Welcome to Durham, a sweeping emerald canvas with breathtaking dales, a dramatic coastline, a vale steeped in history and a vibrant city at its heart.

The Durham City skyline is one of the most stunning city panoramas in Europe, dominated by Durham Castle and Durham Cathedral – recently named the UK’s number one landmark, or as author Bill Bryson puts it ‘the best Cathedral on planet earth’. You can discover the story behind this UNESCO World Heritage Site at the World Heritage Site Visitor Centre.

Get a glimpse of times gone by at enthralling attractions across the county. In the Vale of Durham, board a tram at Beamish – The Living Museum of the North – North East England’s Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2014. Discover the county’s role in the development of the railways at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon, or visit Auckland Castle which was the palace of the Prince Bishops of Durham for over 900 years, and home to a stunning Spanish art collection.

In the Durham Dales, look out for the resident deer at Raby Castle, one of England’s finest medieval castles, or head to Killhope, an award–winning Victorian lead mining museum.

For those craving culture, you will find a host of fascinating museums across the county. In Durham City, Durham University’s Oriental Museum is the only museum in the north of Britain dedicated to the art and archaeology of the Orient. Durham Light Infantry Museum is acclaimed as among the finest regimental museums in the country, sharing its home with Durham Art Gallery. Durham University’s Palace Green Library displays some of their own riches, as well as hosting world–class exhibitions. In the Durham Dales you will encounter the surprising sight of a French–style château as The Bowes Museum comes into view. The museum is home to one of the greatest collections of fine and decorative arts, the famous Silver Swan, and also hosts exciting contemporary exhibitions.

Take some tranquil time out in one of the county’s many green spaces. Crook Hall and Gardens is an oasis of calm just a short stroll from Durham City centre, or head to Durham University’s Botanic Garden to get back to nature. And in the Vale of Durham, Hardwick Park offers woodland and wildlife in a historic setting.

Durham’s great outdoors provide the perfect opportunity to get
active or enjoy some peace and tranquility. Escape to the stunning surroundings of the Durham Dales and North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A photo opportunity not to be missed is High Force, one of England’s most spectacular waterfalls. At Hamsterley Forest you will find 2,000 hectares of woodland to explore, or stroll along the coastal path to discover dramatic views of the Durham Heritage Coast.

For some family fun, there are great days out to be had across the county, including Hall Hill Farm and Adventure Valley.

For the best in live entertainment, head to the Gala Theatre in Durham City, or if you prefer sport, catch the county team and international action at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground in the Vale of Durham.

If you love to shop, Durham City is the perfect place for a little retail therapy. Across the county, towns including Bishop Auckland and Chester-le-Street in the Vale of Durham, Barnard Castle and Stanhope in the Durham Dales and Seaham on the Durham Coast offer their own unique shopping experiences. And if you’re hunting for a bargain, head to Dalton Park – the region’s biggest outlet shopping centre.

There’s only one thing for it... stay a little longer.

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This handy guide will help you make the most of your time in our amazing county. It’s divided into easy-to-follow sections for attractions and activities, shops, events, visitor information, transport and maps.

The location of individual entries is identified using coloured locators:

CITY VALE DALES COAST

Find out more about these areas, visit: thisisdurham.com/explore

If you’re looking for somewhere to eat or drink, or to find out where to buy local produce, pick up a copy of the Durham Food and Drink Guide.

Look out for the Taste Durham mark, a sign of great food and service proudly displayed at eateries across the county.

Inspire me

We’ve included some articles on Durham, our heritage, great outdoors and shopping opportunities to give you a little inspiration on what you might like to see or do during your visit.

For more inspiration and itinerary ideas, visit: thisisdurham.com/inspire-me

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Discover Durham’s great outdoors

Whether you’re in search of some tranquil time out or looking to get outdoors and active, Durham’s breathtaking scenery provides the perfect backdrop.

Walking or cycling are the best ways to experience the county’s beautiful landscapes, which have inspired artists and writers through the ages, none more so than 19th Century artist J.M.W. Turner – the painter of light.

Criss-crossing the county, many miles of cycle paths, disused railway lines, quiet country lanes and off-road trails provide a great range of routes for all ages and abilities. Hamsterley Forest is a magnet for mountain bikers and has recently opened new sections of singletrack, along with a circular multi-user trail. And from a leisurely stroll to a challenging trek, pull on your walking boots and head out into the Durham Dales, or take your taste buds on a gastronomic journey with two new food trails.

On cloudless nights the skies are so dark that all you need is a simple chart to go stargazing in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – home to the county’s 12 Dark Sky Discovery Sites, including the newly designated Bowlees Visitor Centre and Hamsterley Forest. Nature reigns supreme in this special place, and a pair of binoculars and a love of peace and tranquillity will reward you with a sight of the rare black grouse, with 80 per cent of England’s population making it their home. Or spot wildlife from the water’s edge whilst enjoying the scenery at Tunstall, Grassholme, Hury or Derwent reservoirs.

Head to the Durham Heritage Coast for a walk that weaves its way through wild flowers and coastal villages and enjoy stunning clifftop scenery along the way. Take a welcome break at the lively seaside town of Seaham with its cafés, shops, heritage centre, marina and beaches. Durham is yours to explore.

Find out more about Durham’s great outdoors and access more than 120 walking and cycling routes, visit: thisisdurham.com/outdoors

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Delve into Durham’s amazing heritage

From social and industrial, to spiritual and sporting, Durham’s heritage is brought to life at attractions across the county.

Stroll through the beautiful rooms at Auckland Castle in the Vale of Durham and discover the majestic works of art and historic artefacts housed within. You’ll find another of the county’s treasure troves in the Durham Dales – The Bowes Museum. The result of a loving bond between husband and wife founders, John and Josephine Bowes, it showcases stunning collections in a series of themed galleries. Nearby, medieval Raby Castle’s stunning exterior houses an equally impressive interior.

Durham City’s World Heritage Site Visitor Centre tells stories of saints and scholars. You can learn why Durham Cathedral, with its Romanesque architecture, stained glass and shrines to St Cuthbert and St Bede, is still a place of pilgrimage a thousand years after it was built.

Also part of Durham City’s UNESCO World Heritage Site is Durham Castle. Originally built in the 11th Century under William the Conqueror – a projection of the Norman king’s power in the north of England – it is now a college of Durham University. Why not take a tour with a student guide? And a stroll along the banks of the River Wear will take you to medieval Crook Hall and its tranquil themed gardens.

Blood, sweat and tears went into shaping Durham’s industrial heritage alongside a sense of community, laughter and warmth. Step into the past in the Vale of Durham as you take in the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of times gone by at Beamish – The Living Museum of the North. Peep into the past at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon, a Victorian railway town whose highly skilled workforce played an important role in the early days of steam locomotive power. And in the lead mining landscapes of the Durham Dales, find your own minerals as you work as a washerboy at Killhope: The North of England Lead Mining Museum.

