

BARNSELY MUSEUMS

What's On

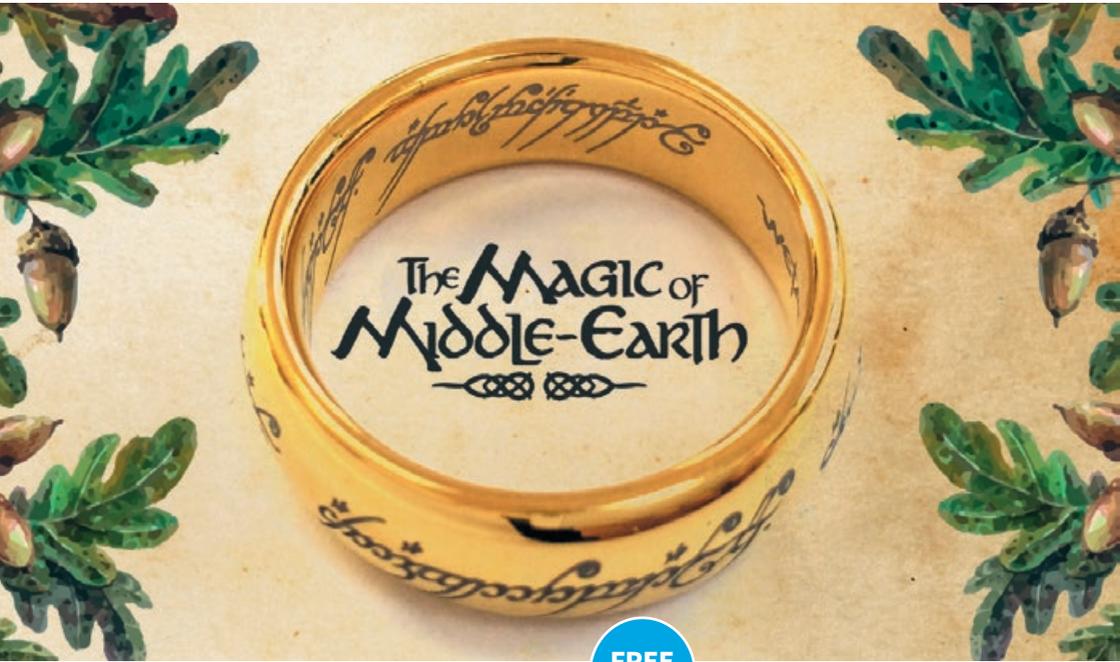
October to December 2023
**Winter at
Barnsley Museums!**



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MUSEUMS
& HERITAGE
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Sat 30 Sept–Sat 6 Apr 2024

Journey beyond the books to discover the artistic legacy of J.R.R. Tolkien's incredible fantasy world. The Magic of Middle-earth is a major new exhibition coming to the Gallery this autumn and winter.

Celebrating the fantasy world brought to life by J.R.R. Tolkien, and the generations of writers, artists, musicians, film makers, environmentalists and game designers it has influenced.

Discover a magical treasure trove of over 200 rare objects and artworks and some incredible links to Barnsley!

Family fun for all ages, from little halflings to wizened wizards.

FREE ENTRY



Lord of the Rings War Gaming Taster Worksops, with Paul Philburn

Sat 4 Nov, Sat 20 Jan, 10am–1pm

Ever wondered about getting involved with war gaming? These taster sessions will demonstrate a Forces of Good v Evil, 3 heroes fighting off hordes of Orcs.

Gaming boards, terrain, and miniatures to be provided.

While you wait your turn, have a go at creating your own artwork inspired by Middle-earth with Sally Philburn.

Come as you are or as a favourite character.

Free drop-in, but be prepared to wait your turn

Teeny Time Travellers Club Every Fri (term time only)

The Teeny Time Travellers Club is an interactive session for under-fives and their grown-ups! Our little adventurers have the chance to play, explore, make, share stories and sing. The sessions are structured to prepare small children for nursery or school and with our friendly helpers on hand, every child can take part at their own pace and in their own way. There's a huge array of toys to play with and activities to take part in which change thematically each week. Snacks are provided, and an added bonus is that your children can have a lovely time and make a mess with our toys whilst your house stays tidy!

10am–11.30am & 12.30pm–2pm | £5 per child | Book via Art tickets: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Barnsley Archives & Local Studies Relaxed Openings

Thursdays 26 Oct, 30 Nov & 21 Dec

Earlier openings from 9.30am for a quieter experience when registering as a new user and familiarising yourself with the search room.

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The sessions take place in the Learning Lab inside the museum (which is located in the town hall). The space is set up with a range of sensory items, along with soft floor mats and soft lighting.

