

TOWN CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

DATES	EVENT	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	LOCATION	DETAILS	Contact Details
JANUARY					
Sun 4th January	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
17 th & 24 th 31 st Jan	Family Entertainment	Events team	Town Centre	Family Entertainment	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 3 rd 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st Jan	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
FEBRUARY					
Sunday 1 st February	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Fri 6 th February	Feel Good Fridays. Once a month to begin.	Hub	Market Square	Sexual Health awareness.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Feb	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Saturday 7 th Feb	Go Green Week.	Events	Market Square	National Governing Bodies offering advice on green related issues.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 7 th Feb	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MMM team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Friday 13 th February	The History Wardrobe	Head of Steam Event	Head of Steam	The History Wardrobe Presents: Oh My Poor Nerves! A fascinating insight into	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124

				maladies and imaginary with a splendid selection of medical artefacts and a very spirited invalid. Booking is essential £8.50	
Sat 14 th February	Valentines related Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Work shop themed, Street theatre in the town	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 19 th February	Chinese New Year celebration	Events	Joseph Pease Place	Moi-Fa Lion Dance Troup	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
16 th – 20 th February	Fairground	Events	Market Square	Frank Smith Amusements visit the town.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
MARCH					
Sunday 1 st March	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Events	Joseph Pease/ library/Dolphin Centre	Mobile library with face painter in Joseph Pease. Entertainment in library	Marion Ogle 01325 406401
Friday 6 th March	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Male Health & Prostate Cancer awareness.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th March	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Saturday 7 th March	International Women's Day	Hub & Events	Town Centre	Activities and information event related to women.	Phil Haymer 406417
Wednesday 11 th March	No Smoking Day	Hub	Market Square	Invite National Governing Bodies.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 14 th March	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MMM team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Saturday 21 st & 28 th March	Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Street Theatre or other related performance artist / group.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
APRIL					
Friday 3 rd April	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity	Michael Hodgson

				information in line with World Health Day.	01325 388829
Friday 3rd– Saturday 4 th April	Easter Extravaganza Market	Markets	Town Centre	Easter Egg treasure hunt. Town Centre entertainme	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693.
Sunday 5 th April	Easter Special	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Eggstraspecial Easter Activities and fun in the museum £1 entry and family members go free.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Saturday 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th April	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 5 th April	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
18 th April	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square	Sports related activities.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Saturday 11 th April	Bands in the Town Presents:	Events	Town Centre	Bands to perform in the town centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 18 th – Sunday 19 th April	Swimathon	Events	Dolphin Centre	Participants are requested to raise money for Marie Cure Cancer Care.	Phil Haymer 01325 388438
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Day toast	Events team	Market Cross – Town Centre	Celebration of St George's Day with a red rose and a glass of port and the Dragon.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Saturday 25 th April	Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Street Theatre or other related performance artist / group.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
MAY					
Friday 1 st May	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub		Stroke Awareness & walking info.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 2 nd & Monday 4 th May TBC	Northern Bygones vintage	Northern Bygones Society	Market Square	Vehicle display from yesteryear.	Paul Jackson 07968 367438

	Vehicle Display				
Saturday 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th May	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 3 rd May	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Saturday 9 th May	Bands in the Town Presents:	Events	Town Centre	Bands to perform in the town centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 9 th , Sunday 10 th May	Food festival	Distinct Darlington	Market Square/ Town Centre/Skinnergate	Food festival and entertainment throughout the weekend.	Alex Hirst 01325 463002
Sunday 10 th May	Darlington For Culture Arts Festival	Darlington For Culture	Borough Road	Arts Crafts and family entertainment.	Heather Carter 07775 996098
Friday 15 th May	St Teresa's Midnight Walk	St Teresa's and Events team	South Park	A mid night walk around South Park aid of St Teresa's charity.	John Paul Stabler 01325 254321
Friday 15 th May	National Walking Month	Hub & Move More Team	Town Centre/ Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Arrange some walks during the month, some to commence from the town, town centre heritage trail etc.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Saturday 16 th May	Busker re-launch & Street Theatre	Events & Distinct Darlington	Town Centre/Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Re-launch of the busking guide to work alongside Town Rangers. Invite performers into the town.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 16 th May	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MM team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Sunday 17 th May	Denes Teddy Bears Picnic	Friends of the Dene	Play Dene	Teddy Bears picnic and entertainment.	Pippa Smailing 01325 406719 07977982090
Tuesday 26 th to Sunday 31 st : May	Fairground	Events	Market Square	Fairground rides for children.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Dates TBC in May Suggest 23 rd May	Love Your Local Market Fortnight	Markets	Town Centre	Celebrations of local markets	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693.
Saturday 30 th May	Dancing in the Streets Presents:	Events	Town Centre Skinnergate/Duke	Local Dance Schools or professionals perform in the	Phil Haymer 01325 406417