Durham also has a rich sporting heritage. Durham County Cricket Club has grown from humble beginnings in 1882 to see top-flight cricket now played at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground, and did you know that a Durham team, West Auckland Football Club, won the ‘first World Cup’ in 1909?

Find out more about Durham’s heritage, visit: thisisdurham.com/heritage
Adventure Valley

Brasside, Durham City DH1 5SG
Tel: 0191 386 8291    www.adventurevalley.co.uk

Fun, laughter, excitement – they’re all at Adventure Valley! Enjoy the best in family adventures across seven indoor and outdoor playzones. From giant slides to go-karts, cute farmyard friends and reptiles, you’ll witness awesome bird of prey shows, burn off energy in the Roller Disco and practice your putt at Adventure Valley Golf. One thing you won’t be is bored!

Opening times: Daily from 10am. Closed 25–26 December and 1 January. See website for up-to-date information.

Botanic Garden

Durham University, Hollingside Lane, Durham City DH1 3TN
Tel: 0191 334 5518    www.durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden

Our 10 hectare Botanic Garden is set amongst beautiful mature woodlands on the southern outskirts of Durham City. Open to the public, the Botanic Garden offers a wide variety of landscapes to explore and discover, with guests young and old visiting throughout the year.

Opening times: March to October, daily 10am–5pm. November to February, daily 10am–4pm. Closed Christmas and New Year.
Visitors from all over the world come to share the magic of the 13th Century private home and its idyllic English gardens. Soak up the atmosphere over a homemade cream tea in the pretty Courtyard Café and wander through the five acres of garden rooms. A short walk from the Cathedral and described in Country Life as having ‘history, romance, and beauty’ it is just waiting to capture your heart.

Opening times: Sun, Mon, Tues and Wed, April to the end of September 10am–5pm. October to March 11am–3pm. (Excludes Sundays in December). Closed from Christmas Eve to the first Monday in January. Check the website for additional opening times.
Crushed Chilli Gallery

South Street, Durham City DH1 4QP
Tel: 0191 375 0644    www.crushedchilli.co.uk

The Gallery and Glass Workshop is a sure attraction for all those who love handcrafted work. An independent gallery showcasing a fine range of contemporary art, including paintings, sculpture, furniture, ceramics, glass, jewellery and textiles.

Owner Janet Rogers works from her studio within the gallery producing stained and fused glass for sale and commission, and regularly holds fused glass workshops for all ages – check out our website or What’s On for details.

Opening times: Tuesday to Saturday 10am–4pm.

The Durham Brewery Ltd

Unit 6a, Bowburn North Industrial Estate,
Bowburn, Durham City DH6 5PF
Tel: 0191 377 1991    www.durhambrewery.co.uk

Beer lovers will enjoy visiting Durham’s leading microbrewery. Sample from our range of cask and bottle-conditioned beers on a brewery tour. Please check the website or telephone for availability. Bottles and draught minikegs available from the shop. The bar opens during shop hours.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 10am–4pm.
A UNESCO World Heritage Site with breathtaking Romanesque architecture, exquisite stained glass, the Shrine of St Cuthbert and resting place of St Bede. Things to do include climbing the Cathedral Tower, public tours and picturesque walks along the Durham Riverbanks. The Undercroft Restaurant serves tasty homemade food, opposite the new shop. During services and special events, access may be restricted – check the Cathedral website before your visit.

For group bookings and facility hire contact 0191 386 4266 or visits@durhamcathedral.co.uk. Free entry to the Cathedral Church, admission charges apply to group tours, public tours and the Cathedral Tower.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 7.30am–6pm, Sunday 7.45am–5.30pm.
Durham Castle

Sitting at the heart of Durham’s World Heritage site and occupied continuously since the 11th Century, the castle is now home to the students of University College, part of Durham University. The castle is open to the public for guided tours. Limited wheelchair access, please call for details.

Opening times: As tour times vary, please contact Palace Green Library for details (see telephone number above).

Durham City Cycle Hire

Our bikes have been specially chosen, equipped and geared for a leisurely ride in the city’s picturesque open spaces, parkland or streets. These folding bikes are easy to handle, true cycles for city life.

Book in advance if possible, and we will have your cycle ready at a pick up point, or it can be dropped off at your hotel.

Mountain bike hire available at Hamsterley Forest – contact us for details.
DLI Museum and Durham Art Gallery

Aykley Heads, Durham City DH1 5TU
Tel: 03000 266590    www.dlidurham.org.uk

Discover the story of County Durham’s own regiment – The Durham Light Infantry and learn about ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives. The building also houses Durham Art Gallery, County Durham’s largest modern and contemporary art gallery. The gallery hosts an exciting, wide-ranging programme of exhibitions and events.

Opening times: All year, Wednesday to Sunday 10.30am–4pm. Also open on Tuesdays during the school holidays, and Bank Holiday Mondays. (Opening hours may be subject to change).

Durham Museum and Heritage Centre

St Mary-le-Bow, North Bailey, Durham City DH1 3ET
Tel: 0191 384 5589/ 0191 386 8719
www.durhamheritagecentre.org

The perfect introduction to Durham situated in an historic church close to the Cathedral. Stimulating displays describe the origin and development of the city with fascinating objects illustrating everyday life from the 17th Century to the present day.

Brass rubbing, shop with refreshments and a secluded garden containing sculptures by nationally acclaimed artist Fenwick Lawson.

Opening times: Apr, May, Oct weekends and Bank Holidays 2pm–4.30pm, June daily 2pm–4.30pm, July to Sept daily 11am–4.30pm.
Durham World Heritage Site
Visitor Centre

7 Owengate, Durham City DH1 3HB
Tel: 0191 334 3805    www.durhamworldheritagesite.com
DurhamWHS    @Durhamwhs

Durham was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986. The Visitor Centre provides an overview of just what is so special about this site and Durham’s heritage. Visit us to book a tour and for information about events and activities.

Opening times: Daily from 9.30am, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. Closing times vary seasonally, please check our website for details.

Fury Events

Broom House Farm, Witton Gilbert, Durham City DH7 6TR
Tel: 0191 375 9341/ 07834 243074    www.furyevents.co.uk

Fury Events offer a range of thrilling activities for a brilliant day out. With 2,500 acres of land to explore, you can zoom about on an exhilarating quad bike trek, slip and slide in our rapid mud and rage buggies, tackle challenging terrain in one of our 4x4 Land Rovers, or test your aim with clay pigeon shooting and archery.

Perfect for family fun, unique gift ideas or for action-packed corporate entertainment.

Opening times: Seven days a week throughout the year come rain or shine! Please note booking is required.
A fabulous arts complex in the heart of Durham City which houses a 500-capacity state-of-the-art theatre, two cinema screens, a friendly and spacious café-bar and private hire facilities.