Places are limited so booking is essential | 11am–12 noon & 1pm–2pm | Book via Eventbrite

Relaxed Openings

Mon 30 Oct, Sat 18 Nov & Sat 9 Dec

Enjoy a quieter experience in our galleries at our relaxed openings.

Throughout opening times, check www.experience-barnsley.com for details

Dragon Eyes

Fri 3 Nov

Be inspired by our Magic of Middle-earth Exhibition and create your own clay dragon eye to take home.

10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm | Free drop-in

Behind the Scenes – Barnsley Archives & Local Studies

Mon 6 Nov

Meet the archivist for a tour around our strongrooms to see how we look after the borough's collections, hear about our conservation work and our plans for the future.

11am–12 noon | Free, booking recommended | Call 01226 773950

Family History Surgery

Fri 17 Nov

Free one-to-one 30-minute sessions for a beginner's guide to family history, introducing you to various online resources such as the Ancestry, Findmypast and British Newspaper Archive websites.

10.30am–3pm | Free, booking essential | Call 01226 773950

Barnsley Bright Nights at Experience Barnsley Museum Dragon Eggs and Wizard Wands

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov

Drop in to create your own fantastical crafts inspired by the magic of Lord of the Rings.

Free drop-in until 8.30pm

Explore Your Archive (focus week)

Mon 27 Nov & Tues 5 Dec

Get involved and explore your local archives.

Check website for details

Hands on History – Explore Your Archive – Inclusivity

Fri 1 Dec

To mark the Archives and Records Association's Explore Your Archive campaign, join the Archives team in the Discovery Centre and have a chance to view various documents and photographs from collections that highlight inclusivity and celebrate the diverse communities across the Barnsley Borough.

10am–4pm | Free drop-in activity



Community Toy Swap

Experience Barnsley Museum: Sat 2 Dec, 10.30am–2.30pm

Wentworth Castle Gardens: Sun 26 Nov, 10.30am–2.30pm

Bring along pre-loved toys that your children have grown out of and swap them for gifts they'll love. No need to book, just pop along on the day.

Cannon Hall Museum Park and Gardens



**FREE
ENTRY**

Catwalking

Fashion Through the Lens of Chris Moore Extended until Sun 5 Nov

This showstopping exhibition from The Bowes Museum charts the changing face of the catwalk over six decades. From photographer Chris Moore's unique perspective we see era-defining fashion moments, as captured in the salons of innovative designer André Courrèges in the 1960s to the meteoric rise of supermodels such as **Linda Evangelista**, **Kate Moss** and **Naomi Campbell** who came to be the epitome of high fashion. The exhibition offers a rare glimpse behind the scenes of the fashion industry, with interview footage providing further insight into the craft of a man who has seen and shot it all. Haute couture 'looks' straight from the houses of Jean Paul Gaultier, Comme des Garçons, Prada and Vivienne Westwood, and will be on display in our beautiful rooms on the South Front. In this stunning display we also pay homage to Barnsley women who made their mark in the fashion industry. Look online for our exhibition programme at www.cannon-hall.com



The De Morgan Museum

William and Evelyn De Morgan were Victorian artists who addressed social and political issues of the day through their artworks.

In the De Morgan Museum you will discover stunning works by both

artists including pottery by William De Morgan which shows off his brilliance at lustreware glazing.

Free entry, check website for opening times



Events

Forbidden Forest Trail

Sat 28 Oct–Sun 5 Nov

Are you brave enough to step into the Forbidden Forest? Frighteningly good fun in our parklands.

Free, drop-in | 11am–4pm | Suitable for all ages

Picturing the Park – Drawing for Wellbeing

18 Oct & 15 Nov (then third Wed of the month from Feb 2024)

Be inspired by the beautiful surroundings of the park. Try out new materials. Gentle guidance on hand.

11am–12.30pm in the Walled Garden Training Room | Free | No need to book

Little Hummingbird Craft & Makers Market

Sat & Sun 21, 22 Oct & 18, 19 Nov

Join us, and a host of traders for our fantastic festive weekend events inside the beautiful Cannon Hall Museum. We bring you the very best in local crafters, makers, bakers, artisans, foodies, and more. If you're

A Christmas Carol – with Chris Cade Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec

Master storyteller Chris Cade will reignite your love of Christmas in the beautiful setting of the Cannon Hall ballroom. Come and meet miserably Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts that assist his redemption. Some audience participation is available for those willing to take a hat and a role. It's a heart-warming production for children and adults alike.

Suitable for all ages | Children must be accompanied by an adult | Relaxed session at 12 noon on both days, offering a quieter experience

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Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for children | Tickets available at barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

looking for that unique gift you won't find in stores, then this is the event to tick some of those gifts off your Christmas lists.

