of £5,000 from both Livin and Brightwater to create a Gardeners' Guild run by local volunteers on the Clarence Char Allotment Site. The project aims to inspire people to engage in sustainable gardening and provide a safe educational community space where people can share ideas and support each other.



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the Brass



The streets of County Durham will come alive with the sound of brass music for a full week this summer.

Durham Brass Festival returns from **Sunday 9 to Sunday 16 July** and is always a highlight of our annual events programme.

Spectacular performances are in store, with new commissions, free concerts, workshops, community activities, and a full programme of lively street bands.



Opening the show

New Zealand-based Fat Freddy's Drop will open this year's Brass festivities at Gala Durham on Monday 10 July.

Internationally renowned for live music performances, the seven-piece band is inspired by each member's individual musical influences from reggae and soul, disco and house, to rock and rhythm and blues.

With a career spanning over 1,000 shows, Fat Freddy's Drop has clocked up more than 500 appearances in Europe, 34 Australian tours and more than 325 shows in its New Zealand homeland. It has also built a loyal audience of fans – the "Fred Heads" – and boasts more than half a million followers on social media. Last year, the band performed headline festival shows all over Europe, including a sold-out performance at Alexandra Palace in London and a headliner appearance at Sidney Myer Music Bowl for the Melbourne International Jazz Festival.

Celebrating an animated classic

This year marks the 30th anniversary of *Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers* and fans of the Oscar-winning classic are in for a treat. The Fairey Band (pictured above) will be playing the accompaniment to the film in a special performance at Gala Durham on Saturday 15 July.

The Fairey Band was founded in 1937 by a group of employees at the Fairey Aviation Works in Stockport and has since gone on to become one of the most successful contesting brass bands in the world, winning every elite event on the contest calendar. Known for its unique 'Fairey sound', the band has teamed up with animators Aardman to bring this exclusive performance to UK audiences this year. The 30-minute film tells the tale of eccentric inventor, Wallace, and his beloved canine companion as they overcome an unexpected house guest.





Taking a trip back in time

Described as “a long overdue marriage of two art forms”, silent film and brass band music will be brought together in a special event at Gala.

The event, on Sunday 16 July, will see the world-famous Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band play a live brass accompaniment to a new silent film, *Echoes of the North*.

Made from more than a hundred fragments of archive film, *Echoes of the North* invites audiences to travel down the highways and byways of northern life over a century ago, exploring its industries and rural life, wartimes and festivals, national holidays and huge city-wide occasions.

It's the first ever all-brass soundtrack for a silent film.

Acclaimed composer, musician, writer and broadcaster, Neil Brand, who wrote the score, said: “*The wonderful, resonant images of people going about their lives, work, play and conflict in the first 30 years of the last century spring to life with the timeless beauty of the brass band sound, music that evolves and matches every contrasting mood for us today, just as it could have done when these scenes were shot.*”

“I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to create scores for these images, and to work with one of the greatest bands in the world.”

Audiences will also be treated to a concert of brass band favourites ahead of the showing of the 60-minute film.

This special event is co-commissioned by Yorkshire Silent Film Festival and Durham Brass with support from the PRS Foundation's Open Fund for Organisations, and Arts Council England.

Bringing the big band classics

Talented local performers will take to the Gala stage for Big Band on Broadway shows on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July.

The shows will see Gala Workshop Academy members doing their thing alongside Michael Lamb's Strictly Smokin' Big Band.

With cabaret seating, it's a night out that's guaranteed to get people singing and dancing.



Find out more

To book tickets, or find out more, visit www.brassfestival.co.uk or call Gala Durham Box Office on 03000 266 600.



Explore your way to better wellbeing

Fresh air and exercise have long been recommended as ways of improving our health and wellbeing, with nature offering untold emotional, psychological and physical benefits. Here we discover how to make the most of County Durham's stunning landscapes.

Guided walks

Our guided walks offer a great way to explore the county's most scenic spots and make some new friends along the way.

Participants can explore our historic towns, charming villages and valleys and our magnificent shoreline with a dedicated walk leader. There are walks to suit everyone, from long hikes to pleasant strolls. There's the chance to improve your knowledge of the county's wide variety of plants and foliage or learn more about our geological heritage.

Upcoming walk locations include **Pikeston Fell and Sharnberry Gill**, and **Cotherstone and Lartington Park**, next to the beautiful Barnard Castle.

It costs just £4 to take part and well-behaved four-legged friends on leads are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.durham.gov.uk/guidedwalks



Take a mindful walk

A mindful walk in the great outdoors can help us take a moment to reflect and connect to the world around us. It can also improve our mood, reduce feelings of stress or anger, and help us take time out of the day to feel more relaxed.

In County Durham, we're lucky to have a vast and varied landscape with lots of opportunities to get out and about and soak up what nature has to offer. Visit www.durham.gov.uk/countryside so see our list of country parks, nature reserves, railway paths and picnic areas.

Next time you head out, why not take a moment and tune into your senses.

Ask yourself:

What can I hear? Perhaps there is birdsong or the rustling of trees.

What can I see? Look high, look low. Look for cloud formations or birds flying overhead. Take a closer look at flowers or shrubs.

What can I smell? Damp, rainy days smell different to dry, warm days. Take some deep relaxing breaths as you walk.

What can I feel? Pick up natural materials, such as pinecones and connect through touch.



Making the North Pennines more accessible

The North Pennines offers a stunning landscape of open moors and peatland, dales and meadows, wonderful woods and tumbling upland rivers across parts of County Durham, Northumberland and Cumbria. The North Pennines AONB Partnership is working to make this protected upland landscape more accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

Off-road, all-terrain mobility scooters, known as trampers, are available to rent at five North Pennines sites. The trampers can cross rougher ground and will allow people to explore further than traditional scooters, wheelchairs or other modes of transport. They are simple to operate, with a twist grip handle used for acceleration and braking. Full in-depth training will be provided on your first rental of the scooter.

