

PROVISIONAL TOWN CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017



DATES	EVENT	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	LOCATION	DETAILS	CONTACT DETAILS
JANUARY					
Saturday 28 and Monday 30 January	Chinese New Year	Events and Library	Crown Street Library and Joseph Pease Place	Chinese Themed Entertainment provide by Carmel College a Catholic Academy, Hummersknott Academy and Polam Hall School.	Marion Ogle 01325 406401
FEBRUARY					
Sunday 5 February	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Sunday 12 February	History Wardrobe: Dressed to Impress	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Meeting Room	Join the two Lucys as they showcase sensational special occasion outfits from the 20th century, booking is essential	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
Saturday 18 – Saturday 25 February	Fairground	Frank Smith Amusements	Joseph Pease	Frank Smith Amusements visit the town.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
MARCH					
Sunday 5 March	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	Events	Joseph Pease/ library/Dolphin Centre	Entertainment in library and Joseph Pease	Marion Ogle 01325 406401
Saturday 11 March	Sherwoods Vauxhall	Events Team and Sherwoods and	Joseph Pease Place	Launch of the Darlington 10km	Phil Haymer 01325 406417

	Darlington10k launch	Northern Echo			
APRIL					
Sunday 2 April	Darlington Sunday's People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Saturday 8 April – Saturday 22 April	Fairground	Frank Smith Amusements	Market Square	Frank Smith Amusements visit the town.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 8 April	Spring Fete	Firthmoor Community Centre	Firthmoor Community Centre	Stalls , children's activities and refreshments	Glennis Harrison 01325 462979
Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 April	South Park Fundraising Activity	Groundwork	South Park	Groundwork provide play activities, punch and Judy face painting, circus skills and rugby skills	Groundwork 01325 353797
Sunday 16 April	Easter Special	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Museum	Join us for an eggstraspecial Easter treat, face painting, magic show, Easter trail and mini train ride and lots more	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
Sunday 23 April	St George's Day toast	Events team	Market Cross – Town Centre	Celebration of St George's Day with a red rose and a glass of port and the Dragon.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 23	Bark in the Park	St Teresa's Hospice	South Park	Dog Walk in the meadow area opposite South Park – Parkside/Grange Road	Scott Marshal 01325 254321 07917 807135
Saturday 29 April	Free Outdoor Jazz	Darlington Jazz Festival	West Row Joseph Pease	Jazz Music	Visit www.darlingtonjazzfestival@live.com
MAY					

Saturday 6 May	Mental Health Awareness event	MIND	Market Square	Music, stalls and advice	Gary Emmerson 01325 283169
Sunday 7 May	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Saturday 20 May	Mass Dance	Darlington Dance Festival Association	Market Square	Mass dance performance in the market square.	Marion Ogle 01325 406990
Saturday 20 May	Love Your Local Markets	Markets	Town Centre	Celebration of local markets	Helen Taylor 01325 406189
Friday 19 May	St Teresa's Midnight Walk	St Teresa's and Events team	South Park	A mid night walk around South Park aid of St Teresa's charity.	John Paul Stabler 01325 254321
Friday 19 May	Best of Darlington Awards	Darlington Partnership	Dolphin Centre	Celebrating the Best of Darlington	Seth Pearson 01325 406090
Sunday 21 May 11am – 3pm	Vintage Vehicle Rally	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Museum Field and Gardens	Variety of rare and unusual vintage vehicles from across the north east and Yorkshire regions, activities include, mini train ride, balloon modelling, juggling, arts and crafts	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
Sunday 21 May	Annual Vintage Open Day	DRPS	Darlington Railway Preservation Society site near Head of Seam	Railway displays, miniature train ride , historical rail vehicles	Paul Bailey 07920406782
Monday 29 May - Sunday 4 June	Fairground	Events	Market Square	Fairground rides for children.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
JUNE					
Sunday 4 June	Round 50 Mile Cycle Ride	Events	Registration Dolphin Centre	50 mile cycle ride	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 4 June	Darlington Sunday People's	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392