11am–4pm

Wreath Making at Cannon Hall 23 Nov & 6 Dec

Join us in the beautifully decorated Ballroom and learn how to make your own festive wreath from scratch. Using seasonal foliage and a vast selection of dried sundries to choose from you will create a beautiful display that will look amazing on your door or as a gift for someone else.

Carole from Wickham & Taylor will guide you step by step while you use your own creativity to make something you love.

All materials will be provided but we ask kindly that you could bring your own scissors/secateurs but we will have pairs available if you do not have access to any.

Teas & coffee refreshments included 6pm–8pm | £47 get your tickets at barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk



A Very Victorian Christmas

Sat & Sun 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 Dec



Come and join our Victorian nursery maid to hear a Christmas story and play with traditional Victorian toys before sitting down with Santa to share your wish list for Christmas Day and receive a special gift from the magical man himself.

Tickets £15 per child | Relaxed sessions available | See times & book tickets at barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Festive Music in the Ballroom Sat 16 Dec

Join us for festive music in the Ballroom as you explore the beautifully decorated Hall. It's the perfect way to start Christmas celebrations.

Free, drop-in | 12 noon–3pm

Andy Dunkley: Life Imitating Art Fri 16 Feb–Mon 6 May

Over 30 outstanding images captured by Barnsley born photographer, Andy Dunkley.

**COMING
SOON**

Elsecar Heritage Centre Events



Explore Elsecar this Christmas!

Visit Elsecar for a perfect trip out for all the family this festive season.

Looking for gift ideas or a unique shopping trip with friends? The New Yard has dozens of fantastic independent shops, studios and more. The Ironworks is hosting a wonderful variety of fairs and markets too.

Our cosy cafes are ideal places to enjoy a tasty treat and chat. We've got our own award-winning beer tap. The village is home to many traditional pubs. The Earl's Tipis are an unforgettable place to get together.

Take a winter stroll by the canal or reservoir, enjoy our children's activity trails and discover the stories of Christmases past on our guided walks.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Newcomen Demonstrations

Marvel at the innovation of our 1795 Newcomen Engine, the world's oldest steam engine still in situ.

Sun 15 & 22 Oct, 12 noon & 1pm
£6 per person | Twilight Tour, Sun 15 Oct, 5pm | £8 per person | Limited to 15 people per tour



Reyt Royal Tours

Every Saturday and Sunday, 2pm

You will be guided around the village to discover amazing secrets and Royal connections. Hear about Royal visits to this very special village that have taken place over almost 200 years, including Christmas stories from Elsecar's past.

£5 entry, children free | Dogs are welcome on the tour

Furnaces-to-Follies – History Hike

Join us for a 5-hour explore of the remarkable landscape around Elsecar and Wentworth, taking in astonishing industrial heritage and aristocratic grandeur.

Fri 20 Oct 11am–4pm | £12pp | Uneven surfaces, slopes and stiles | Check website for details



Antiques Fair

Sundays 8 Oct, 12 Nov & 10 Dec

Discover some hidden gems and a wide variety of antiques and collectables at this popular event.

Early trade entry 8am £2 | Public entry 10am–4pm | Adults £1.50, concessions £1



Hell-secar Bat Trail

Sat 28 Oct–Sun 5 Nov

Find all our furry, fanged friends and collect a sticker.

Free drop-in 10am–4pm | Starts at the Visitor Centre | Suitable for all ages

Else-scare Trail

Sat 28 Oct–Sun 5 Nov

Elsecar has long been a place to experience the weird and wonderful. However, this year there have been rumours of a new beast of Barnsley lurking in the shadows... can you help hunt it down?

Free drop-in 10am–4pm | Starts at the Visitor Centre

Slimy Potions with Amazelab! Tues 31 Oct

Roll up your sleeves and get goopy with spooky science this Halloween.

10am–11am, 11.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–2.30pm | £3 per child | Get your tickets at barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk



Little Hummingbird Craft air

Sat 11 Nov, Sat 16 & Sun 17 Dec

Come along for a host of makers, bakers, crafters, traders, and more. Show your support for local businesses and enjoy a relaxing day out.

10am–4pm | Free entry



Toy, Train & Doll Fair

Tues 10 Oct & 14 Nov

Following the huge success of the monthly Antique and Collectables Fairs, Newcomen Fairs have broadened their horizons with the addition of Toy, Train and Doll Fairs. Stands selling tin plate and collectable toys. Model railway and diecast models. Teddies and dolls.

