

# ENJOY DARLINGTON

EVENTS GUIDE 2024



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**DARLINGTON**  
Borough Council

# WELCOME TO THE ENJOY DARLINGTON EVENTS GUIDE 2024

Let's get excited about 2024!

There's a full calendar of events and activities happening over the coming months. This booklet contains a round up of what's in store. From music festivals and sports activities, to crafting and workshops, there is something for everyone to enjoy.



To find out more scan the QR Code or visit [enjoydarlington.co.uk/whats-on](https://enjoydarlington.co.uk/whats-on)

All information is correct at the time of production. Dates, times and locations may be subject to change for instance in the event of adverse weather. We encourage all attendees to check the relevant website or social media channels for updates leading up to or on the day of the event.

## Darlington Restaurant Week

**WEEK ONE** Saturday 17 - Sunday 25 February  
**WEEK TWO** Saturday 26 Oct - Sunday 3 November

**Town Centre**

[enjoydarlington.co.uk/restaurantweek](https://enjoydarlington.co.uk/restaurantweek)

## Chinese New Year

**Saturday 10 February, 11am - 3pm**  
**Town Centre**

Street theatre and ceremonial activities including an LED dragon.

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# BOOK FEST

Think. Create. Inspire

Saturday 2 - Saturday 9 March  
Crown Street Library

## SUPERHERO DAY

Saturday  
16 March  
11am - 3pm  
Town Centre



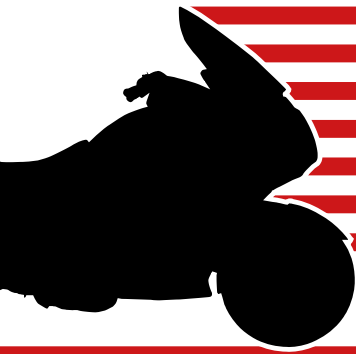
## CONTINENTAL MARKET

Wednesday 3 -  
Saturday 6 April  
Town Centre



## «MOVE» «MORE» «MONDAY»

Monday 8 April, 11am - 4pm  
Market Square



# MOTOR SPORT DAY

Saturday 27 April, 11am - 3pm  
Market Square

# STAR WARS DAY

Saturday 4 May, 10am - 4pm  
Clarks Yard and  
Echo 3 Coffee House & Roastery



## FOOD — & — DRINK FESTIVAL

STREET FOOD, DEMOS &  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 3 - MONDAY 6 MAY

 [Darlingtonmarketofficial](https://www.facebook.com/Darlingtonmarketofficial)  [darlington\\_market](https://www.instagram.com/darlington_market)  
[www.darlingtonmarket.co.uk](http://www.darlingtonmarket.co.uk)



Saturday 11 May  
Market Square

Local community groups and  
dance schools come together  
for a Mass Dance in the  
Market Square.

[facebook.com/  
darlingtondancefestival](https://www.facebook.com/darlingtondancefestival)



# Mental Health Awareness Week

— Sculpture Trail —

How are you bearing up?

**Monday 13 - Sunday 26 May**  
Town Centre



# GROOVE FEST 24

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 May, Town Centre



**Tuesday 28 May**

**11am - 3pm**

**Market Square**

A showcase of tractors and diggers take over the Market Square.

# Emergency Services Day

**Saturday 1 June, 11am - 3pm**  
**Market Square**

A showcase of Darlington's emergency services including vehicles, stalls and activities.



# DARLINGTON ECO FAIR

Saturday 8 June

11am - 3pm, Town Centre

Exploring eco companies, organisations and businesses, green living, recycling and showcasing innovation.



## Concert Bands

Saturday 15 June, 11am - 3pm

Market Square

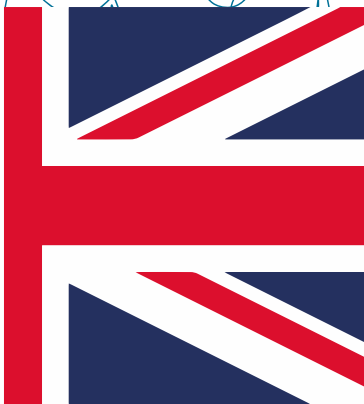


**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

Friday 28 June, 10am

Market Square

Raising of the flag ceremony  
in the Market Square.



## COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Saturday 29 June

12noon - 5pm

Stanhope Park

The town's annual community carnival in Stanhope Park including an opening procession, family entertainment, live music and food stalls.

[facebook.com/darlingtoncommunitycarnival](https://facebook.com/darlingtoncommunitycarnival)





# Proms in the Park

**Sunday 7 July, 3pm**

**South Park bandstand**

Annual live music concert at South Park bandstand in aid of The Army Benevolent Fund.

## GOLD Tea Dance

**Wednesday 17 July**

**11am - 3pm, Market Square**

Hosted by GOLD (Growing Older Living in Darlington) the annual tea dance includes live music, information stalls, tea and scones.



**Saturday 20 July, 10am - 4pm, Town centre**

A collection of fine vehicles from yesteryear to the present day on show around the town centre.

[facebook.com/DarlingtonVintageRally](https://facebook.com/DarlingtonVintageRally)



(DJ set)

**Sunday 21 July and Saturday 24 August**

**10am - 4pm, Market Square**

[facebook.com/heavenintheafternoonevents](https://facebook.com/heavenintheafternoonevents)





# TRACKS TUESDAYS

12noon - 3.30pm

Market Square

Live acoustic music  
programmed by Tracks  
Darlington every Tuesday  
during the summer holidays.



