

Public Events Calendar 2026

The events that are listed have been notified to PESAG. They include- Fetes; fairs; open air concerts and music festivals; trade shows; sporting events; horse shows, agricultural shows, dog shows; car and caravan shows (and similar); open air entertainment including theatre, opera and historic re-enactments; firework displays; marches; processions; carnivals; street parties; large scale religious events and company parties.

Date of Event	Event	Location	No of People Attending	Ref No
28 th February 2026	UNITY Fighting Championship	The Dolphin Centre	Spectators/Public: approx. 800 Staff: approx. 100 Performers: approx. 30-40	04.26
22 nd March 2026	Charity White Collar Boxing Event	The Dolphin Centre	Spectators/Public: 250 Staff: 20 Performers: 1	15.26
28 th March 2026	Northumberland Borders Rally			30.26
3 rd – 12 th April 2026	Easter Funfair	Darlington Arena – Mowden Park	Spectators/Public: 10,000 Staff: 50 Performers: 2	31.26
3 rd April 2026	St Cuthbert's Easter Good Friday Event	Pease Monument		32.26
5 th April 2026	Durham Easter Egg Run	Varies roads across Darlington Darlington Memorial Hospital		03.26

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18 th April 2026	Guided Walk with Fal Sarker – Field Botanist	Historic Blackwell Parkland, DL3 8HQ	Spectators/Public: Staff: Performers:	38.26
1 st May – 4 th May	Darlington Food & Drinks Festival	Darlington Market Square		34.26
10 th May 2026	Paws Aboard	Hopetown, Darlington	Spectators/Public: 300 Staff: 4 Volunteers: 50 Performers:	18.26
16 th May 2026	Team Luke Family Fun Day	Darlington RFC, Grange Road, Darlington DL1 5NR	Spectators/Public: 2-3,000 Staff: 1-200 (TBC volunteers & DRFC staff) Performers: TBC	36.36
26 th May 2026	Tractor Tuesday	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public: 600 Staff: 4 Performers:	28.26
26 th May 2026	DBC Housing Services Event	-	Spectators/Public:50 Staff:30 Performers:1	44.26
28 th – 31 st May 2026	Crows Family Funfair	South Park, Darlington	Spectators/Public: 4000 Staff: 50 Performers: 2	35.26
30 th May 2026	Emergency Services Day	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public: 600 Staff: 4 Performers:	24.26

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6 – 7 th June 2026	Eco & Wool Fair	Darlington Market Square & Central Hall, Dolphin Centre	Spectators/Public: 300 Staff: 8 Performers: 0	22.26
7 th June 2026	Race for Life	South Park, Darlington	Spectators/Public: 200 Staff: 10 Staff/suppliers and between 30 to 40 volunteers Performers: Up to 1,000 participants	16.26
7 th June 2026	Rowland's Ride	Roads across Darlington		29.26
13 th June 2026	Cockerton Scouts Garden Fair	Cockerton Green	Spectators/Public: 1000 max. Staff: 30 Performers: 30	39.26
20 th June 2026	Dance Festival	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public:mn500 Staff: 20 Performers: 600	23.26
26 th June 2026	Armed Forces Day	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public:250 Staff:4 Performers: 20	26.26
27 th June 2026	Darlington Community Carnival	North Lodge Park & Hopetown	Spectators/Public: 700 Staff: 10 Performers: 250	20.26

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27 th June 2026	Heighington Music Event	Heighington Village Green	Spectators/Public: 2000 Staff: Cira 20 volunteers Performers:20	43.26
5 th July 2026	Proms in the Park	South Park, Darlington	Spectators/Public: 2000 Staff: 20 Performers: 40	05.26
5 th July 2026	Darlington Urban Orienteering Event	Darlington Town Centre and South Park	Competitors: 80 - 100 Event officials: 7 - 10	40.26
18 th July 2026	Firthmoor Live 2026	Firthmoor Community Centre, Burnside Road, Darlington, DL1 4SU	Spectators/Public: 3000 Staff: 50 Performers: 10	37.26
9 th July – 14 th September	Summer Stage Programme	Darlington Market Square Central Hall, Dolphin Centre	Spectators/Public: 3000 during the whole event Staff: To be confirmed Performers: 25	25.26
11 th July 2026	Vintage Vehicle Rally	Market Square , High Row, West Row, Joseph Pease place, Skinnergate & Blackwellgate	Spectators/Public: 700 Staff: 6 Performers: 1	21.26
15 th July 2026	Fancy a Dance Tea Dance	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public: 800 Staff: 10 Performers: 20	06.26

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17 – 26 th July 2026	Darlington by the Sea	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public: 3000 Staff: 15 Performers: 10	09.26
1 st August 2026	Beechwood Community Fair	Beechwood, Whinfield	Spectators/Public: 150 Staff: 10 Performers: 0	41.26
1 st August 2026	Kane's World Foundation Fundraising Event	Blackwell Meadows, Grange Road, Darlington	Spectators/Public: 500 Staff: 15 Performers: 5	42.26
2 nd August 2026	Darlington 10K	Darlington Town Centre	Spectators/Public: 3500 Staff: 70 Performers: 10	07.26
8 th August 2026	Pride	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public:2500 Staff:20 Performers:20	10.26
15 & 16 th August 2026	Misfits Market	Market Square	Spectators/Public: 1500 Staff: 4 Performers:	08.26
23 rd August 2026	Bishopton Triathlon	Roads across Darlington & Stockton	Spectators/Public: minimal Staff: 40 inc volunteers Performers: max 400	33.26
27 th August 2026	Dinosaur Day	Market Square, High Row West Row, Joseph Pease place, Skinnergate & Blackwellgate	Spectators/Public: 700 Staff: 6	27.26

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29 th August 2026	MSGCA Summer Fair	MSG Community Centre and Field and MUGA	Spectators/Public: 900 Staff: 8 Performers: 100	19.26
30th August 2026	Tracks Music Festival	Darlington Railway Athletic Club	Spectators/Public: 3000-4000 Staff: 50 Performers: 40	01.26
12 – 13 th September 2026	Rhythm & Tunes Festival	Darlington Market Square / River Side	Spectators/Public: 8000 Staff: 15 Performers: 100	11.26
2 – 4 th October 2026	Octoberfest 2026	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public: 600 Staff: 8 Performers: 6	45.26
15 th November 2026	Christmas Light Switch On	Darlington Market Square	Spectators/Public: 5000 Staff: 10 Performers: 40	12.26
29 th November 2026	Mental Elf Festive Fun Run	South Park, Darlington	Spectators/Public: 350 Staff: 30 Performers: 14	17.26
12 th December 2026	Ice Sculpture Trail	Darlington Town Centre	Spectators/Public: 8000 Staff: 8 Performers:	13.26

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