7pm–9pm | Adults £1.50, concessions £1, children 50p

parler femme – a Tala Lee-Turton Production

Thur 16 Nov



parler femme is the latest dance production from Barnsley's Tala Lee-Turton. It's the first time that Tala will perform with her production company in her home town of Barnsley.

parler femme is a dance-based triple bill celebrating innovative and inspiring stories about women. Experienced through live performance, screen and immersive technologies, the work is the latest from Barnsley-born, Bolshoi Ballet

Academy alumna, Tala Lee-Turton. Through three acts, audiences will experience a compilation of award-winning short dance films, a duet between a ballet dancer and musician, and a contemporary ballet. 7.30pm–9.45pm | £12 per person

Unique Gift air

21 & 22 Oct, 18 & 19 Nov, 2 & 3 Dec

Unique Gift Fairs are back with another fabulous Craft and Gift Fair, with 95 stalls selling a wide range of gorgeous gifts, handcrafted goods and delicious tasty treats. A great day out for all the family. Located inside The Ironworks. The cafés, shops and antiques centre will all be open on site too.

Free entry, open 10am–4pm

Suppa Club

Fri 27 & Sat 28 Oct, Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, Fri 22 & Sat 23 Dec

Barnsley's dedicated street food, craft beer and live music event where you can expect the tastiest food, thirst-quenching beverages and just one heck of a good time in general! The best street food, DJs and all-round entertainment will be in Elsecar once a month.

Fri 5pm–11pm | Sat 12 noon–11pm

Earl's Tipis

Thur 23 Nov until Sat 30 Dec

Join us and enjoy open fires, your favourite beers, lagers and spirits all in one place! Live music every Friday and Saturday 8pm onwards.

Opening 12 noon–11pm weekdays, 11am–11pm weekends | Free entry





THE COOPER PRIZE 2023

28 Oct — 6 Apr 2024

Open Art Competition:
A free exhibition celebrating artists across South Yorkshire

#CooperPrize2023

This stunning exhibition showcases new, emerging and local talent from the winning submissions from the Cooper Prize 2023.

A selling exhibition, you will have the opportunity to purchase some truly unique artwork. Visit our website after the 27 October where you can see The Cooper Prize award show, hear from some of the artists taking part and take a virtual tour of the exhibition.



Events

Relaxed Openings

Mon 30 Oct, Sat 18 Nov, Sat 9 Dec

Enjoy a quieter experience in our galleries at our relaxed openings.

Throughout opening times, check www.cooper-gallery.com for details

Mini Artists Trail

Mon 30 Oct–Sat 4 Nov

Can you join our drawing challenge? Calling all mini-artists to find all the different art activities and test your skills.

Free, drop-in during Gallery opening hours | 10am–4pm

Sketchbook Circle Relaxed drawing sessions for adults in the gallery

Thur 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 Dec & 4 Jan (and every first Thur of the month)



Whether you already draw regularly or are an absolute beginner, come and enjoy the meditative nature of drawing and support your wellbeing with creativity in the company of others.

Gentle guidance on hand. All materials provided.

1pm–2.30pm | Free | No need to book

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Thur 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov

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Free drop-in, 10am–12 noon



Barnsley Bright Nights at the Cooper Gallery Fri 24 & 25 Nov

Call into the gallery as you explore the town centre to create a 'Bright Eye' colour spinner inspired by Middle-earth, then head over to

Experience Barnsley to see their latest exhibition – a must see for all Lord of the Rings fans!

Free drop-in | Until 8.30pm

School Workshops at the Cooper Gallery

Feeling creative? Book your class on one of our art workshops for primary schools. Have a go at drawing your own face in our half-day 'Portraits and self-identity workshop' (£160 per class), or have a go at linocut printing, inspired by the artworks in the gallery (£160 for a half day, £280 for a full day). Email learning@barnsley.gov.uk for more information or to book your workshop!



Worsbrough Mill and Country Park



Worsbrough Mill Multisensory Trail

Throughout autumn

Explore our gorgeous green spaces as you never have before with our multisensory trail. Listen to the sound of the rushing water, make your own nature book and see nature close up with our magnifying posts.

Free, drop-in | Pick up your map at Worsbrough Mill or download online



Mill Ghosts and things that go bump in the night

Wed 1 Nov

Come along to create some creepy crafts in the Learning Hut.

Free, drop-in 10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm

20% DISCOUNT

on all school workshops at Worsbrough Mill!

Book one of our award-winning field to fork sessions for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 at Worsbrough Mill and learn about the journey of flour from field to bread. Take a tour of the Mill and have a go at hands on activities in our learning hut. Special discount price of £128 per class on visits made before October half term. Email learning@barnsley.gov.uk for more information.



Have you ever thought about volunteering at Barnsley Museums?

Volunteers help us maintain our gardens and parkland, offer visitors a friendly welcome and uncover hidden gems through research. Volunteers help take us to the next level and we have a range of volunteer opportunities that can suit you and your commitments.