Enjoy captivating theatre and world-renowned comedy and music, or catch the latest blockbusters including 3D screenings. And don’t miss Gala’s annual pantomime – a highlight in County Durham’s festive calendar.
Oriental Museum

Durham University, Elvet Hill, Durham City DH1 3TH
Tel: 0191 334 5694 www.durham.ac.uk/oriental.museum

The Oriental Museum is the only museum of its kind in northern England. Our world class collections extend over a huge area from North Africa to Southeast Asia and range in age from prehistoric to modern day. See Ancient Egyptian mummies, Chinese porcelain from the imperial court, Japanese woodblock prints and head-hunting swords from Borneo.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am–5pm, weekends and Bank Holidays 12pm–5pm. Closed Christmas and New Year.

Palace Green Library Exhibitions and Museum of Archaeology

Palace Green, Durham City DH1 3RN
Tel: 0191 334 2932
www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green or /archaeology.museum

Palace Green Library highlights for 2015 include: Vietnam: a nation not a war (Jan to April); Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt (June to 31 August) and With Scott to the Pole (from Oct).

Living on the Hills is a new permanent exhibition that uses archaeological objects to explore the last 10,000 years of Durham.

Opening times: See website for details of full programme and opening times. Closed Christmas and New Year.
Public Lectures and Seminars

Various Durham University venues. www.durham.ac.uk/whatson

Lectures and seminars take place throughout the year showcasing the world leading research taking place across Durham University.

Lecture series include: Inaugural Lectures from newly appointed academics; Durham Castle Lecture Series; and from our Institute of Advanced Study and Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies. These lectures are open to the public to attend.

Opening times: Visit the website for full lecture listings and further details.

Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa

Carrville, Durham DH1 1TD
Tel: 0191 386 5282  www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk
RamsideHallHotel  @Ramside_Hall

In a mature parkland estate on the doorstep of historic Durham City is a golf club and resort created for people who simply love to play great golf, North East England’s most exciting risk and reward golf resort. Its two 18-hole championship golf courses, the Prince Bishops and the Cathedral, provide drama, enjoyment and excitement from the first tee to the final green. Luxury Spa and Health Club opening June 2015.

Opening times: Daily, check website for full details.
Hertz Car Hire Durham
Osborne Garage, Durham DHT 8JT
Tel: 0191 303 7230
www.hertz.co.uk/p/car-hire/uk/durham
Flexible and reliable car hire from Hertz Durham. A huge choice – big, small, practical, fuel efficient and fun, there’s something for everyone.
Delivery and collection service available. Conveniently located on the A690 at Langley Moor, just outside of Durham City. Plus collect Nectar points.
Opening times: Monday to Friday 8am–5pm, Saturday 8am–12noon.

Taxi Tours
Fonacab Durham (City Taxi Service and Tours)
Tel: 0191 301 7666
www.fonacabdurham.co.uk
As well as running a taxi service, airport and ferry transfers, we have developed some wonderful Taxi Tours – for people visiting the area, or for locals who fancy a day out to experience our fantastic attractions without the hassle of driving.
All our drivers are fully qualified, have a great knowledge of the North East of England and are CRB checked.

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Auckland Castle
Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7NR
Tel: 01388 743750 www.aucklandcastle.org
Explore Auckland Castle’s history, temporary exhibitions and enjoy the delights of our tea room.
Opening times: Open from 16 February. Check website for details.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Beamish - The Living Museum of the North

In 300 acres of beautiful countryside, Beamish vividly brings the senses alive – you can touch, taste, hear, see and smell history here. Take a tram ride into the past to visit the 1910s Town, Pit Village and Railway Station. Explore life in the early 1800s at Pockerley Old Hall and take a trip on the steam train at Pockerley Waggonway. Experience life on the home front at the 1940s Farm, hear local stories of evacuees and the Women’s Land Army. Beamish is a great day out for the whole family – it’s a real sense of your past!

Opening times: April to October daily 10am–5pm. November to March 10am–4pm, closed Mondays, Fridays and Christmas Day. See website for details and admission charges.

Beamish, County Durham DH9 0RG
Tel: 0191 370 4000  www.beamish.org.uk
Facebook BeamishLivingMuseum  Twitter @Beamish_Museum

Opening times:
April to October daily 10am–5pm. November to March 10am–4pm, closed Mondays, Fridays and Christmas Day. See website for details and admission charges.
Beamish Wild High Ropes Course

Beamish Hall Hotel, County Durham DH9 0YB
Tel: 01207 233733    www.beamishwild.co.uk

Two hours of treetop adventure set in the stunning grounds of Beamish Hall Hotel. Zip-wires, rope bridges and the swinging tyres are guaranteed to get your adrenaline pumping and you will finish your adventure with the awesome 45ft Powerfan free-fall experience.

The Stables Bar & Restaurant is only yards away if you fancy a quick bite after your day out in the treetops.

Opening times: Open all year. Advance booking required.

Binchester Roman Fort

1 mile north of Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 8DJ
Tel: 01388 663089/ 03000 267013    www.durham.gov.uk/binchester

See the impressive remains of the Commandant's house with its own bathing suite, containing one of the best preserved examples of a hypocaust (underfloor heating system) in the whole of Britain. Find out why taking a bath in Roman times was about more than getting clean! Visit the excavations on weekdays, June to mid-August.

Opening times: 4 April to 30 September daily 11am–4:30pm, 1 July to 31 August daily 10am–4:30pm.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Bishop Auckland Town Hall

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7NP
Tel: 03000 269524 www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk

Bishop Auckland Town Hall is a multi-purpose cultural venue situated in Bishop Auckland market place. It offers regular art exhibitions, live music, theatre and films as well as a visitor information point, a café and a library with free internet access and local history information.

Opening times: Mon and Thurs 10am–6pm, Tues and Fri 10am–5pm, Wed 10am–1pm, Sat 9.30am–12.30pm. (Opening hours may be subject to change).

Black Paw Brewery

Unit 4, Westgate Road, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7AX
Tel: 01388 602144 www.blackpawbrewery.co.uk
BlackPawBrewery @Blackpawbrewery

Black Paw Brewery produces craft beer in Bishop Auckland, in bottles, mini-casks and casks, selling to pubs, clubs and direct to the public.

Also available – brewery tours, experience days and other events – see website for details.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am–5pm.

Diggerland

Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, County Durham DH7 9TT
Tel: 0871 227 7007 www.diggerland.com
Diggerland @Diggerland_UK

Diggerland is the UK’s ultimate construction-themed adventure park where guests can drive, ride and operate earth moving machinery in a safe family friendly environment. There really is something for everyone! Present this advert to save 15% off entry for up to 6 people. Park use: 45043.

Opening times: Selected dates between February and November. See website for full details.
Down at the Farm
Stoneygate Lane, Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8JG
Tel: 0191 584 1873   www.downatthefarm.co.uk
Award winning farm Adventure Park for the whole family! Lots of farm and zoo animals to pet, play area and rides. Brand new mega play zone for all ages. New born lambs and newly hatched chicks, farmyard activities – wash pigs, groom donkeys, bottle feeding, cuddle a bunny. Real quad bikes for the over 7’s, barrel train, tractor rides, adventure playground, jumping pillow plus much more!
Opening times: Open weekends and school holidays from 14 February to 1 November 2015.