Trampers are available at the following locations:

- * **Killhope Lead Mining Museum, Weardale.** 1 route, 0.5km around the museum grounds, 30mins.
- * **High Force Hotel, Teesdale.** 1 route, 1.2km return to waterfall, less than 1 hour.
- * **Bowlees Visitor Centre, Teesdale.** Route 1, 2.2km along a picturesque, track with views across the dale, 1 hour. Route 2, 1km route down to Low Force waterfalls, 30mins. Route 3, 1.1km to Bowlees Quarry, 30mins.
- * **Talkin Tarn Country Park, Brampton, Carlisle.** 1 route, 2.2km around the tarn, 1 hour.
- * **Derwent Reservoir, Consett.** Route 1, 7km from Visitor Centre to Millshield Car, 2 hours 30 mins. Route 2, 6.8km from Visitor Centre – Pow Hill Country Park, just over 2 hours.

One trampler is available at each site, but they must be booked in advance.

An annual membership of £10 is required in order to use the trampers or there is the option of a two-week trial membership for £2.50.

To keep up to date on the Trampler Network, visit www.northpennines.org.uk or www.lakedistrictmobility.org, where you can also book a trampler. You can also search for **#NorthPenninesTramplerNetwork** on social media.



Add some dino-magic with the Love Exploring app

Dinosaurs and minibeasts are taking over our parks – download the free Love Exploring app and you could help find them.

The app uses the magic of augmented reality to bring the creatures to life at Hardwick Park, Sedgfield, and Wharton Park, Durham.

The perfect way to keep the little ones entertained, it's also a fun, free way for families to get active together.

Find out more about what's happening in County Durham's parks and outdoor spaces this summer, at www.durham.gov.uk/enjoyoutdoors

County Durham in the spotlight

You might have noticed some familiar sights and faces on television of late.

It certainly seems like Robson Green can't stay away from County Durham! Several episodes of his BBC Two show, *Robson Green's Weekend Escapes*, feature a number of the county's gems – Derwent Reservoir, High Force, and the Durham coastline to name but a few.

Meanwhile, the Wear Referrals Small Animal Hospital, based just off the A689 at Bradbury, is the focus of *24/7 Pet Hospital*, a new BBC One series. Both are available on BBC iPlayer.

The county is no stranger to the big screen either, with Durham Cathedral playing host to *Avengers: Endgame* and famously becoming Hogwarts in the *Harry Potter* movies, while Low Force provided a stunning backdrop for Steven Spielberg's war epic, *1917*.

It's great to see the best of our county on screens big and small – it boosts tourism, attracts investment, and supports all kinds of jobs in the creative sector.

That's why we're working closely with the region's screen agency, North East Screen, to make the region filming friendly.



You can find out about the films and TV shows filmed here on the Visit County Durham website at: www.thisisdurham.com/seenonscreen

Katie and Kerry's big break

Two County Durham trainees have been working on ITV crime drama series, *Vera*, after attending training and networking events run by North East Screen.

Katie Jenkins, 22, from Durham, and Kerry Ward, 25, from Consett, secured production trainee positions on the latest series of the long running show, which is shot in the North East.

Kerry, a sound trainee, said: "I enjoy seeing how things work and learning on a set is very different to learning at university. I'm trying to familiarise myself with the basics of a set as I think this will help me in the future."

Katie, a camera trainee, added: "There's a sense of community on sets that I really enjoy and everyone is always willing to help me if I need it. You make a lot of friends on the job."

North East Screen runs a variety of events to help people break into the film and TV production industry. Find out more at www.northeastscreen.org



Supporting County Durham's foster carers

There are many children and young people who need loving homes across the county. While foster carers make a significant difference to their lives, it can be a challenging role. We're offering even greater support to foster families through an award-winning programme led by The Fostering Network.

The **Mockingbird programme** offers peer support, guidance and social activities to families, helping them to strengthen their relationships in the same way an extended family offers help and support.

Led by a hub home carer and liaison worker, each Mockingbird community supports between six and 10 foster families and is available nearly 24/7. As well as offering support to carers, home hub carers offer sleepovers and social activities to children and young people to build their resilience and confidence.

The programme has proved a huge success, with statistics showing around 18 per cent of placements would have broken down without it.

Sharing their successes

Jen and Mike are our first home hub carers in County Durham, having been in the role for six months. *"We haven't stopped smiling since we were appointed,"* says Jen. *"We love that no two weeks are ever the same and I especially enjoy organising our set socials and support groups."*

In the short time they have acted as home hub carers, they have already seen the benefit of the Mockingbird project. *"For us, we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of the children and young people on a personal level,"* adds Jen. *"We love to share their successes but also be there for them and their carers in their hour of need."*

"The children are finding new like-minded friends, learning from one another and sharing similar experiences. They love to come together at the hub for pizza-making nights, play dates and more."

And it isn't just the children who benefit, as Jen explains. *"All the carers involved reach out to each other now as well as leaning on us as the hub home. They support each other where they can and, though there have been some sad and challenging times for families, everyone has been so supportive."*



Could you become a foster carer?

We have recently recruited a second hub family to extend the support we offer, so now might be the time to get in touch.

If you think you could do this – or would like to join our fostering team – visit www.durham.gov.uk/fostering or call 03000 269 400.

You'll find a dedicated team offering a great support package, including financial assistance, full training and advice.