To find out more email museumvolunteering@barnsley.gov.uk



Little Hummingbird Festive Craft and Makers Market

Sun 10 Dec

We return once again to the ever popular Worsbrough Mill for another fantastic outdoor festive craft and makers market on Sunday 10th December.

We'll bring you the very best in local crafters, makers, bakers, artisans, creators and more. If you're looking for that unique handmade gift you won't find in stores, then this is the event you need to complete your Christmas shopping lists.

10am–3pm

Sign up to the Barnsley Museums and Heritage Trust newsletter to find out more about our brilliant free events and exhibitions.



Know Your Neighbourhood

Across Barnsley Town Centre

Nostalgic Film Screening

The Parkway Cinema Barnsley

Tues 17 Oct & 7 Nov

As part of the Know Your Neighbourhood – Combat Isolation project the Parkway Cinema will be screening free nostalgic films. If you haven't visited the town centre for a while come along and chat about old times spent on the historic Eldon Street.

Screening on the 17 October is 'Brassed Off' with other classics to follow. There will also be musical entertainment at the events, making it a great day out.

Free drop-in event | Complimentary refreshments | Doors open at 1.30pm, screening starts at 2pm

Natter and Chatter Café

Eldon Street Café

Wed 18 Oct & 1, 15 & 29 Nov

Are you feeling lonely, isolated, or just fancy a natter? Then why not come along to this fortnightly group. Make friends, reminisce and enjoy a free cuppa in a warm and friendly café in the town centre.

1pm–3pm | Free warm drinks



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10am–12pm | Free drop-in

Eldon Street Heritage Action Zone

12 Tricks of Christmas

Fri 8 Dec & Tues 19 Dec

Join the Barnsley Un-Naturalists for a festive performance combining street theatre, magic and music in Barnsley town centre. Be wowed by one of the 12 tricks of Christmas, and join in with some festive carol singing. Various locations around Eldon Street and the Victorian Arcade.

3pm–6pm | For more information visit www.barnsley-museums.com/whats-on

FREE
EVENT



Wentworth Castle Gardens



Wentworth Castle Gardens – run in partnership by the National Trust, Northern College and Barnsley Council – is South Yorkshire’s only Grade I listed landscape, with over 500 acres to explore.

There are fascinating stories to uncover, plus an endless variety of gentle walking trails, picnic spots, and space for children to explore and play. This special place includes the ruins of Stainborough Castle as well as many other follies and monuments scattered through the landscape. There’s the Victorian conservatory, full of

exotic plants, the maze-like Union Jack Garden, winding paths of the fernery, wilderness paths in the woodland and the Victorian flower garden. The parkland boasts views across the Yorkshire countryside and is home to herds of deer, ancient woodlands and a variety of wildlife that call the estate home.

The Wentworth Archives 1948–1978 Exhibition

Until 31 Dec 2023

The exhibition shares for the very first time, selected documents from the newly catalogued Wentworth Castle Gardens Partnership archive collection. The stories of the teacher training college spring to life through previously unseen photographs, documents, maps and plans. The Wentworth Castle College of Education trained thousands of female teachers over a 30-year period from 1948–1978. Perhaps you were one of those students?

Long Barn | Free entry, site admission charge applies | 10am–4pm

Wentworth Castle House Tours

Fridays 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm

BSL House tours 20 Oct, 10.30am & 17 Nov 1.30pm

Take a peek inside the grand house at the centre of the estate on a select number of volunteer-led tours through Wentworth Castle, now Northern College.

£8, plus normal admission | Booking essential | Ages 10yrs+ | Route involves several staircases. If you have additional accessibility requirements, please get in touch in advance | Tours last 75–90 minutes

Fungi Walk

Fri 13 & 27 Oct

Join this gardener led walk and discover the fascinating fungi of Wentworth Castle Gardens.

Free | 1.30pm, booking is advisable

Ranger Walks

Weds 1 & 29 Nov, 11am–12 noon

Join our Ranger led walk and talk to learn all about how we manage the Grade 1 listed parkland, the animals that call it home, and the significance of the beautiful trees.

Free | Normal admission charges for gardens & parkland apply | 1 hour and 1.5 miles | Sensible footwear for muddy and uneven terrain is advisable

Multisensory Trail

From Sat 28 Oct

Explore our gorgeous green spaces as you never have before using all of your senses. Where will your adventures take you? Will you roll down a big hill, get to know a tree, listen to the birds, smell the flowers or find new flavours in the café?

Everyday 10am–4pm | Free

Beginner Run Sessions

Wednesdays during term time

The Beginners Run Group is welcoming new members! Experienced leaders in fitness will help you exercise safely and at your own pace.