Hall Hill Farm
Lanchester, County Durham DH7 0TA
Tel: 01388 731333   www.hallhillfarm.co.uk
@hallhillfarm
At the award winning Hall Hill Farm, you can enjoy a fun family day out with lots of animals, including fluffy chicks, cuddly rabbits, pigs, and magnificent Highland Cattle. Take a free tractor and trailer ride, bottle feed the lambs, donkey rides and barrel train. Large indoor soft play barn, crazy golf. Special events throughout the year. March and April is lambing time.
Opening times: Daily until 30 September 2015. Weekends in Sept and Oct plus October half term. Santa weekends in December. All 10.30am-5pm.

Hardwick Park
Sedgefield, County Durham TS21 2DN
Tel: 01740 621505   www.durham.gov.uk/hardwickpark
@Hardwick-Park
This VisitEngland accredited attraction is an 18th Century parkland featuring beautiful views, rich heritage, archaeological remains and ecological diversity – a remarkable place to visit. The park is open daily with events held throughout the year. Come and see the swans, walk your dog, have a picnic, visit our children’s play area or relax with a coffee.
Opening times: Check our website.
Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon

Shildon, County Durham DL4 1PQ (for Sat Nav use DL4 2RE)  
Tel: 01388 777999  www.nrm.org.uk/locomotion

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is always a great day out! Over 70 heritage rail vehicles from the National Collection on display, including the original Sans Pareil, British Rail’s Advanced Passenger Train Experimental, and carriages from the Royal Train of Queen Alexandra (wife of Edward VII). In addition to the permanent collection Locomotion offers a changing display of railway vehicles. An ideal destination for all ages with café and gift shop, play area and indoor and outdoor picnic tables.

Admission and parking is free.

Opening times: October to March daily 10am–4pm, April to September 10am–5pm. Call for opening times over the Christmas and New Year period.

Locomotion is a joint venture between the NRM and Durham County Council
Mini Moos Farm

West Edmondsley Farm, Durham DH7 6EY (Near Chester-le-Street)
Tel: 01207 509118 or 0191 371 0466  www.minimoosfarm.co.uk

Whatever the weather the fun never ends at Mini Moos Farm ...with giant inflatables, go karts, tractors, soft play, cannons, quads, bumpers, climbing nets, synthetic ice rink, animal petting and animal show – mini animals, maximum fun!

There’s something for all children with a range of facilities tailored to keep parents happy as well, there’s never been a better time to take a day trip both you and the kids will enjoy.

Opening times: Please visit our website.

Rockliffe Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa

Hurworth-on-Tees, Darlington, County Durham DL2 2DU
Tel: 01325 729999  www.rockliffehall.com

Rockliffe Hall is Durham’s flagship five red star luxury resort. Set within 325 acres yet just 20 minutes by train from Durham City centre. Rockliffe Hall boasts an award winning spa, a championship golf course and three bespoke restaurants. Spa addicts, golf aficionados, foodies – indeed lovers of all things luxury – will find everything they need for a day, or night away from the city.

Opening times: Daily, check website for full details.
Spennymoor Town Hall

Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, County Durham DL16 6DG
Tel: 01388 815276
www.parishes.durham.gov.uk/Spennymoor

For all your functions and conferencing needs. Town Hall: Dinner; dances; discos; wedding receptions; productions; exhibitions; public meetings; fayres; jumble sales. Refreshment Room: Meetings. Memorial Room: Meetings; wedding receptions; conferences. Bar and catering facilities available, all at extremely reasonable prices, visit our website for details.

Spennymoor Town Hall: Art Gallery

The Art Gallery is situated on the first floor of the impressive Town Hall building. It houses a permanent collection of paintings including works by Norman Cornish. There are also frequently held exhibitions showcasing the work of local artists.

**Opening times:** All year Monday to Friday 12noon –4pm, Saturday 10am–2pm. Sunday closed. Closed over Christmas period.

Spennymoor Town Hall: Mining Museum

Take a trip back in time to when coal was King. Visit our ‘underground’ mock coalface with model pit pony. Browse through our books and photos, watch DVDs of years gone by and be enlightened by our knowledgeable staff.

**Opening times:** All year Monday to Thursday 12noon–4pm, Friday to Saturday 10am–2pm. Sunday closed. Closed over Christmas period.

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- Diggerland - Present advert to save 15% off entry for up to 6 people. Park Code: 45043.
- Skydive Academy £30 Off - only one voucher can be used per customer and the discount is offered off the full retail price and cannot be combined with other offers.
Tanfield Railway

Marley Hill Engine Shed, Old Marley Hill, Gateshead NE16 5ET  
Tel: 0845 463 4938  www.tanfield-railway.co.uk

Take a nostalgic journey on the world’s oldest railway, a great day out for all the family. See the steam and smell the smoke as your train of Victorian-style wooden carriages takes you on a scenic journey through the countryside.

Discover the real history of railways with a visit to Causey Arch, an engineering marvel that pre-dates the Stockton & Darlington Railway by almost a century. See the gritty reality of working steam by visiting Europe’s oldest working locomotive shed at Marley Hill. Or enjoy a cosy cuppa in our period-style tea rooms at Andrews House, a wonderfully recreated countryside station.

Opening times: Site open daily. Trains every Sunday and Bank Holiday throughout the year, plus Saturday and Thursday in school summer holidays. Trains from 10.30am.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
The Bowes Museum is a glorious French–style château in the historic market town of Barnard Castle, set in stunning parkland with woodland walks and a children’s play area. Housing one of the greatest collections of fine and decorative arts in an array of stunning new galleries, its Fashion and Textile Gallery is one of the finest in the UK. Also not to be missed is the life–size Silver Swan automaton. Acclaimed exhibitions, guided tours, family fun days, interesting and informative activities, the Taste Durham award winning Café Bowes and a little quality retail therapy in the museum shop all make for a wonderful day out.

Opening times: Daily 10am–5pm. Closed only 25–26 December and 1 January.
Bowlees Visitor Centre, Newbiggin, Teesdale, County Durham
DL12 0XF
Tel: 01833 622145 or 01388 528801     www.visitbowlees.org.uk
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Bowlees Visitor Centre, in Upper Teesdale, is run by the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership. It provides the perfect base to explore the breathtaking beauty of the North Pennines. The area around Bowlees is fantastic countryside for walking, birdwatching, cycling or looking out for rare and special flowers. From Bowlees there will be an exciting programme of events and activities for everyone. Whether you want to explore some of the UK’s most unspoilt countryside, discover the rare and wonderful wildlife that lives close by, or simply soak up the exhilarating views, we can help you make the most of your time in Upper Teesdale.