			Street/Bondgate	town centre.	
Sunday 31 st May	Vintage Vehicle Rally	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Vintage Vehicle Rally from north east and Yorkshire gather at Head of Steam for this popular event £1 entry and family members go free.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Sunday 31 st May	Round 50 mile cycle Ride	Events	Registration Dolphin Centre	50 mile cycle ride	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
JUNE					
Friday 5 th June	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity promotion.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 6 th June	Bands in the Town Presents:	Events	Town Centre/ Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Bring Bands in to perform in the town centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th June	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 7 th June	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Sunday 7 th June	Cancer Research Race for Life	Cancer research	South Park	Women only race to raise monies for Cancer Research.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Monday 8 th to Sunday 14 th June	Diabetes Week	Hub & Events	Market Square	Invite National Governing Bodies in.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Thursday 11 th June – Sunday 14 th June	Crows Fair	Crows Fairground organisers	South Park		Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Saturday 13 th June	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MMore team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Sunday 14 th to Monday 22 nd June Date TBC	World Bike Week	MM Team, Hub & Local Motion.	Town centre	Cycling related activities.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370

Monday 15 th to 21 st June TBC	Men's Health Week	Hub & Events	Market Square	Provide activities and men related stalls.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 20 th June	Dancing in the Streets presents:	Events	Town Centre	Local Dance Schools or professionals perform in the town centre.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Saturday 27 th June	Carnival Market	Markets	TBC	Carnival themed market.	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693.
Saturday 27 th June	Community Carnival parade sets off from the Market Square.	Carnival Committee & Events	Market Square/ Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Carnival Starts in town centre and makes way up to Stanhope Park.	Stalls - Diane Evans 01325 263761 Further details Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Sunday 28 th June	Proms in the Park	Northern Military Music, Darlington BC events team and support from the Royal Signals	South Park	Proms in the park with music from the Royal Signals (Northern) band , Hurworth Concert Band, REM Pipes and Drums and guests	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
JULY					
Thursday 2 th July – Sunday 5 th July	Theatre in the Park	Darlington Green Theatre	South Park	An adaptation of a Shakespeare's play The Merry Wives of Windsor	Jo Potter 07770 3026765
Friday 3 rd July	Feel Good Fridays	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity promotion.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 4 th July	Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Street theatre & performances.	Paul Robinson 01325 406419
Saturday 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th July	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 5 th July	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Sunday 5 th July	70 mile cycle Ride	Events	Registration Dolphin Centre	70 Mile Cycle Ride	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 11 th July	Dancing in the Streets presents:	Events	Town Centre	Local Dance Schools or professionals perform in the town centre.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151

Monday 6 th to Sunday 12 th July	6 th – 12 th : National Childhood Obesity	Hub & MM Team	Town Centre	Invite National Governing Bodies in.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 11 th July	Mass Dance	Darlington Dance Festival Association	Market Square	Mass dance performance in the market square.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Saturday 11 th July	Denes Fun Day	Friends of the Dene	Tennis Dene	Family Fun day	Pippa Smailing 01325 406719 07977982090
Sunday 12 th July	McMillan Toddle	Macmillan Charity	South Park	Parents and toddlers enjoy a stroll around South Park to raise money for McMillan Cancer Support.	Michelle Thompson 07877 673030
Sunday 12 July	Our Big Gig	Durham & Darlington Music	South Park	School Bands and Choirs	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Sunday 12 th July	West Park Activity Day	West Park residents committee and Greener communities	West Park	A family Fun Day in West Park	Pippa Smiling 01325 406719 07977982090
Monday 13 th July	Disability Awareness Day	Hub	Town Centre	Invite National Governing Bodies in.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Wednesday 15 July	OAP event	Distinct Darlington	Market Square	Activities and stalls for the young at heart	Neill Wilson 01325 463002
Saturday 18 th July	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square / Joseph Pease	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MM team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Saturday 18 th DATE TBC	Streets of Brass	Events	Town Centre/ Skinnergate/	Part of the Durham Brass Festival.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 19 th July	Teddy Bears Picnic	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Teddy Bears Picnic in museum with family entertainment and storytelling, arts and crafts £1 entry and family members go free.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Sunday 19 th July	Dogs Trust	Dogs Trust	South Park – Bedford	Dog Show and family	Rebecca McKeown