“The children are finding new like-minded friends...”



Save the date for Seaham Food Festival

There'll be sensational street food, family fun and famous chefs when Seaham Food Festival returns to the Durham Coast this summer.

Foodies are invited to save the date for the event, which will take place on **Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August**.

The festival is always a big hit, with last year's event pulling in more than 30,000 visitors across the weekend.

And this year it's set to be a cracker.

The region's foremost food and drink traders will serve up their finest produce from an array of stalls.

Crowds of people, some nestled in brightly coloured deckchairs (it is the seaside, after all!), will enjoy open-air cookery demonstrations from celebrity chefs.

And there'll be live music and family entertainment aplenty, not to mention photo opportunities with one of the country's most iconic monuments, the "Tommy" statue.

It also happens to be England's Year of the Coast, so the charms of the stunning Durham Heritage Coast will be well and truly in the spotlight.



For all the latest news, visit www.seahamfoodfestival.co.uk and follow Seaham Food Festival on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Events

There's a whole host of events happening on the County Durham coast this summer.

Whether you fancy some Thursday night jazz or a mindful morning, there's plenty to do during the Year of the Coast.

Free guided walks in Seaham

Sunday 28 May, Sunday 25 June, Monday 24 July and Thursday 17 August

Departing at 9.30am and 1.30pm each day

Join Seaham Townscape Heritage Project for a leisurely two-hour stroll taking in Seaham's stunning coastline and heritage.

The walks are buggy and dog friendly, but must be booked in advance.

There are two walks on each day as follows:

Tommy statue to Dalden Tower to Seaham Marina

and/or

Seaham Hall Beach car park to Seaham Marina

To book a place call 07795 304980 or 07818 510314 or email SeahamTownscapeHeritage@durham.gov.uk



Jazz at The Lubetkin: Easington Colliery Brass Band Play Swing!

Thursday 8 June, 6.45pm-9.30pm
The Lubetkin Theatre, Peterlee

Jazz at The Lubetkin launches its 2023 seasonal concert series with a swing and jazz inspired concert by Easington Brass Band! Founded in 1915, the band has been at the heart of East Durham's cultural life ever since. **Tickets: £10.** www.ticketsource.co.uk/jazz-at-the-lubetkin



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Mindful Morning

Various dates and times
Dalton Moor Farm, SR7 9JY

Escape the everyday and unwind by taking a step back and spending two hours relaxing in the green and gentle embrace of Mother Nature at Dalton Farm, which also offers willow weaving, foraging walks and other outdoor activities.

Bring only yourself, your yoga mat or picnic rug, a cushion and a shawl or light blanket. This is a small group activity.

Tickets: £12. www.daltonmoorfarm.co.uk/our-events

Seaham Carnival 2023

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July
Terrace Green

Organised by Seaham Town Council, the annual carnival has fun for all the family, with entertainment, stalls and attractions. www.seaham.gov.uk

Durham Coastal Half Marathon

Sunday 23 July
Nose's Point, Seaham, SR7 7PS

This very popular and challenging half marathon is set on the scenic Durham Coastal Footpath and gives runners of all abilities the chance to have fun or aim to set a PB. www.durhamcoastal.co.uk

Run Nation's (Run Durham) 5 & 10 Miler

Sunday 20 August
Dalton Park, SR7 9HU

Join Run Nation for a five or 10-mile race on a fantastic multi terrain course, finishing next to Dalton Park in the nature reserve. A great warm-up for a half marathon. www.runnation.co.uk



What3Words

We're currently trialling new technology to help our residents report fly-tipping more easily.

When reporting an incident of fly-tipping on our Do It Online system, members of the public can now use the reference from the What3Words app, which breaks areas down into a grid and allocates three unique words to each three-metre square area.

This will allow residents to report locations accurately by providing the three words for the area. The technology behind the app syncs with our current systems, making it easier than ever to let us know exactly where rubbish has been dumped.

More information about our work to tackle fly-tipping can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping

Be battery safe

Did you know that batteries can cause fires in our bin wagons and at our waste and recycling sorting plants?

It is extremely important that batteries are disposed of correctly and that they are not placed in household bins. We accept batteries at all of our Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) recycling points across the county. You can also drop off batteries at most supermarkets. Find out more at www.durham.gov.uk/weee



Bank holiday bin collections

There are no planned changes to bin collections over the summer bank holidays. Please leave your bin at the kerbside before 7am on your usual day of collection. You can check your collection day at www.durham.gov.uk/bincollections



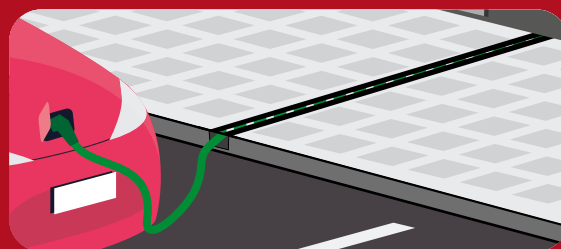
Electric Vehicle charge points

Our plans to expand the county's electric vehicle charging infrastructure have received a further boost with the announcement of £3.2 million of funding from the government.

We are one of only three councils to receive the funding, and the news follows the announcement last year that we were one of nine local authorities to be awarded funding through the LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) pilot to install 100 electric vehicle charge points.

Having already received £1.25 million to plan and install an initial 100 charging points, we will now be able to increase the total number of charging points in the county to 250, including 60 rapid chargers.

Work is ongoing to install the first of the 100 charging points across the county from this summer, with plans also in place to develop the next 150 sites. Find out more at www.durham.gov.uk/electricvehicles



Gul-e Project

Around 6.6 million households across the UK have no access to off-street parking and, as a result, are unable to charge electric vehicles at home. We are in the process of identifying streets and communities within the county which would benefit from a new Gul-e system.