10% Off in the Gift Shop
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Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
The Durham Dales

Life in Weardale

• Weardale Museum and High House Chapel
  Fascinating collection, beautiful tapestry AND a chapel!
  01388 517433, www.weardalemuseum.co.uk, DL13 1HD

• Killhope, The North of England Lead Mining Museum
  Experience the life of a lead miner in remote Weardale.
  01388 537505, www.killhope.org.uk, DL13 1AR

• Durham Dales Visitor Centre
  Craft and Gift shops, Visitor Information and a Tea Room.
  01388 527650, www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk, DL13 2FJ

Get Active Out Doors

• Kayaking, canoeing and gorge-walking
  YMCA Weardale House
  01388 537479, www.weardalehouse.co.uk, DL13 1HB

• Mountain biking and walking
  Hamsterley Forest, DL13 3NL
  01388 488312, www.forestry.gov.uk/hamsterleyforest
  Chatterbox Café - Bike Hire, DL13 1QF, 01388 537536
  www.facebook.com/chatterbox.cafe.art.info

• Swimming
  Outdoors (in the summer only) - Weardale Open Air Pool
  01388 528466, www.woaspa.co.uk, Stanhope, DL13 2LU
  All year round at Wolsingham Pool, DL13 3DN
  01388 528198, www.wolsinghamsportshall.com

See The Countryside, Spot The Wildlife

• North of England Trike Tours
  A fun and unique way to see Weardale.
  01388 488191, DL13 3JH, www.triketours.co.uk

• Weardale Railway
  01388 526203, www.weardale-railway.com, DL13 2YS

• Bradley Burn Farm Trail, Shop and Café
  Enjoy a stroll around the farm and meet the animals.
  01388 529488, www.bradleyburn.co.uk, DL13 3JH

• Wild North Discovery
  Book a day out with a wildlife guide.
  01388 529154, DL13 2FJ, www.natureholiday.co.uk
The Great Escape

High moorland expanses, tranquil dales, tumbling rivers and waterfalls, exciting wildlife, dramatic history, vibrant communities, outstanding geology and scenery; this is Weardale, one of the Durham Dales and part of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Discover Weardale, the perfect place for walking, cycling, fishing, horse riding, wildlife watching, geological exploration, star-gazing or simply chilling out and recharging your batteries.

For a wide range of walking, cycling and other outdoor opportunities visit:

www.explorenorthpennines.org.uk

For attractions, events, activities, places to eat and accommodation visit:

www.discoverweardale.com
Explore TEESDALE

How do you relax?

Take it easy – Enjoy our heather-clad moors, peaceful dales and waterfalls, and share our starlit skies
Burn energy – Explore on foot, on water, on two wheels, on horseback, and even on snow
Search out wildlife – Spot rare moorland birds, glimpse shy deer and seek out scarce alpine flora
Get involved – Join in the fun at any of our year-round, local shows and lively family events
Tempt the taste buds – Don’t miss our wonderful shops and eateries serving fine local fresh food
Browse specialist shops – Seek out treasures you won’t find on every high street
Hunt out heritage – Discover our inspiring history from every period, pre-Roman to 20th century
Make new friends – Experience our most noted local feature, the legendary warmth of our people
• Barnard Castle
  Teesdale’s castle town with specialist shops, galleries, antique centres and restaurants. Market day Wednesday. Visitor Information Point 01833 631107, DL12 8LY
  www.thewitham.org.uk

• High Force
  The most dramatic waterfall in England. 01833 622209 DL12 0XH www.highforcewaterfall.com

• The Bowes Museum
  Unique French château with fabulous paintings, porcelain and fashion. 01833 690606, DL12 8NP www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

• Raby Castle
  One of the finest, still lived-in, medieval castles in England. 01833 660202, DL2 3AH www.rabycastle.com

• English Heritage Attractions
  A wealth of history can be explored at Egglestone Abbey DL12 9TN, Barnard Castle DL12 8PR and Bowes Castle. DL12 9LG. 0870 333 1181, www.english-heritage.org.uk

• Hamsterley Forest
  A delightful 2000 hectare oasis, sprawling along the sides of a sheltered valley, offering walking, cycling and horse riding trails. 01388 488312, DL13 3NL www.forestry.gov.uk

• Cockfield Fell
  Information boards explain this vast scheduled ancient monument and its coal mining history. DL13 5HU

• Bowlees Visitor Centre
  A fantastic base for exploring Upper Teesdale, with information, shop and café. 01833 622145, DL12 0XF www.northpennines.org.uk

• Eggleston Hall Gardens and The Coach House
  Beautiful walled garden with rare, locally-raised plants, shop and café. 01833 650230; DL12 0AG www.egglestonhallgardens.co.uk

• Middleton in Teesdale
  Classic, small market town, gateway to the charms of upper Teesdale. Visitor Information point 01833 641000, DL12 0QG www.middletonplus.org.uk

• Rokeby Park
  Historic home, visited by Sir Walter Scott, J.M.W. Turner and John Sell Cotman. 01833 695692, DL12 9RZ www.rokebypark.com

Find out all you need to know about your next visit to Teesdale at:
www.exploreteesdale.co.uk

Teesdale has it all!
Boundary of North Pennines
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Durham Heritage Coast
Pennine Way
Weardale Way
Coastal Footpath
Dere Street Trail
C2C (Sea to Sea) Cycle Route
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Please note that not all roads and settlements are included on the map.
Distances approximate, based on most direct route provided by an online route planner.
Hamsterley Forest

Forestry Commission, Hamsterley Forest, Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL13 3NL
Tel: 01388 488312    www.forestry.gov.uk

Hamsterley Forest

Hamsterley Forest is one of Durham’s best kept secrets. Hamsterley is a delightful oasis of broadleaved and coniferous woodland, sprawling along the sides of a sheltered valley, with stunning views from higher up in the forest across the Durham Dales. There are many pursuits to be followed from leisure walking through to adrenaline mountain biking.

Opening times: Open all year round.

High Force Waterfall

Forest in Teesdale, County Durham DL12 0XH
Tel: 01833 622209    www.highforcewaterfall.com

High Force, in Forest in Teesdale, is one of England’s most impressive waterfalls. The River Tees suddenly and spectacularly drops 21 metres over the Whin Sill rock into a plunge pool below. Surrounded by stunning countryside, the well maintained woodland walk twists and turns leading you to this spectacular sight. Gift shop, picnic area and parking available.

Opening times: Open throughout the year. Gift shop and toilets open Easter until end of October only. During the winter parts of the falls may not be accessible. Please telephone first before making a journey. Car parking charges apply.
Killhope: The North of England Lead Mining Museum

Near Cowshill, Upper Weardale, County Durham DL13 1AR
Tel: 01388 537505    www.killhope.org.uk

A multi award-winning Victorian Mining Museum, offering a great day out for all. Experience an unforgettable guided mine tour, find your own minerals as you work as a washerboy, marvel at the working water wheels and see our fantastic new exhibition, Led Here by Lead. Plus woodland trails, red squirrels, shop, café and more.