10.15am–11am | Free for National Trust Members | For non-members, there is a reduced admission fee of £2.50

Orienteering Activity & Trail

Available everyday

Explore the gardens in a new way with our orienteering courses. Why not pick up one of our brand new medals to celebrate your achievement.

Medals £2, maps £1

World of Discovery Workshops

26, 27, 30, 31 Oct & 1 Nov

Join artist Sarah-Jane Mason for these fun-filled half term workshops for all the family. Experiment with different materials and techniques to discover how your sight, sound, smell, touch and even your taste can help you to create interesting and unique drawings.

11am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3pm
£2 per participant including adults

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Bring along pre-loved toys that your

Wreath Making Workshop

23, 24, 25 Nov, 9.30am–1pm

Enjoy a creative day making a festive wreath using greenery, such as holly and yew, from the gardens. A lovely gift for yourself and loved ones.

All materials will be provided, and the workshop also includes refreshments.

Tickets £45 | Suitable for those aged 16+ | Admission to the gardens and parkland is included with your ticket | Booking is essential via the Wentworth Castle Gardens website



children have grown out of and swap them for gifts they will love.

Drop in. Bring a toy to swap for free entry on the day at WCG

Enchanted Tree Trail

Fri 1 Dec–Wed 31 Jan 2024

Enjoy the magic of nature on this new trail through the gardens. If you were an owl, a spider or a dormouse, which tree would you choose to make your home?

10am–4pm | Free

Talk – A Short History of Wentworth Castle Gardens

Thur 7 Dec

Discover more about the fascinating history of Wentworth Castle Gardens over the centuries in this volunteer-led talk.

10.30am–12 noon | Tickets are £5 plus normal admission fee

The Twelve Birds of Christmas

Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec, 11am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm

Join HandMade Theatre company as they explore this magical winter story with beautiful bird puppets, live music, and festive fun for all the family.

Adults and children 5+ £6, under 5s £3, plus normal admission fee | Booking essential via our website

Woolly Jumper Walk

Fri 1 Dec–Wed 31 Jan

The parkland has a beauty all of its own in the winter. Pick up the walk map, pull on your wellies, wrap up warmly and head out to enjoy woodland views, admire historic monuments and catch a glimpse of the parkland wildlife.

10.00am–4pm | Free 4km walk | 1.5 hours | Not suitable for mobility scooters or pushchairs

Meet the Deer

15, 16, 22, 23 Dec, 8.30am–10am



Come and meet the Wentworth Castle deer in this magical experience for all the family, followed by a festive breakfast with the elves in the Long Barn Café.

Learn about these wonderful creatures and help give the deer their breakfast!

Adults and children 5+ £15, under 5s £5 | Admission to the gardens and parkland is included | Booking essential

Barnsley Town Centre

MAKE IT BRIGHT

BARNSELY BRIGHT NIGHTS IS BACK FOR 2023. FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY, JOIN US AS THE TOWN CENTRE IS LIT UP WITH ART INSTALLATIONS, A LANTERN PARADE, AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November

On Friday 24 November, we'll switch on the Christmas lights in style, with the Glass Works Square bathed in a sea of light, colour and sound. Then explore the town centre and discover interactive installations at a range of venues.

On Saturday 25 November join the Barnsley Bright Nights parade, as a host of community groups, artists and artworks will journey through the town centre. The illuminated parade will feature hand-crafted lanterns and puppets, as well as street artist performers and dancers.

Visit barnsley.gov.uk/Events for all the details, and make sure to follow Barnsley town centre on Facebook and Instagram. #MakeItYours



MAKE IT FESTIVE

BARNSELY IS HOSTING ITS VERY OWN CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE TOWN CENTRE!

Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 December

Enjoyed Flavours Food Festival back in May? Then you're sure to love this. Join us for hot food trucks, delectable drinks, and stalls to pick up a fantastic range of Christmas gifts for the whole family.



MAKE IT YOURS

From panto to live stand-up comedy, independent bars to first-class eateries, Barnsley town centre has everything you need to make amazing memories this festive season. Visit with your friends, family, or colleagues – there really is something for everyone. Head to barnsley.gov.uk/VisitBarnsley for all our recommendations.



Follow Barnsley town centre on Facebook and Instagram or visit barnsley.gov.uk/events for more information. [Barnsley.gov.uk/visit-barnsley](https://barnsley.gov.uk/visit-barnsley)

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Accessible Events and Activities

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SHORTLISTED 2023



FAMILY FRIENDLY MUSEUM AWARD

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20 Oct 10.30am & 17 Nov 1.30pm

Take a peek inside the grand house at the centre of the estate on a select number of volunteer-led tours through Wentworth Castle, now Northern College.