	Market				
Sunday 4 June	Cancer Research Race for Life	Cancer research	South Park	Women only race to raise monies for Cancer Research.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 June	Crows Fair And entertainment	Crows Fairground organisers	South Park	Fairground	Marion Ogle 01325 406990
Saturday 17 June	8 th Darlington Scout Group 101 st Summer Fete	8 th Darlington Scout Group	Cockerton Village Green	Fund raising, live entertainment, raffles and stalls	Ken Thompson 07481920006
Monday 19 June	Armed Forces Day	Democratic and Events Team	Market Square	Commemoration of those who serve in the British Armed Forces	David Allaway 01325 388363
Tuesday 20 June	Vibe Awards	Youth Service	Dolphin Centre	Young Persons Award Ceremony	Joanne Shutt 07940742529
Saturday 24 June	Community Carnival parade sets off from the Market Square.	Carnival Committee & Events	Market Square/ Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Carnival Starts in town centre and makes way up to Stanhope Park.	Stalls:- Diane Evans 01325 263761 Further details:- Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Saturday 24 June	Community Archaeology Dig	Groundwork	Tofts Field Piercebridge	Celebration event following a two week dig – re-enactments, crafts and dig	James Hunter 01642 616144
Sunday 25 June	Proms in the Park	Northern Military Music, Darlington BC events team and support from the Royal Signals	South Park	Proms in the park with music from the Royal Signals (Northern) band , Hurworth Concert Band, REM Pipes and Drums and guests	Marion Ogle 01325 406990

JULY					
Saturday 1 July	Run the Spectrum Colour Run	North East Autism Society	South Park	Sponsored 5 K Run with colour stations	Sophie Clark 0191 4109974
Saturday 1 July	St Teresa's Hospice Charity Bed Push	St Teresa's Hospice	Darlington Town Centre	Sponsored bed push in the Town Centre	Chris Barron 01325 254321
Sunday 2 July	70 mile cycle Ride	Events	Registration Dolphin Centre	70 Mile Cycle Ride	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 2 July	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Sunday 9 th July	Our Big Gig	Durham and Darlington Music Services	South Park bandstand	Young Musicians perform in the bandstand	Marion Ogle 01325 406990
Saturday 8 July – Sunday 3 September	Lego Exhibition	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Temporary Exhibition Gallery	Exhibition demonstrating just a small sample of what can be built from one of the worlds most popular construction toys today	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
Saturday 8 July	St Mary's Church Summer Fair	St Mary's Church	Cockerton Green	Summer Fair , stalls and family fun	Elizabeth Leftwich 01325 282049
Sunday 16 July	Dogs Trust Event	Dogs Trust	South Park – Bedford Street entrance	Dog Show and family entertainment.	Rebecca McKeown 01325 335952
Saturday 15 July	IncludFEST	TinArts	South Park	Arts and culture event for children & young people of all abilities. Includes: live music, street theatre, 'have-a-go' workshops as well as arts and crafts 'make it' workshops.'	Martin Wilson 07545349230

Saturday 22July	Firthmoor Live	Firthmoor Community Association	Firthmoor Community Centre and Field	Live Music, Children's fairground rides, Beer Tent, Children and family entertainment	Glenis Harrison 01325 462979
Sunday 23 July	Meet the Gruffalo	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Museum and Gardens	Come along to Head of Steam and meet the Gruffalo, lots of fun activities for all the family, the Gruffalo will be making personal appearances at intervals throughout the day	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
AUGUST					
Sunday 6 August	Castle Ride – Approx. 80 miles	Events Team	Registration Dolphin Centre	A 80 mile cycle ride.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 3rd 10,17, 24th August	Time Travel Thursday	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Northern Rail Activity Room	Come along and travel with us and get a taste of what life was like at different times in the past	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
Sunday 6 August	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Sunday 13 August	Sherwood's Vauxhall 10K	Events	Market Square	Fun Run, Junior 3K & 10k RUNS	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 17 August	Tea Dance	Events & Partners	Market Square	Fancy a dance in the Market Square.	Marion Ogle 01325 406990
Friday 18 August	Darlington by the Sea TBC	Events	TBC	Sand pit and attractions	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 August	Summer Markets	Markets	Town Centre	Festive Summer Markets with entertainment for all the family.	Helen Taylor 07966 487773
Saturday 26	Darlington	Hippodrome and	Market Square	The Ball by Wet Picnic	Marion Ogle