Opening times: 1 April to 1 November 2015 daily 11am–5pm. Café open from 10.30am.

Raby Castle

Staindrop, Near Darlington, County Durham DL2 3AH
Tel: 01833 660202    www.rabycastle.com

Set within a 250-acre deer park with beautiful walled gardens, Raby is one of the finest medieval castles in England and has been home to Lord Barnard’s family since 1626. Behind its dramatic exterior and elaborate architecture, discover stunning interiors, fine artwork and furniture. Gift shop, tearooms, carriage collection and woodland adventure play area.


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Any method and fly fishing for rainbow and brown trout. Stocked weekly throughout the season with quality trout.

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Grassholme Reservoir, Barnard Castle, DL12 0PW.

For your free 2015 Go Fishing Guide and loyalty card call 0845 155 0236 or visit www.nwl.co.uk/gofishing.
The North East Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Castlewood Farm, Helme Park, Tow Law, County Durham DL13 4NN
Tel: 01388 731777  www.tneopc.com
northeastoutdoor

Situated in the centre of County Durham, The North East Outdoor Pursuits Centre offers a full range of exciting outdoor activities including clay pigeon shooting, paintball, and archery. All occasions can be catered for. Gift vouchers are available.

Opening times: Open all year but booking is essential.

The Witham

3 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 8LY
Tel: 01833 631107  www.thewitham.org.uk
@BarneyWitham

The Witham is a vibrant arts centre. Visit the gallery; shop for local crafts, enjoy home made cake in the café and choose from an exciting programme of events including contemporary and classical music, theatre, film, live screenings and comedy events.

Opening times: Check our website.

Weardale Open Air Swimming Pool

Waterside Court, Stanhope, Weardale, County Durham DL13 2LU
Tel: 01388 528673  www.stanhopepool.co.uk


Opening times: Daily, late May Bank Holiday to the end of August. See website for details.

Key to symbols

The following symbols feature throughout the guide. We hope this will help you choose the most suitable attractions for your visit.

- Shop
- Babychange facilities
- Tea room and/or coffee shop
- Restaurant
- Picnic tables
- Car parking
- No dogs (except guide dogs)
- Dogs welcome
- No admission charge
- Accessible parking
- Accessible toilets
- Wheelchair access to all areas
- Facilities for the visually impaired
- Facilities for the hearing impaired
- Welcome to Durham
- Fairtrade products available
- VAAS The Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Scheme
- Green Tourism Business Scheme Award - Gold, Silver or Bronze
- Taste Durham accreditation
- Facebook
- Twitter

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
The multi award winning Seaham Marina, County Durham’s one and only marina, offers significant opportunities for watersports and leisure-based activities. The marina provides facilities for 77 boats, slipway and accommodation for overnight visiting boats.

A secluded sandy beach provides an excellent safe haven for family visits. Seaham Marina hosts an onsite café, ice cream parlour, hair and beauty salon, gift shop, wool shop, public amenities and other retailers in the newly developed Waterside building.

The marina is home to the historic George Elmy Lifeboat, which is located in the East Durham Heritage and Visitor Centre.

Free parking available.

Opening times: April to September 9am–7.30pm, October to March 9am–5pm. Retail opening times may vary.
Sharpley Golf, Sharpley Springs Fishing and Massive Attack

Seaham, County Durham SR7 0NP
Tel: 0191 581 - 4821 Golf/- 8045 Fishing/- 2950 Paintball
www.sharpleygolf.co.uk/ www.sharpleywaters.co.uk
www.massivesattackpaintball.co.uk

A one stop destination for all leisure pursuits minutes from Durham City. Set in rolling countryside with panoramic sea views, our Par 71 golf course is built to USGA standards. Driving range with power tees available. Sharpley Springs Fishing is located in a quiet rural setting with well spaced platforms and excellent access for disabled anglers. Massive Attack for adrenaline junkies – paintball, 4x4\’s, clayshooting, quads, archery and mud buggies.

Opening times: See our websites – booking essential.

Skydive Academy Limited

Peterlee Parachute Centre, Shotton Airfield, Shotton Colliery, County Durham DH6 2NH
Tel: 0191 517 1234 www.skydiveacademy.org.uk
PeterleeParachuteClub @PeterleeParaCen

Parachuting and skydiving. Check Tripadvisor. Courses and continuation, 4 and 16 place aircraft, former site Shotton Colliery 760x60m grass 550x7m tarmac runways. Hangarage, Avgas/ JetA1 Fuel, training rooms, canteen bar, bunk rooms, showers, toilets (disabled/baby change), spectator area and car parking.

Opening times: Most weekends 8.30am 18 January to 20 December. During British Summer Time Wednesday and Friday 1pm, Bank Holidays 8.30am.

Tweddle Animal Farm

Fillpoke Lane, Blackhall Colliery, County Durham TS27 4BT
Tel: 0191 586 3311 www.tweddlefarm.co.uk

A children\’s farm and petting centre with lots of friendly animals and lots of hands-on opportunities such as bottle feeding and bunny cuddling. There are also lots of other activities such as play areas, pedal go-kart tracks and crazy golf.

Opening times: March to October, daily 10am–5pm, November to February, daily 10am–4pm.
Visitor Contact Centre: 03000 26 26 26

The Bishops' Mill

Best Pub
The John Duck
Runner Up
Half Moon Inn

Best Bar
The Bishops’ Mill
Runner Up
The Library

Best Restaurant
Pizza Express
Runner Up
Zizzi

Best Nightclub
Loveshack

Accredited Premises:
- Fabio’s Bar
- Fat Buddha Asian Bar & Kitchen
- La Spaghetatta
- Fighting Cocks
- Head of Steam
- The Angel
- The City
- The Court Inn
- The Dun Cow
- The Market Tavern
- The Waterhouse
- The William Hedley
- Slug and Lettuce Durham
- Whisky River Cocktail Bar
- Wiff Waff
- Ye Old Elm Tree

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Best Bar None is a nationally recognised award scheme, supported by the Home Office and aimed at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises.

When you’re planning a trip into Durham City Centre make sure to watch for the Best Bar None Accreditation standard. Premises displaying the Best Bar None accreditation have undertaken a gruelling Assessment carried out by Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council Officers and have ably demonstrated how well they have met the objectives of the 2003 Licensing Act, in the: prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

In partnership with Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary and the University of Durham, Durham City Centre Licensees strive to reduce the risk of alcohol related harm, disorder and crime, to provide you with the best possible experience when visiting our fine city centre.

When visiting Best Bar None accredited venues, you can be assured that these operators have put customer safety at the forefront of their business practices.

For more information visit: www.countydurhambestbarnone.co.uk or contact BBN and Durham City Centre Manager Carol Feenan on: 07584 217019
WELCOME TO DURHAM CITY

› A medieval city with a modern shopping experience…

› Discover charming independent shops sitting alongside high street favourites.