The Gul-e system will see cable gullies installed under pavements in terraced areas and villages where on-street charging is not possible. This will allow residents living in these areas to charge their vehicles overnight, while keeping cabling out of the way of pedestrians and reducing network grid pressures.

From volunteering to employment

Volunteers make a significant difference to communities across County Durham. From supporting events or helping families to improving the local environment, volunteering can open lots of doors and help you gain new skills or even find your way into employment.

Violet Elliot was 17 when she first started volunteering with us. Planning to study for a Level 3 Diploma in Travel and Tourism at New College, she was keen to gain some experience in the area. And, after spending many years swimming at Freeman's Quay for her school and Durham City, she felt it was the perfect place to volunteer.



Violet:
“What a journey!”

With the support of the team at the centre, Violet began learning the role of a leisure attendant last summer and was offered the opportunity to work towards a lifeguard qualification. Violet was extremely keen to take on the extra challenge but, being neurodivergent, which means that her different thinking style can affect how she communicates, she was worried she wouldn't be able to absorb the information.

“I was in tears after the first day, but as the weeks progressed, I proved myself wrong and passed the course with flying colours,” she said.

Violet is particularly grateful for the support she received from those around her. *“I worked hard, but I was actively encouraged to do so by the team,”* she said. *“I felt the support and positivity of everyone around me and, after achieving my pool lifeguard qualification through the volunteer scheme, I gained casual employment as a leisure assistant. What a journey!”*

The whole experience has proved to be positive for Violet, offering her invaluable experience. *“It's helped make me more confident and shown that I can achieve,”* said Violet. *“This wouldn't have been possible without the volunteer programme or the caring staff running it, so I would encourage everyone to think about giving it a go.”*

If you're interested in volunteering, visit www.durham.gov.uk/volunteering for a range of opportunities.



Be a Lumiere Volunteer

LUMIERE

Could you help light up Lumiere?

A spectacular new programme of artworks and installations will transform Durham City this winter as Lumiere returns from **Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 November**.

And we're on the lookout for volunteers to help make County Durham's showpiece cultural event a success.

We're looking for people aged 18 or over, from students to retirees, to welcome visitors to the city, direct people to the installations and be the face of this event.

It's a chance to gain new skills as well as being a wonderful way to meet new people and make friends.

Helen Winterbone volunteered for the 2021 Lumiere. She said: *“I took early retirement from work but found I missed interacting with people. Volunteering at Lumiere fulfilled that role and improved my social and physical wellbeing. It enabled me to meet lots of people from all walks of life. I like to feel that through volunteering I am helping visitors to enjoy their visitor experience and ensuring they have a enjoyable time. This is such a rewarding volunteer role supporting Lumiere. I love every minute.”*

Find out more at www.durham.gov.uk/festivalmaker



Lumiere Volunteers Programme is sponsored by MGL Group

Sharing lives, sharing hearts

Our Shared Lives scheme supports adults and young people who are not able to live on their own. It offers them a safe, secure home and the love and stability of family life. Five years after opening up their home through the initiative, Lorraine and Paul Finnegan tell us why they've never looked back.

When Lorraine and Paul first heard about **Shared Lives**, they knew straight away that it was something they wanted to be part of.

And now, Joyce, Judith and David all live with the couple on a permanent basis, after Lorraine and Paul first provided each of them with an emergency or respite placement.

"It's like spending time with your best friends every day," said Lorraine. *"Anybody can become a provider – as long as you have room in your house and in your heart. It is fantastic."*

Providers share their home and family life with a person who needs care and support, whether that be through a long-term, short-term, respite or emergency placement. They also support them to develop and maintain independent living skills and friendships, giving them a sense of wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment.

Lorraine and Paul say they are grateful for the support they get on a day-to-day basis from the service. *"Even though we have experience of being a Shared Lives provider, we don't know everything, so it is ideal to have people there who support you and are on hand quickly for anything you need,"* said Paul.

The couple say that the most rewarding aspect of becoming a provider is seeing the change in those who live with them. Seventy-five-year-old Joyce has become much

more confident during the five years she has lived with the couple.

"When Joyce first arrived, she was very quiet," said Paul. *"Now, her confidence is unreal. She has opened up and grown so much and it's amazing to see how happy she is."*

"Watching people grow and flourish is wonderful," Lorraine agrees. *"They bring love and laughter every day and, for us, it's about giving them opportunities and being able to see them enjoy themselves."*



Lorraine (back left) and Paul (back right) with David (centre), Judith (front left) and Joyce, enjoying a day trip together.



“ They bring love and laughter every day... ”

Seeing the positive impact of Shared Lives on Lorraine and Paul has even inspired a family member and two of their friends to become providers. *"They see how much fun we have,"* said Lorraine. *"We go abroad, have days out and do everything with them. We have a really happy house and it's great that it has encouraged others to open their homes too."*



Could you provide a safe and loving home for an adult or younger person in need?

Shared Lives offers the support and training needed.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/sharedlives for more information.

Respite care and short breaks

For families of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), life can sometimes feel overwhelming.

Our **Short Breaks scheme** provides time out for carers and the opportunity for children and young people to develop new skills, socialise and make new friends.

A dedicated team works with parents and carers to find a break that best suits the whole family. This could range from children attending a virtual activity or visiting a leisure facility for a few hours each week to a child attending a residential setting.

‘An exciting part of his week’

We work closely with our partners to offer as many opportunities for families as possible. One of our partners, Integrating, is based in Chester-le-Street and offers a range of fun and safe services to children and young people aged between five and 25. It works with around 90 young people each year, delivering more than 10,000 activity hours during term-time and school holidays.