## Darlington by the Sea

Wednesday 24 - Sunday 28 July, 11am - 5pm, Market Square  
Darlington by the Sea brings the all the fun of the seaside to  
the town centre!



THE FORUM PRESENTS

# COUNTRY

Friday 2 August, 4 - 8pm

Live music on the Market Square stage  
programmed by The Forum Darlington.

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# Darlington 10K

Sunday 4 August

Town Centre

[enjoydarlington.co.uk/10k](http://enjoydarlington.co.uk/10k)



# «MOVE» «MORE» «MONDAY»

Monday 5 August, 11am - 4pm  
Market Square

## LIBRARY

## TAKEOVER

## DAY

Wednesday  
7 August  
12noon - 4pm  
Market Square



Saturday 10 August  
Darlington Pride Festival  
Market Square

Sunday 11 August  
Pride Picnic  
South Park

Monday 12 August  
MonGAY Pride  
Town Centre bars & pubs

[facebook.com/  
DarloPrideWeekender](https://www.facebook.com/DarloPrideWeekender)

# MAKING SENSE TOGETHER

Thursday 15 August, 11am - 3pm, Market Square

A community celebration day to raise awareness of supporting people with learning disabilities or autism, promoting inclusivity for all.



# UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Saturday 17 August, 12noon - 4pm, Market Square

# CREATIVE SPACE

Sunday 18 August, 11am - 3pm, Market Square


Local artists and craftspeople displaying, selling  
and discussing their work.



# Jazz

in the  
AFTERNOON

Sunday 18 August  
12noon - 5pm  
Market Square



# «MOVE» «MORE» «MONDAY»

Monday 19 August, 11am - 4pm  
Market Square



# Wedding Fayre

Wednesday  
21 August  
Dolphin Centre

## FAIRYTALES & LEGENDS DAY

Thursday 22 August, 11am - 3pm, Town Centre

Dress to impress! meet and greet some of your favourite characters, enjoy a dazzling live theatre production and join in with crafts and games.

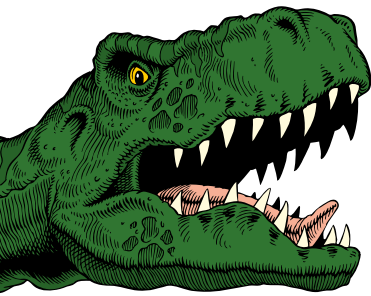


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	<b>FRIDAY 23 - MONDAY 26 AUGUST</b>	
	Darlingtonmarketofficial  darlington_market	
	<a href="http://www.darlingtonmarket.co.uk">www.darlingtonmarket.co.uk</a>	

# DL 21

Sunday 25 August  
12noon - 8pm  
Market Square

Darlington resident and music lover Mr Watson brings his DL21 radio show to life into the heart of Darlington, the town's market square, for a day of Soul & Funk and what a day he has lined up!



# DINOSAUR DAY

**Thursday 29 August**  
**11am - 3pm, Town Centre**  
Jurassic creatures  
roaming around the town,  
themed activities and live  
entertainment.

THE FORUM PRESENTS

# FRESHER'S

**Friday 30 August, 4pm - 8pm**  
Live music on the Market Square stage  
programmed by The Forum Darlington.

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# THE MISFIT FESTIVAL

**Saturday 31 August -**  
**Sunday 1 September**  
**11am - 3pm, Market Square**  
[instagram.com/  
themisfitmarket](https://www.instagram.com/themisfitmarket)

# ARMED FORCES SHOWCASE

**Saturday 7 September**  
**Market Square**

Family event with fun activities and information stalls  
by your Armed Forces.

# LAS RAIN HOME

**Saturday 7 September  
Town Centre**

Featuring the best in regional and national original live music alongside comedy from Hilarity Bites.

[facebook.com/  
tracksdarlington](https://facebook.com/tracksdarlington)



## CONTINENTAL MARKET

**Wednesday 9 -  
Saturday 12 October  
Town Centre**



## — DARLINGTON — RHYTHM & TUNES

**Friday 8 - Sunday 10 September  
Town Centre**

This ever-popular music event will return to the town centre once again with another huge schedule of live bands over three days.



# Halloween

**Thursday 31 October  
11am - 3pm**

Spooky character  
meet & greets in town  
centre locations.





# Diwali Lantern Parade

**Saturday 26 October, 5pm, Town Centre**

Celebrate the festival of life as part of this important Indian festival.

Details on how to get involved will be released on [enjoydarlington.co.uk](http://enjoydarlington.co.uk)

## Christmas Lights Switch On

**Sunday 19**

**November**

**4pm**

**Market Square**



## DARLINGTON CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**Friday 6 - Sunday 8 December, 11am - 3pm, Market Square**

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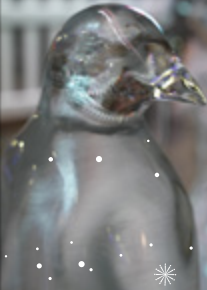
## Ice Sculpture

**Saturday 7 December**

**11am - 3pm, Town Centre**

A exciting trail of ice sculptures on display, dotted around the town for you to explore. Trail maps will be available online from mid-November and will be available to pick up at the event.

## Trail



# FIND OUT WHAT'S ON AT



[www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/whats-on)



[www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk](http://www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk)



[www2.darlington.gov.uk](http://www2.darlington.gov.uk)



[www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/healthy-darlington/whats-on](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/healthy-darlington/whats-on)

# HOPETOWN

- DARLINGTON -

*Darlington's  
newest visitor  
attraction  
opening  
this summer*

[www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk](http://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk)



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