› Explore the Victorian indoor market, home to over 50 local independent traders.

› You’ll find a host of cafes, tea rooms, coffee shops, pubs and restaurants to tempt your taste buds.

› Take a break from your retail therapy to uncover the heritage of Durham City, with its world famous Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site.

› Durham City has a strong service sector with banks and professional services providing a range of services to business and individuals.

› Excellent transport links - the city is well served by centrally located car parks, taxi ranks, a bus station and park and ride facilities and has a number of easily accessible entry points. Durham train station also connects Durham City directly from Newcastle, York, Edinburgh and London.

› Durham City has an exciting programme of annual events for you to enjoy.

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Indulge in some retail therapy in Durham

Whether you’re looking for a unique gift idea, a perfect souvenir or just want to spoil yourself, Durham’s shops will have just what you’re searching for.

Stroll through the historic streets of Durham City where you’ll find high street favourites jostling for attention alongside independent retailers, boutiques and quirky craft shops in the shadow of Durham Cathedral. Meet artists and craftspeople at work in Fowlers Yard, or discover over 50 local independent traders at the Victorian Durham Market Hall.

Looking for a bargain? Take a trip to Dalton Park, the biggest outlet shopping centre in the region.

Durham’s market towns including Bishop Auckland and Chester-le-Street in the Vale of Durham, Stanhope and Barnard Castle in the Durham Dales and Seaham on the Durham Coast offer a warm welcome with their own unique character and charm. You’ll find shops selling locally made arts, crafts and delicacies, such as Seaham Waves with their jewellery made from glass washed up on local beaches, and the Durham Distillery, makers of Durham Gin produced by hand using traditional methods.

Barnard Castle is famed for its array of antique shops, including Mission Hall Antiques Centre which is home to more than 40 dealers under one roof. And in Stanhope you will find the Durham Dales Centre with its gift shop, quaint shopping courtyard and café.

For a memento from a great day out, don’t forget to visit the enticing gift shops at attractions across the county. As well as being a must-see architectural gem, the Durham Cathedral Shop houses a wide range of locally-sourced bespoke gifts. At The Bowes Museum you’ll find items for sale which take inspiration from the museum’s collections and exhibitions, whilst at Beamish you can pick up some period treats and souvenirs.

Find out more about shopping across Durham, visit: thisisdurham.com/shop
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Shopping

**Cathedral Shop**

Durham Cathedral, Durham City DH1 3EH  
Tel: 0191 386 8669

Enjoy a unique shopping experience in one of the most remarkable, intact, monastic, vaulted undercroft in the UK. Browse a wide range of locally-sourced products, theological books and bespoke gifts from hand-crafted jewellery to pottery inspired by Durham Cathedral.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 9am–5pm, Sunday 12noon–5pm.

**Durham Distillery**

Unit 2F&2G, Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, County Durham DH7 9TT  
Tel: 07809 238481  
www.durhamdistillery.co.uk  
Durham Distillery

Durham Distillery is a small-batch craft distillery based on the outskirts of historic and beautiful Durham City. Our aim is to create spirits of genuine integrity; produced by hand, using traditional methods, the highest quality ingredients and a true passion for our work.

**Opening times:** Monday to Friday 9.30am–4pm.

**Durham Indoor Market**

Durham Market Hall, Durham City DH1 3NJ  
Tel: 0191 384 6153  
www.durhammarkets.co.uk

Durham’s beautifully restored, award–winning indoor Market Hall features over 50 independent traders offering a wide range of foods, services and goods. Including 11 food outlets and an acclaimed bistro, Café Cenno. With baby–change, disabled facilities, a lift and free WiFi.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 9am–4.30pm.
Fancy Dress Party

Millennium Place, Durham City DH1 1WA
3 Edwardson Road, Meadowfield DH7 8RL
Tel: 0191 378 9275
www.fancydressparty.eu.com
FancyDressCostumesForKids/
FancyDressPartyOfficial

Fancy Dress Party, the home of fancy dress costumes based in Durham, is one of the UK’s largest fancy dress specialists. Shop online, instore or click and collect.

Opening times: Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am–4.30pm.

Fowlers Yard

Back Silver Street, Durham City DH1 3RA
Tel: 0191 384 0647    www.fowlersyarddurham.co.uk

Fowlers Yard is a unique development of nine creative workspaces for professional artists. Situated on the banks of the River Wear it includes jewellery design, portrait painting, tapestry weaving, knitting and felted arts, hand embroidery, printmaking, illustration and shabby chic furniture. Fowlers Yard is also home to Leonard’s Coffee House and the City Theatre.

Opening times: Leonard’s Coffee House open seven days a week. Studios vary – see website.

Hotlist Bags Boutique

33 Saddler Street, Durham City DH1 3NU
Tel: 0191 340 1330
www.hotlistbags.com
@Hotlistbags

An independent family owned boutique, specialising in individually handpicked handbags, scarves, jewellery and more. Affordable luxury is our mantra, we are the treasure trove destination for perfect presents or a treat for yourself. There’s always something new to see.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–5.30am, Sunday 10am–4.30pm.
Marla Jones Jewellery

Unit 21, Durham Indoor Market, Durham City DH1 3NJ
Tel: 07508 143785
MarlaJonesJewellery

Featuring a selection of high quality designer jewellery with new designs changing seasonally. Jewellery brands include Azuni of London, Tianguis Jackson, Aviv handmade jewellery, Martick and many more. Lots of special one off pieces using the finest quality precious stones.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am-4.30pm, Bank Holidays 11am-4pm.

Mugwump

37 Saddler Street, Durham City DH1 3NU
Tel: 0191 386 1282
The-Mugwump

Durham’s hidden gem, three floors, six quirky rooms offering something for everyone. Ladies designer labels collection – including Adini, Sandwich, Indi & Cole, complimented by jewellery, scarves and bags. Steiff and Jellycat soft toys, Neal’s Yard and Crabtree & Evelyn toiletries. Alessi, LSA and Jo Downs glassware; True North prints and cards.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5.30pm.

Robinsons Estate Agents

1 Old Elvet, Durham City DH1 3HL
Tel: 0191 386 2777 / 0191 387 3000
www.robinsonsestateagents.co.uk
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Durham’s number one agent providing a one-stop shop for all your property needs. Sales, lettings and management, mortgages, EPC’s, surveys, conveyancing, property auctions.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-4pm, Sunday 11am-3pm.

Start Fitness

8 Market Place, Durham City DH1 3NB
Tel: 0191 384 1644
durhamsportsuk @durhamsportsuk

Running and fitness specialist selling footwear, clothing, swimwear and accessories. Have your gait checked instore.