Helen’s son has attended Integrating for several years now. *“It has become an exciting part of his week and school holidays,”* explains Helen. *“He has anxiety and learning difficulties and Integrating is the only place he will go without me. As a single carer, these windows of space to breathe, while I know he is safe and having fun, have been invaluable.”*

Helen finds it a relief to know that her son is taking part in activities during his time at Integrating and says it’s made huge a difference to him. *“We understand how lucky we are to have this service,”* said Helen. *“It has hugely increased my son’s confidence and scaffolded a more independent life, while repeat visits to certain venues means he is more familiar with local spaces now.”*



In need of support?

For more information on short breaks, visit www.durham.gov.uk/shortbreaks

You can also call the team on 03000 260 270 or email SENDEIC@durham.gov.uk

Durham’s Local Offer

If you are a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or their parent or carer, then you might find our Local Offer useful. The website offers a directory of the information and advice available to support young people through life.

Find out more at www.durham.gov.uk/localoffer



Selective Licensing of privately rented properties

Since April 2022, private landlords have been required to obtain a licence to legally rent their properties in selected areas of the county.

About 42% of the private rented sector is covered and you can check if a property is included at www.durham.gov.uk/selectivelicensing



The licence fee is a maximum of £500, per property, for the length of the five-year scheme.

For more information, please contact:
Telephone: **03000 268 000** (press option 2)
Email: selectivelicensing@durham.gov.uk



Selective
Licensing



Need help **locating** care and support?



The place to find out about adult care
and support in County Durham

www.durhamlocate.org.uk





Make sure you have had your spring booster

The risk of catching Covid is higher for older people and those with certain underlying health conditions. Between April and June, people in higher risk groups will be offered a spring booster of the Covid vaccine.

You are eligible to receive the latest booster if you meet any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Are aged 75 or over
- ✓ Live in a care home
- ✓ Are aged over five and are immunosuppressed

Find out how you can get your spring booster at www.durham.gov.uk/healthprotection

Celebrate Breastfeeding Awareness Week

Tuesday 1 to Monday 7 August

Research shows that breastfeeding can improve the health of both baby and mother.

Breastfeeding can protect children from a vast range of illnesses, including tummy bugs, diabetes, and asthma and it reduces chances of infection, obesity and SIDS. Mothers who breastfeed are also at a lower risk of developing heart disease, breast cancer and ovarian cancer.

If you are looking for support and guidance on breastfeeding, the County Durham Infant Feeding Team supports parents in the region. The team uses its Facebook page to showcase its support services, share key information and provide advice.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/codurhaminfantfeeding



Use the NHS app to book GP practice appointments, order repeat prescriptions and more.

Download the app at www.nhs.uk/nhs-app

HERE TO HELP

Dr. Markwick, County Durham GP

Gala Durham

Saturday 3 June,
7.30pm

Keith Brymer Jones: Life, Clay and Everything

Spend a hilarious and uplifting evening with renowned British designer, bestselling author and *Great Pottery Throw Down* judge, Keith Brymer Jones, as he shares stories of life in front of and behind the potter's wheel.



Keith will take audiences on a journey, giving an exclusive on-stage demonstration at his much loved pottery wheel and sharing his advice and top tips about working with clay.

Hilarious and at times heart-wrenching, but most definitely entertaining, this is a one-off live experience with the man himself exploring life, clay, and, well... everything!

Recommended age: 14+ Tickets: £31.

Friday 7 July, 1.30pm
and 5pm and Saturday
8 July, 11am and 2pm

Horrible Histories: Barmy Britain

We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone's dead!

Britain's favourite history show is back from the West End, full of crazy new characters and rude new rulers from Britain's barmy past.

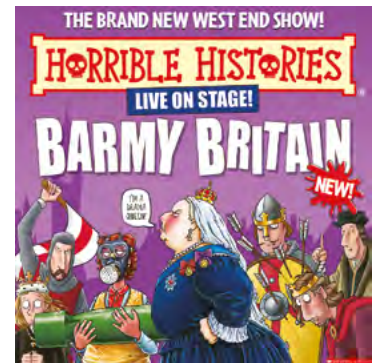
Will you be conquered by William? Will you sink or swim with King Henry I?

Go house hunting with Henry VIII, join the gorgeous Georgians as they take over England and break into Buckingham Palace and hide from the Queen Victoria.

It's history with the nasty bits left in.

Recommended age: 5+

Tickets: £16 (£14 concession), £58 family ticket min. two children).



Tuesday 1 to Saturday 12 August

Alice in Wonderland

A Gala Durham Production by Laura Turner
Inspired by Lewis Carroll

Welcome to Wonderland – the most incredible travelling funfair Durham has ever seen.

Eleven-year-old Alice loves helping on the rides with her dad Eric, but Alice's life is turned upside down when her dad says they are leaving the fair. Confused and sad, Alice feels lost.

Then, after dark, the fair comes alive. Alice is suddenly having an incredible adventure in this strange new Wonderland where everything is topsy-turvy. However, Lewis Carroll's unforgettable characters are there to help her on a journey that will bring her closer to her family than she ever imagined.

Join Alice and your favourite Wonderland characters, from the White Rabbit and the Mad Hatter to the Queen of Hearts, as they are thrown into a marvellous, magical, musical adventure!

There will be accessible performances of Alice in Wonderland, including a relaxed performance, on Tuesday 8 August at 2pm, and a BSL and captioned performance on Thursday 10 August at 2pm.

Tickets: £18 (£15 concession), £60 family ticket.