	Event		Street entrance	entertainment.	01325 335952
Sunday DATE TBC	Our Big Gig	Darlington and Durham music service and Events team	South Park band stand	Darlington and Durham music service perform in the South Park Bandstand throughout the afternoon.	Paul Robinson 01325 406419
Thursday 23 rd July	Darlington by the Sea	Events	Market Square	Healthy D'ton, Rugby themed event.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Friday 24 th July to Thursday 6 th August	Darlington by the Sea	Distinct Darlington	Market Square	More sea side related activities.	Alex Hirst 01325 463002
AUGUST					
Saturday 1 st August	Street Entertainment in Darlington	Events	Town Centre	Family entertainment	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th Aug	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 2 nd August	Castle Ride – Approx. 80 miles	Events Team	Registration Dolphin Centre	A 80 mile cycle ride.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 2 nd August	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Friday 7 th August	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity promotion. Breast Feeding & Post natal.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 8 th August	Bands in the Town Presents:	Events	Town Centre	Bands to perform in the town centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 9 th August	Sherwood's Vauxhall 10K	Events	Market Square	Fun Run, Junior 3K & 10k RUNS	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Wednesday 12 th August	Tea Dance	Events & Partners	Market Square	Fancy a dance in the Market Square.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Thursday 13 th to Sunday 16 th August	Summer Markets	Markets	Town Centre	Festive Summer Markets with entertainment for all the family.	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693.

Saturday 15 th August	Dancing in the Streets presents:	Events	Town Centre	Dancers / Performers	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Sunday 16 th August	Tributes Concert	Events Team and Moulin Music	Market Square	Tribute acts concert in the square.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Monday 17 th to Sunday 23 rd August TBC	Fairground	Events	Market Square or Joseph Pease	Fairground rides for children.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 22 nd August	Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Street theatre & performances.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 27 th & Friday 28 th August TBC	Local Motion Mega Festival TBC	Sustainable Transport	Market Square & Joseph Pease	Local Motion annual event.	Louise Neale 01325 388716
SEPTEMBER					
Friday 4 th September	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity promotion.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 5 th September	Dancing in the Streets presents:	Events	Town Centre	Local Dance Schools or professionals perform in the town centre.	Marion Ogle 01325 388151
Saturday 5 th September and Sunday 6 th September	Darlington Model Railway Club Model Exhibition	Head of Steam/Darlington Model Railway Club	Head of Steam	Darlington Model Railway Club showing various layouts from the North East. Entrance fee applies.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Saturday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th September	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 6 th September	Hell O The North Cycle Ride	Events team	Registration Dolphin Centre	A 100 mile hilly cycle ride starting and finishing at the Dolphin Centre.	
Sunday 6 th September	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977 370392
Saturday 12 th and	Heritage Open	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Enjoy free entry to the museum	Kelly McStravick

Sunday 13 th September	Day			and guided tours by the Friends of Museum.	01325 734124
Sunday 13 th September	Rhythm and Blues Festival	Events	Market Square	20 th Anniversary.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Sunday 13 th September	Rhythm and Blues Market	Markets	Market Square	Rhythm and Blues themed Market.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 12 th September	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square / Joseph Pease	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MM team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Sunday 20 th September	North East Autism Society Colour Run – Run the Spectrum	North East Autism Society	South Park	5km fun colour run in aid of Autism Society.	Paul McCairns 0191 4924383
September 26 th and Sunday 27 th September	Festival of Thrift	Festival of Thrift organising committee	Lingfield Point / Darlington Town Centre	A FREE fun celebration of everyday living with upcycling, recycling and finding the sassiness in sustainable living.	www.festivalofthrift.co.uk
Saturday 26 th and Sunday 27 th September	190 th Anniversary of Opening of S&DR Gala Fun Days	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Celebrate 190 th Anniversary of the Opening of the S&DR with family entertainment, storytelling, Victorian games, guided tours, dancing and much, much more.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Saturday 26 th September	Street Theatre	Events	Market Square / Joseph Pease/ Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Street theatre & performances	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
OCTOBER					
Friday 2 nd October	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity promotion.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 3 rd October	Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Street theatre & performances	Paul Robinson 01325 406419
Saturday 3 rd 10 th ,	Park Run	Darlington	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful	Ian Barns 01325 460435