Tickets are £8, plus normal admission | Booking is essential. Recommended for 10yrs+ | Route involves several staircases. If you have additional accessibility requirements, please get in touch in advance so that we can make suitable arrangements | Tours will last 75–90 minutes

Multisensory Trail at Wentworth Castle Gardens

From 28 Oct

Explore our gorgeous green spaces as you never have before using all of your senses. Where will your adventures take you? Will you roll down a big hill, get to know a tree, listen to the birds, smell the flowers or find new flavours in the café?

Every day 10am–4pm | Free, drop-in Pick up your map or download online



October at a glance

MONDAY	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth SENsational Relaxed Openings Ghoulish Gourd Trail! Relaxed Openings Mini Artists Trail World of Discovery Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Forbidden Forest Trail 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Light and Soul Light and Soul Next Gen. 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth
TUESDAY	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Ghoulish Gourd Trail! Slimy Potions Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Mini Artists Trail Forbidden Forest Trail World of Discovery 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Light and Soul Light and Soul Next Gen. 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Toy, Train and Doll Fair 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Nostalgic Film Screening 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth
WEDNESDAY	<p>Cannon Hall Museum Catwalking Until Nov 5</p> <p>Elsecar Heritage Centre Reyt Royal tours Every Sat & Sun</p> <p>Christmas at Elsecar Throughout December</p> <p>Earl's Tips Thur 23 Nov–Sat 30 Dec</p> <p>Wentworth Castle Gdns The Wentworth Archives – 1948–1978 Until 31 Dec 2023</p> <p>Multisensory Trail From Sat 28 Oct</p> <p>Beginner Run Sessions Wed during term time</p> <p>Orienteering Activity Available everyday</p>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Light and Soul Light and Soul Next Gen. 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Picturing the Park Natter and Chatter Café 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth
THURSDAY	<p>Wentworth Castle Gdns The Wentworth Archives – 1948–1978 Until 31 Dec 2023</p> <p>Multisensory Trail From Sat 28 Oct</p> <p>Beginner Run Sessions Wed during term time</p> <p>Orienteering Activity Available everyday</p>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Light and Soul Light and Soul Next Gen. Sketch. Circle, Relaxed 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Barns. Arch. Relaxed World of Discovery
FRIDAY	<p>Worsbrough Mill Multisensory Trail Throughout autumn</p> <p>Cooper Gallery The Cooper Prize 2023 Until Sat 6 Apr 2024</p> <p>Experience Barnsley Teeny Time Travellers Every Fri (term time only)</p>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Light and Soul Light and Soul Next Gen. 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Fungi Walk 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Went. Castle House Tours BSL House Tours Furnaces-to-Follies 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Suppa Club World of Discovery Fungi Walk
SATURDAY	<p>Worsbrough Mill Multisensory Trail Throughout autumn</p> <p>Cooper Gallery The Cooper Prize 2023 Until Sat 6 Apr 2024</p> <p>Experience Barnsley Teeny Time Travellers Every Fri (term time only)</p>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Light and Soul Light and Soul Next Gen. 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Little Hummingbird Mkt. Unique Gift Fair 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Suppa Club Mini Artists Trail Ghoulish Gourd Trail!
SUNDAY	1	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antiques Fair 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newcomen Demos 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Hummingbird Mkt. Unique Gift Fair Newcomen Demos 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail

November at a glance

MONDAY		6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Behind the Scenes 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Explore yr. Archive (focus)
TUESDAY		7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Nostalgic Film Screening 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Toy, Train and Doll Fair 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Mini Artists Trail Mill Ghosts World of Discovery Ranger Walks Ghoulish Gourd Trail! Natter and Chatter Café 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Picturing the Park Natter and Chatter Café 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Ranger Walks Natter and Chatter Café
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Mini Artists Trail Sketch. Circle, Relaxed Ghoulish Gourd Trail! 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Art for Wellbeing 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth parler femme Art for Wellbeing 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Wreath Making Workshop Wreath Making Workshop Art for Wellbeing 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Barns. Arch. Relaxed Art for Wellbeing
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Dragon Eyes Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Mini Artists Trail Ghoulish Gourd Trail! 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Family History Surgery Went. Castle House Tours BSL House Tours 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Dragon Eggs & Wiz. Wands Suppa Club Barnsley Bright Nights Wreath Making Workshop Barnsley Bright Nights 	
SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth LOTR War Gaming Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail Mini Artists Trail Ghoulish Gourd Trail! 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Little Hummingbird 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Relaxed Openings Unique Gift Fair Relaxed Openings Mini Artists Trail Little Hummingbird Mkt. 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magic of Middle-earth Dragon Eggs & Wiz. Wands Suppa Club Barnsley Bright Nights Wreath Making Workshop Barnsley Bright Nights 	
SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forbidden Forest Trail Else-scare Trail & Bat Trail 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antiques Fair 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique Gift Fair Little Hummingbird Mkt. 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Toy Swap 	