Empire Consett



Friday 2 June, 2.30pm

I Spy With My Little Eye – The Party!

Molly and Bingo the puppy are having a birthday party and, best of all, you're invited!

There'll be a terrific treasure hunt, sing-along songs, including *The Ants Go Marching*, *Hickory Dickory Dock* and *BINGO*, and lots of fantastic games to play, including Molly's favourite game, *I Spy With My Little Eye*.

So put on your party clothes for what promises to be a magical day of fun and laughter. It's going to be the best party ever. Recommended age: 2+.

Tickets: £11.



Thursday 10 August, 1.30pm and 4pm

Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday

Join Sarah and her best friend Duck as they plan the ultimate circus soiree to help Scarf Lady celebrate her birthday.

Bursting with all the charm from the BAFTA award-winning CBeebies show, Sarah and Duck's enchanting world is brought to life by the team behind *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show* and *Twirlywoos Live*. Packed full of puppetry, storytelling and music, *Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday* promises to be a celebration for the whole family.

Tickets £13 (£48 family ticket min. two children).

03000 262 400 www.empireconsett.co.uk

Bishop Auckland Town Hall



Friday 16 June, 8pm

Hilarity Bites Comedy Club

The Town Hall's monthly dose of stand-up comedy returns with a hilarious line-up of comics.

Headlining will be Newcastle's Raul Kohli, who has fast become one of the most captivating acts on the UK comedy circuit with his combination of political comedy and surreal storytelling.

Joining Raul will be highly-rated improv duo The Halls of Ridiculous, acclaimed musical comedian Alex Camp, and host for the night is Sammy Dobson, who recently appeared in several episodes of *Meet The Richardsons*.

Advisory: show may contain strong language and adult themes. Tickets: £10.

Thursday 6 July, 8pm

Billy Mitchell and Bob Fox: 5 Star B&B

Two of the UK's best known and most loved singers – Billy Mitchell (Lindisfarne) and Bob Fox (Songman in War Horse) bring their impeccable musicianship, a set full of memorable songs and infectious good humour in their new show.

The mix of material is sparkling, full of punch and beautifully executed. The duo's ability to connect with the audience is evident as perform some of their favourite songs, including original Lindisfarne classics and trad folk arrangements such as *Sally Wheatley*, *Meet me on the Corner*, *Dance to your Daddy*, *Collier Laddie's Wife*, *Big River*, and *Galway Shawl*.

Tickets: £18.



03000 269 524 www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk

Accessible cinema

Gala Durham, Empire Consett and Bishop Auckland Town Hall are making film screenings accessible for all audiences.

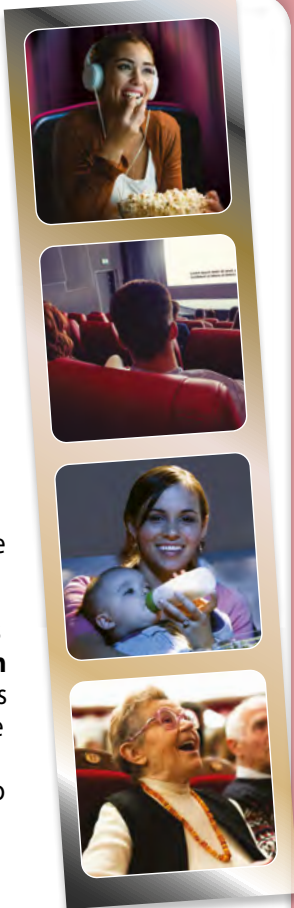
All three venues now offer a subtitled screening of each movie, for those who are hard of hearing, while Gala Durham offers audio description headsets for the visually impaired.

The Durham City venue has also introduced **Bringing In Baby** screenings for parents with children under the age of one. Seating at these screenings is unallocated so parents can move about, while the lights are slightly raised and volume slightly lowered.

For audiences over 60, the venue has also introduced **Gala Seniors**, a series of screenings where audiences get a cup of tea and a biscuit with their ticket.

Tickets are £5 at Gala Durham and Bishop Auckland Town Hall and start from £4 at Empire Consett. For Bringing In Baby and Gala Seniors screenings at Gala Durham, tickets also include 10 per cent off food and drink at the venue's café Gala Lounge.

For further details on upcoming screenings, visit www.galadurham.co.uk, www.empireconsett.co.uk or www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk



Beamish Museum



Sunday 18 June

Beamish 50th Reliability Run

See a whole host of cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles registered before 1956 leave the museum in the morning to drive 150 miles through County Durham and Yorkshire, before returning to the museum at the end of the day.



Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 August

Beamish Allotment, Garden and Craft Show

The annual Beamish Allotment, Garden and Flower Show, offers a weekend of vegetable displays and flower arranging.

Do you grow lovely leeks, perfect potatoes and the best beetroot? Why not bring your home-grown vegetables and flowers along to the museum and compete in the show? Entry is free of charge, with certificates and rosettes up for grabs.

Download an entry form at www.beamish.org.uk

0191 370 4000 www.beamish.org.uk

Binchester Roman Fort

Open daily from
10am to 4.30pm

Event days:

**Saturday 15 and
Sunday 16 July**

**Sunday 27 and
Monday 28
August**

The Romans will be returning to Binchester Roman Fort for the ever-popular re-enactment weekends. On event

days, the programme of activities commences at 11am and will be repeated at 2pm. For further details, visit the website.