17 th , 24 th , 31 st October		Harriers AC		South Park. Pre-registration required.	07813938155
Sunday 4 th October	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Saturday 17 th October	Move More Activities	Move More Team	Market Square / Joseph Pease	Invite clubs/groups down to offer interactive sessions. MM team to do similar sessions.	Paul Foreman 01325 254370
Sunday 25 th October	Little Boo!	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Come along to specially decorated museum, entertainment includes, magician, face painting, spooky trail, arts and crafts Normal Entrance fee applies.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Saturday 24 th to Friday 30 th October	Fairground	Events	Market Square	Fairground Rides.	Phil Hyamer 01325 388438
Friday 30 th October	The History Wardrobe Presents: Gothic for Girls	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	The History Wardrobe Presents: Gothic for Girls The dark drama of black in fashion and the best of supernatural stories, with shiveringly beautiful costumes and readings from Jane Austen, charlotte and Emily Bronte and many more. Booking is essential and tickets cost £8.50	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Friday 30 th October	West Park Halloween	West Park	Friends of West Park	Halloween activities	Pippa Smailing 01325 406719 07977982090
Friday 30 th October	Denes Halloween Spectacular	Friends of the Dene	Tennis Dene	Halloween activities	Pippa Smailing 01325 406719 07977982090
Saturday 31 st October	Halloween Markets	Markets	Town Centre	Halloween themed market.	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693.

NOVEMBER					
Sunday 1 st November	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Friday 6 th November	Feel Good Fridays.	Hub	Market Square	Health eating & activity promotion.	Michael Hodgson 01325 388829
Saturday 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th November	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Democratic Services and Events Team	Holy Trinity Church, Woodlands Road and Cenotaph Memorial Hospital	Parade from Holy Trinity Church to the Cenotaph – Memorial Hospital.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 26 th November	Christmas Light Switch On	Events	Market Square	The Town's Christmas Lights will be switched on and Santa will make an appearance in the Market Square.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Thursday 26 th November	Sunday People's Christmas Market	Peoples Market	Town Centre	Sunday Market stalls	Sam Blackham 07977370392
26 th to Sunday 29 th November	Christmas Market 4 day event	Markets	Town Centre/ Skinnergate/Duke Street/Bondgate	Food, crafts and family entertainment.	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693.
DECEMBER					
Thursday 3 rd , 10 th & 17 th December	Christingle Markets	Markets	Town Centre	Food, crafts and family entertainment.	Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693
Saturday 5 th December to Sunday 3 rd January 2016	Ice Rink TBC	Distinct Darlington	Market Square	A special opening will be held on Saturday 5 th December followed by regular sessions until 3 rd January.	Town Centre Rangers 01325 463002
Saturday 5 th December	Street Theatre	Events	Town Centre	Christmas themed street theatre / performances.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417

Saturday 5 th December	Small Business Saturday	Markets	Town Centre		Naomi Jenkins 01325 388693
Saturday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th December	Park Run	Darlington Harriers AC	South Park	5KM run around the beautiful South Park. Pre-registration required.	Ian Barns 01325 460435 07813938155
Sunday 6 th December	Darlington Sunday People's Market	DSPM	Town Centre – West Row	Sunday Market	Sam Blackham 07977370392
Sunday 6 th December	Denes Christmas Fair	Friends of the Tennis Dene	Tennis Denes	Christmas crafts	Pippa Smailing 01325 406719 07977982090
Saturday 12 th and 19 th and Sunday 13 th and 20 th December	Santa at the Station	Head of Steam	Head of Steam	Meet santa in our magical grotto, receive and Christmas present, and entertainment Booking is essential and entrance fee applies.	Kelly McStravick 01325 734124
Saturday 12 th December	Bands in the Town Presents:	Events	Town Centre	Bands to perform in the town centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417
Saturday 19 th December	Bands in the Town Presents:	Events	Town Centre	Bands to perform in the town centre.	Phil Haymer 01325 406417