August	Theatre Town Events	Events Team			01325 406990
Friday 25 – Monday 28 August	Crows Fair And entertainment – Party in the Park	Crows Fairground organisers	South Park	Fairground and displays	Marion Ogle 01325 406990
SEPTEMBER					
Sunday 3 September	Hell O The North Cycle Ride	Events team	Registration Dolphin Centre	A 100 mile hilly cycle ride starting and finishing at the Dolphin Centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 September	Model Railway Weekend	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Museum	Darlington Model Railway Club members and visiting layouts on display in the museum	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
Sunday 3 September	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September	Heritage Open Day	Head of Steam Library	Head of Steam Library	Enjoy free entry to the museum and library with guided tours available.	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543 Library - 01325 349610
Sunday 10 September	Rhythm and Blues Festival	Events	Market Square	RnB Music event outdoors & local pubs.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 127 September	Darlington Harriers AC 10 mile race	Darlington Harriers	South Park	10 mile Race around the footpaths in South Park	Paul Cook 07967262095
Friday 22 September Saturday 23 September	Festival of Ingenuity	Darlington Partnership & Events	Market Square Dolphin Centre Head of Steam and Tees Cottage Pumping Station	Celebration of Ingenious businesses of Darlington. Including entertainment /attractions for all the family.	Marion Ogle 01325 406990 Seth Pearson 01325 406090
Sunday 24	Victorian Family	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Enjoy a Victorian family fun themed day, activities	Kelly McStravick

September 10am – 4pm	Fun Day		Museum and Gardens	include, flea circus, punch and judy, face painting, mini train ride, children's entertainer, arts and crafts and themed trail	01325 405543
OCTOBER					
Sunday 1 October	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Friday 6- Sunday 8 October	Darlington Theatre Town Event -	Hippodrome and Event Team	Market Square	The Roundabout by Paines Plough roundabout	Marion Ogle 01325 406990
Friday 13 – Sat 14 October PROV	Oktoberfest	Oktoberfest organisers	Market Square	Music and Drink Festival	TBC
Saturday 21 to Saturday 28 October	Fairground	Events	Market Square	Fairground Rides.	Phil Haymer 01325 388438
Sunday 29 October 11am – 3.30pm	Halloween @ Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Come along to specially decorated museum, entertainment includes, magician, face painting, spooky trail, arts and crafts	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543
NOVEMBER					
Sunday 5 November	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Saturday 11 November	Chocolate Charge	North East Autism Society	South Park	Sponsored 5 K Run with chocolate zones	Sophie Clark 0191 4109974

Sunday 12 November	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Democractic Services and Events Team	Holy Trinity Church, Woodlands Road and Cenotaph Memorial Hospital	Parade from Holy Trinity Church to the Cenotaph – Memorial Hospital.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 23 November	Christmas Light Switch On TBC	Events	Market Square and Feethams Darlington	The Town's Christmas Lights will be switched on and Santa will make an appearance in the Market Square.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Dates TBC	Darlington Roundtable Santa Sleigh	Darlington Roundtable	Darlington Housing Estates	Santa visits on his Sleigh	Visit www.santasatnav.com/round-table
Thursday 23 November PROV	Christmas Market	Markets	Town Centre	Food, crafts and family entertainment.	Albert Nowicki 01325 388692.
DECEMBER					
Friday 8 , Sat 9 December Friday 15 Sat 16 th	Dolphin Centre Christmas Party Nights	Dolphin Centre	Dolphin Centre	Christmas Parties with band and disco	Paul Soderman 01325 406966
Saturday and Sunday 9, 10 16 and 17 December 10am – 4pm	Santa at the Station	Head of Steam	Head of Steam Museum	Come along and meet Santa in our magical grotto and receive a Christmas present, entertainment includes mini train ride, face painting, Christmas music, arts and crafts and Christmas themed	Kelly McStravick 01325 405543

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