01388 663 089 www.durham.gov.uk/binchester

Durham Record Office



Thursday 20 July, 10.30am-11.30am

Third Thursday Talk:

**'A plan so replete with advantages...'
– The Building of Durham's North Road**

by David Butler, archivist

Free online talk. North Road, running from Framwellgate Bridge to St Leonard's School, is now so much an integral part of Durham's road network that it is difficult to imagine it not existing; yet it is a comparatively late addition to the city's roads, opened in 1831. Why was it built and what problems did the project face?

www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk

The Bowes Museum



From Saturday 8 July

Movement: The Magic of the Silver Swan

The Silver Swan is considered one of The Bowes Museum's most iconic objects. A rare, surviving example of 18th Century automata, it moves its head and beak as it 'swims' alongside a shoal of fish in glassy water.

The Magic of the Silver Swan introduces Merlin and his world of mechanical invention alongside key pieces, from the historical to the contemporary.

Celebrating automata, moving objects and kinetic artworks by artists, makers, designers and inventors, this exhibition explores our enduring fascination with mechanical devices and the beauty and artistry that can be found through, and in, technology.

Every first
Saturday of
the month

**Young
Creator's
Art Club**

This is a chance for young artists to explore, observe,

experiment and express ideas in a creative and innovative way. Inspired by the museum's collections and exhibitions, learners will be encouraged to use a range of materials and techniques to develop ideas in a relaxed, practical setting.

Suitable for 11 to 16-year-olds.



01833 690606 www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk



Durham University Botanic Garden



Monday 14 August **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

This fun-filled day offers the chance to explore bear habitats during an interactive guided walk through the garden, a messy bear art workshop and some favourite bear stories. Suitable for families with children aged 2+.

Normal admission charges apply, with no additional charge for the event.



Thursday 17 August **Crazy Creatures**

Meet the crazy creatures visiting the garden for the day, including rabbits, frogs, snakes, spiders, mice and other animals.

Normal admission charges apply, with no additional charge for the event.

0191 334 2887
www.dur.ac.uk/botanic.garden

Please note: venue opening is subject to change, please check before you visit.

Durham Fringe Festival



Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 July

Various locations in Durham City
Durham Fringe Festival is back for its third year. The festival will showcase more than 50 different shows at six stunning Durham City venues during the last five days of July.

There's something for everyone, with acts from all genres, including drama, stand-up, music, circus, magic, musical theatre, comedy, family friendly acts and more.

A full programme of performances is available at www.durhamfringe.co.uk, where you can also buy tickets.

ONGOING EVENTS



Last Friday of every month

Bishop Auckland Street Food Market

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NJ

Open-air market with food and entertainment from across the region. The Cabaret Club, Bishop's première entertainment night featuring drag, musical comedy and variety, kicks off at 9pm upstairs in Mrs M (1 Market Place) followed by live jazz till late.
www.baccanalia.co.uk/street-food-market



Little Locos

Locomotion, Shildon, DL4 2RE

Taking place every month, Little Locos is a special session for visitors aged five and under, and their families and carers. Little Locos is the perfect place for little ones and their grown-ups to play and learn together. **Little Locos sessions are free**, but booking is required, either in advance or on the day. Tickets are released one month in advance.
www.locomotion.org.uk

JUNE

Thursday 1 June, 7.30pm

Martin Carthy & Eliza Carthy

The Witham, Barnard Castle, DL12 8LY

The legendary ballad singer and guitarist who has influenced generations of artists, including Bob Dylan, joins forces with his twice Mercury nominated daughter Eliza Carthy, to perform an eclectic range of songs and tunes from the Carthys' vast family repertoire.
01833 631107, www.thewitham.org.uk



Saturday 3 June

Sacriston Party in the Park

The Fulforth Centre, Sacriston, DH7 6JT

Free family Party in the Park to celebrate summer. There will be inflatables, fairground rides, face-painting, cafe, market stalls, raffle and tombola, crafts, sports and games and a bird of prey demonstration.
www.thefulforthcentre.co.uk



Saturday 3 June
Willow Weaving Dragonflies

Dalton Moor Farm, Murton, SR7 9JR

Weaving with natural materials is a magical and very rewarding experience. Reconnect with your inner wild and create a useful and beautiful item for your home or garden. 07887551643 www.daltonmoorfarm.co.uk



Saturday 10 June
Sounds on the Bounds – Brass

Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens, Durham, DH7 7DW

Sounds on the Bounds returns to Ushaw. Join in for a day of amazing brass music performed by Bearpark & Esh Winning Colliery Brass Band in the stunning Bounds amphitheatre. 0191 373 8500 ushaw.org/whatson

Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 June

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Park View Theatre, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3QA

One of the most enduring shows of all time, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and a coat of many colours. **Tickets are £12 for adults and £10 for children and concessions.** 0191 388 3362

JULY



Saturday 1 July
Spennymoor Gala

Jubilee Park, Spennymoor, DL16 6JJ

Follow the gala procession to Victoria Jubilee Park where there will be entertainment and activities for the whole family, including live music, stilt walkers, birds of prey, free face-painting and more. spennymoorgala.co.uk



Saturday 1 July, 12pm to 6pm

Aycliffe Pride Festival

ROF 59 Arena, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6XN

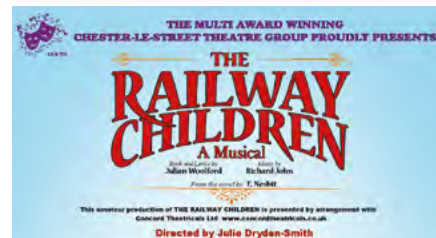
Aycliffe Pride returns with a line-up of tribute acts including Joe Tilly as Freddy Mercury, Andy Crossbie as Elton John and Mike Hyde as Gary Barlow. There will also be performances from artists Pink Lemonade, HC Theatre group and Cassandra Bowtell with MX Drag England winner Lavender Love as the MC. Expect craft stalls, fairground rides, a zip wire, merchandise stands, bars and food stalls. www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets