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- Cooper Gallery
 - Elsecar Heritage Ctr.
 - Experience Barnsley
 - Cannon Hall
 - Worsbrough Mill
 - Wentworth Castle Gardens
 - Town Centre

December at a glance

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COOPER
GALLERY

The Cooper Gallery is a vibrant art gallery in the heart of Barnsley town centre. Explore galleries showcasing the beautiful collection of fine art and enjoy our exciting programme of temporary exhibitions, events and arts workshops.

Open Mon to Sat 10am–4pm | Closed Sun and Bank Holidays

Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2AH | 01226 775678
coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk | www.cooper-gallery.com

Accessibility:

- Visual story
- Visit England access guide
- Audio described objects
- 360 tour
- Portable hearing loop available
- Relaxed openings

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ELSECAR
HERITAGE CENTRE

An Earl's village of iron and coal for 200 years, Elsecar's workshops now bustle with shops, studios and cafés. Enjoy the events at the Ironworks all year round.

Open 7 days a week, 10am–4pm | Former workshops are open all year round, however individual shops within the workshops have varying opening times.

Wath Road, Elsecar, Barnsley, S74 8HJ | 01226 740203
elsecarheritagecentre@barnsley.gov.uk | www.elsecar-heritage.com

Accessibility:

- Visual story
- Portable hearing loop available

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EXPERIENCE
BARNSELEY
MUSEUM & DISCOVERY CENTRE

Experience Barnsley visitors can uncover the incredible story of Barnsley told through centuries-old artefacts, documents, films and recordings that have been donated by people living and working in the borough.

Experience Barnsley Museum | Closed Sun & Mon | Tues–Sat 10am–4pm
Experience Barnsley Discovery Centre (Archives & Local Studies)
Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri 10am–4pm | Tues 10am–6pm
Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2TA | 01226 772500

experiencebarnsley@barnsley.gov.uk | www.experience-barnsley.com

Accessibility:

- Changing Places
- Visual story
- Visit England access guide
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- Makaton videos
- Wheelchairs available to borrow
- Portable seating available
- Portable hearing loop
- Sensory backpack • 360 tour
- Relaxed openings

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CANNON HALL
MUSEUM, PARK & GARDENS

Cannon Hall is a stunning Georgian country house museum with outstanding fine and decorative art collections, set in 70 acres of historic parkland and beautiful landscaped gardens. It is the perfect day out for all the family.

Apr – Oct, Tues – Sun, 11am–4pm | Barnsley School Holidays, Mon–Sun 11am–4pm | School Visits, Events, Weddings, Conferences, Booked Guided Tours and Group Visits open all year round | All day parking £5, 2 hours £1. All proceeds go direct to the loving upkeep of the hall, park and gardens.
Bark House Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley, S75 4AT | 01226 772002
cannonhall@barnsley.gov.uk | www.cannon-hall.com

Accessibility:

- Space to Change
- Visual story
- Visit England access guide
- 360 tour online
- Multi-sensory trail

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WORSBROUGH MILL
WORKING MILL & COUNTRY PARK

Worsbrough Mill is a 17th Century working water mill set in 240 acres of tranquil country park, using traditional milling methods it produces a range of organic flour. It is an amazing place to visit, have fun and see history come to life.

Worsbrough Mill Museum open Wed to Sun, 10am–3pm
Local School Holidays open 7 days a week, 10am–3pm
Country Park & Reservoir open 7 days a week, year round, 8.30am–4.30pm
Millers Tea Room Mon to Sun, 9.30am–4pm | Shop Thur to Sun, 10am–3pm
Worsbrough Bridge, Barnsley, S70 5LJ | 01226 774527
worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk | www.worsbrough-mill.com

Accessibility:

- Visual story
- Visit England access guide
- Audio described videos
- 360 tour

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Wentworth
Castle
Gardens

Outstanding Grade-1 listed gardens and parkland is home to deer, historic buildings and monuments. Perfect for exploring nature, the café, playground, second-hand bookshop, Victorian conservatory, events and activities offer lots to see and do.

6 February onwards | Open 7 days a week | 10am–3.30pm
Park Drive, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 3EN | 01226 323070
wentworthcastlegardens@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/wentworth-castle-gardens

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- Disabled parking
- Powered mobility vehicles (hire)
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- Golf buggy access
- Ramped access
- Visual story
- Sensory backpacks
- Portable hearing loop