Major brands stocked include Nike, Adidas, Asics, Brooks and More Mile, all at discounted prices.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am-5.30pm, Sunday 11am-5pm.
**Woven**

23 The Gates Shopping Centre, Framwellgate Bridge, Durham City DH1 4SJ
Tel: 0191 374 1002    www.wovendurham.co.uk  
[woven.durham](mailto:woven.durham)  [ @wovendurham](mailto: @wovendurham)

Woven is an award winning, independent Gentlemen’s Outfitters in the heart of Durham City. Offering a wide range of British brands, suit hire and bespoke services. Woven combines high quality products and award winning customer service to ensure you look great whatever the occasion.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 9am–6pm, Sunday 11am–5pm.

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**Goldstitch**

Goldstitch Embroidery and Sew Cafe, Mowbray House, Tanhills, Nettlesworth, County Durham DH2 3PA
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We stock Liberty fabrics, dressmaking, craft cottons and haberdashery. Handmade gifts and personalised items are on display. Book into one of our weekly sewing groups.

**Dalton Park**

Murton, County Durham SR7 9HU
Tel: 0191 526 6500  [ www.dalton-park.co.uk](http://www.dalton-park.co.uk)

Shopping for bargains is a walk in the park. Up to 50% off the best brands. See our main advert on the back cover.

**Seaham Waves**

Unit 2, 4 South Crescent, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7HD
Tel: 07432 686198  [ www.seahamwaves.co.uk](http://www.seahamwaves.co.uk)
[seahamwavesjewellery](https://twitter.com/ seahamwavesjewellery)  [ @seahamwaves](https://twitter.com/ @seahamwaves)

Seaham Waves creates handmade jewellery from sea glass which is collected from beaches along the East Durham coastline. You can now visit us in our studio in Seaham which is the source of English Sea Glass.

**Opening times:** Tuesday to Friday 11am–3pm, Saturday 10am–5pm.

**Durham Dales Visitor Centre**

Castle Gardens, Stanhope, Weardale, County Durham DL13 2FJ
Tel: 01388 527650  [ www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk](http://www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk)
[DurhamDalesCentre](https://twitter.com/ DurhamDalesCentre)  [ @durhamdalescentre](https://twitter.com/ @durhamdalescentre)

Unique venue with specialist craft and gift shops, information point, gardens and courtyard. Large tearoom offers homebaking, extensive menu of homemade hot and cold meals, daily specials and Sunday lunch. Gift shop offers cards, clothing, jewellery, books and maps.

**Shop opening times:** April to October 9am–5pm, November to March 9am–4pm, except Christmas.

Find out more at: [thisisdurham.com](http://thisisdurham.com)
Mission Hall Antiques Centre

51 The Bank, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 8PL
Tel: 01833 631101   www.missionhallantiquescentre.co.uk

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Have an eventful time in Durham

There is always something happening in Durham, whenever you choose to visit.

February will see the first Locomotion Winter Steam Gala take place, with locomotives that featured in TV and film adaptations of the much-loved The Railway Children on display.

Food lovers are in for a treat in spring with the return of the Bishop Auckland Food Festival, or get hands-on with history at The Great North Festival of Transport at Beamish – The Living Museum of the North.

Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt at Durham University’s Palace Green Library, showcases Durham Cathedral’s 1216 edition of this iconic document in an exciting summer exhibition that explores different historical instances and types of rebellion.

Summer also welcomes back the sounds of Brass: Durham International Festival, a county-wide celebration of brass inspired music. At the Durham Streets Summer Festival you will enjoy an international line-up of street performers and musical talent. And don’t miss the Durham Regatta for some sporting action.

Discover Durham’s great outdoors in autumn at the North Pennines Walking Festival and Wolsingham Agricultural Show. The Durham Book Festival is a must for lovers of literature, and in November, Lumiere, the country’s largest light festival, returns to weave its nocturnal art trail through the streets of Durham City once again.

Durham’s calendar of international cricket continues as England take on New Zealand in the Royal London One Day International at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground in June.

And for some festive fun, don’t miss the Durham City Christmas Festival.

Exciting events and exhibitions also take place at attractions throughout the year, making your visit even more memorable, such as Yves Saint Laurent: Style is Eternal, The Bowes Museum – the first major show in the UK to present a comprehensive display of the work and life of Yves Saint Laurent.

Find out what’s on across Durham, visit: thisisdurham.com/events

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- Information on places to visit, eat, shop and events
- Ticket sales for events
- Practical information including opening times and accessibility

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Monday to Saturday 9.30am–5.30pm
Sunday 11am–4pm
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7 Owengate, Durham City
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**VALE OF DURHAM**

**Bishop Auckland Railway Station**
Bob Hardisty Drive, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7EJ

**Hardwick Park Visitor Centre**
Sedgefield, County Durham
TS21 2DN

**Holiday Inn Darlington North**
Newton Park, County Durham, DL1 3NL

**Locomotion NRM Shildon**
Shildon, County Durham DL4 1PQ

**The Town Hall Library**
Market Place, Bishop Auckland County Durham, DL14 7NP
Chatterbox Café
11 Market Place, St John's Chapel, County Durham DL13 1QF

Bowles Visitor Centre
Middleton in Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XE

Durham Dales Centre
Castle Gardens, Stanhope, County Durham DL13 2FJ

Killhope – the North of England Lead Mining Museum
Near Cowshill, Upper Weardale, County Durham DL13 1AR

Dalton Park
Murton, County Durham SR7 9HU

Tonia's Café
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There’s much to discover on Durham’s doorstep

After experiencing all that Durham has to offer, use the county as a base to discover the rest of North East England.

History lovers will enjoy soaking up the atmosphere at the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, Bamburgh Castle, Alnwick Castle and Hadrian’s Wall World Heritage Site in Northumberland. And at the Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens you can learn more about the city’s fascinating heritage.

In Tees Valley, at Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum you can learn about the first steam-powered passenger carrying public railway, or uncover the area’s seafaring past at the reconstructed 18th Century seaport at Hartlepool’s Maritime Experience.

For fun family days out, don’t miss the award-winning Life Science Centre, Seven Stories, The Centre for Children’s Books and Great North Museum: Hancock in Newcastle, or the WWT Washington Wetland Centre.

If you crave culture, head to the National Glass Centre in Sunderland, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead or mima, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art.

Enjoy a breath of fresh air at the Northumberland National Park or Kielder Water and Forest Park in Northumberland. Stroll along the vibrant NewcastleGateshead Quayside and take in the famous view of the seven bridges across the River Tyne. And in Tees Valley visit the award-winning RSPB Saltholme Nature Reserve and Discovery Park or discover your adventurous side by taking to the rapids at Tees Barrage International White Water Centre.

Find out more about what’s on Durham’s doorstep, visit: thisisdurham.com/further-afield

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Opening times: Daily 10am–5pm.
Visit the Koi Carp in the Winter Gardens, climb to the top and look down over the canopy at the tropical plants then discover the history of Sunderland from its prehistoric past, via its Anglo Saxon early inhabitants to its industrial prowess. For more information on this attraction and to find out what other things you can see and do in Sunderland visit www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk
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