Sunday 2 July

Photography special – a journey through seasons on the Weardale Railway

Stanhope Station, DL13 2YS

Fancy the opportunity to photograph some unique and scenic locations on Weardale Railway? This train ride stops at six strategic points to allow passengers to safely take photographs and visit areas not normally accessible, such as Etherley Viaduct. A must for budding and experienced photographers. weardale-railway.digitickets.co.uk



Tuesday 4 July to Saturday 8 July, 7.15pm

The Railway Children: A Musical

Chester-le-Street Community Centre, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3TS

Presented by the Chester-le-Street Theatre Group. An idyllic Edwardian family Christmas is interrupted by a knock at the door and a family's life is changed forever. **Tickets £10.** clstheatregroup.com



Saturday 8 July

Durham Miners' Gala 2023

Various locations, Durham City

Join the world's greatest celebration of community, international solidarity, and working class culture. More than 200,000 people pack the streets of Durham every year to enjoy the sights and sounds of The Big Meeting. www.durhamminers.org/gala



Thursday 13 July to Saturday 15 July

Durham City Run Festival

Take on the historic streets of Durham for a midsummer weekend of racing. durhamcityrunfestival.com



Sunday 23 July

Foraging in Beamish with Jenny Connor

South Causey Inn, Stanley, DH9 0LS

Join for a truly engaging and fun foraging workshop with Jenny Connor, to develop your understanding of foraging. 01207 235555 southcausey.co.uk



Saturday 29 July

IncludFEST 2023

Hardwick Park, Sedgfield, TS21 2DN

A free annual outdoor arts festival for deaf and disabled children and young people and their families. 0300 124 0448 www.tinarts.co.uk/current-projects/includfest

Sunday 30 July

Adventure Cinema: The Greatest Showman sing-a-long

Raby Castle, Staindrop, DL2 3AH

Enjoy a sing-a-long outdoor cinema experience in the stunning grounds of Raby Castle with a showing of *The Greatest Showman*. 01833 660202 www.raby.co.uk/whats-on

AUGUST

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August

Way Back When: 1940s at Ushaw

Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens, Durham, DH7 7DW

Take a step back in time to the 1940s. 0191 373 8500, ushaw.org/whatson



Sunday 13 August

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Durham Cathedral, Durham, DH1 3EH

Join young Mary Lennox on a journey of discovery as she is sent to her uncle's house, where mysteries and secrets lurk around every corner in an enchanting story, loved by children and adults alike. 0191 338 7178 www.durhamcathedral.co.uk



Friday 18 to Sunday 20 August

Hardwick Festival 2023

Hardwick Hall, Sedgfield, TS21 2EH

Hardwick Festival returns with acts already confirmed including The Kooks and Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, as well as with The Vaccines, Melanie C, Nieve Ella, Johnny Marr, The Cribs and Andrew Cushin. hardwickfestival.co.uk



Friday 25 to Monday 28 August

Derwent Fest

Derwent Waterside Park, Edmundbyers, DH8 9TT

Showcasing local talent, alongside fantastic tribute acts and children's entertainment, expect food, drink, laughter, fun and dancing. 0345 155 0236 www.watersideparksuk.com/park/derwent



Wednesday 30 August

Durham Cricket – England Men v New Zealand Vitality

Durham Cricket, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3QR

International cricket returns with England Men v New Zealand. www.durhamccc.talent-sport.co.uk

SEPTEMBER



Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 September

Wolsingham Show 2023

Wolsingham Showground, Wolsingham, DL13 2QW

Celebrate the county's farming life at England's oldest and Durham's biggest open-air agricultural show. A jam-packed weekend of family-friendly entertainment. www.wolsinghamshow.co.uk

Saturday 9 September

Durham Cricket – England Women v Sri Lanka WIT20

Durham Cricket, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3QR

England Women return to action in a IT20 series against Sri Lanka. The two sides last met at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, when England were victorious by five wickets. www.durhamccc.talent-sport.co.uk

This is durham

Find more events and activities at

www.thisisdurham.com/whats-on

Summer Holiday Camps

Keep the kids entertained and active at our Holiday Camps this summer. With a choice of groups suitable for ages 5-16 years old, they can have fun, learn new skills and meet new friends. Early drop-off and late pick-ups available. From only £16 per day.

Visit the website for full details of all our Holiday Camps:

durham.ac.uk/holiday-camps

Maiden Castle Sports and Wellbeing Park,
Stockton Road, Durham DH1 3SE



Week-long adventure camps,
12-16 year olds



Multi Sports 5-12 years
Special activity camps:
Dance & Drama, Tennis
and Football

Enjoy a big day out in Durham

Visit our new website to find out more about the exciting activities at each of our venues this summer, including:

- Oriental Museum
- Palace Green Library
- Museum of Archaeology
- World Heritage Site Visitors Centre

durham.ac.uk/things-to-do

 Follow us @DUThingsToDo

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Explore the Botanic Garden



Enjoy a guided tour of
Durham Castle



County Durham

Care Academy

Care to make a difference in County Durham

Lucy started her career in care when she was 18. She's now working in home care, giving vital support in people's day to day lives. **"Most people who work in care tend to be older people, but I find it so fulfilling that I'd recommend it to young people who want to go home at the end of the day knowing they've made a difference to someone's life,"** she says.

If you would like to get the kind of job satisfaction Lucy does, then why not let the Care Academy help you to start your career in care? Social care offers lots of opportunities to progress, with flexible hours to fit around your life.

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**It is a lovely
thing to do
to make
someone
smile**
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