

ENJOY DARLINGTON

EVENTS GUIDE 2024



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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

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

Chinese New Year

Saturday 10 February, 11am - 3pm
Town Centre

Street theatre and ceremonial activities
including an LED dragon.

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BOOKFEST

Think. Create. Inspire

Saturday 2 - Saturday 9 March
Crown Street Library

SUPERHERO DAY

Saturday
16 March
11am - 3pm
Town Centre



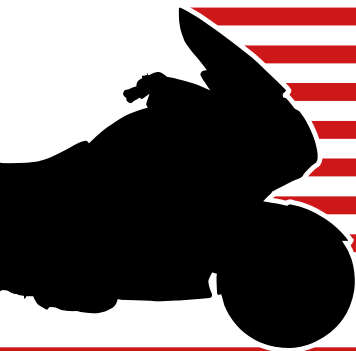
CONTINENTAL MARKET

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](#)  [darlington_market](#)
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://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 - Sunday 9 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



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





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



Sunday 21 July and Saturday 24 August

10am - 4pm, Market Square

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

«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://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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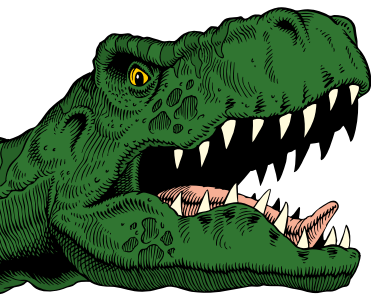
FRIDAY 23 - MONDAY 26 AUGUST

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

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.



**Saturday 7 September
Town Centre**

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

**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

Christmas Lights Switch On

**Sunday 19
November
4pm
Market Square**



DARLINGTON CHRISTMAS MARKETS

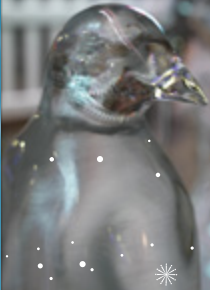
Friday 6 - Sunday 8 December, 11am - 3pm, Market Square
facebook.com/darlingtonmarketofficial

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



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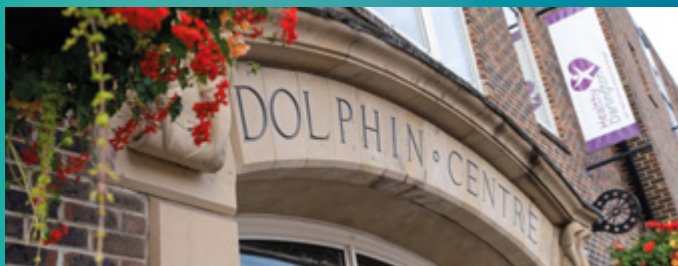
www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/whats-on



www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk



www2.darlington.gov.uk



www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/healthy-darlington/whats-on

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