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CANNON HALL
MUSEUM, PARK & GARDENS

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's the perfect day out for all the family.

**Open Apr–Dec Thu–Sun,
11am–4pm**

**Bank holidays and
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 to the loving upkeep of the hall, park and gardens.

**cannonhall@
barnsley.gov.uk**

Bark House Lane,
Cawthorne, Barnsley
S75 4AT
01226 772002

cannon-hall.com

Accessibility:

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accessibility**



COSTUME CLASSICS

FROM
THE

24 MAY – 15 SEP

From The Duchess to The Danish Girl, period costume from page to screen to Cannon Hall.

FREE EXHIBITION
Donations welcome

For opening times visit
cannon-hall.com

#CostumeFromTheClassics

Image of The Duchess dress. Credit: The Duchess, 2008, Keira Knightly as Georgiana. Costume design by Michael O'Connor. By kind permission of Cosprop Ltd.



Wedding Fair

Explore a unique selection of local suppliers showcasing their work at Cannon Hall. Be inspired for your big day!

SAT 11 MAY

11am–3.30pm | Free entry

Retro Robin Fair

Come along to this brilliant ethical fair which considers our carbon footprint. Everything is upcycled, recycled, retro, vintage and handmade.

SUN 12 MAY

11am–3.30pm | Free entry
In the Spencer Wing, Coffee Lobby and Ballroom.

The Pigment Project

Artist Louise Ann Wright explores the process of creating pigments from items foraged in the grounds. See examples in this absorbing exhibition.

UNTIL SUN 2 JUN

North Range



Rowland Rook and Friends Bodacious Bird Trail

Can you find Rowland and all his feathered friends in the Hall?

SAT 25 MAY–SUN 2 JUN

Throughout summer
Free, drop-in during
Museum opening hours

Photography Workshop with Charlotte Elizabeth Photography

Come and explore Cannon Hall with your camera. All abilities welcome.

SAT 8 JUN

10am–2pm | £45
Tickets through Art Tickets
Recommended ages 16+
In the Spencer Wing.

Guardians of Bird Island

Guardians of Bird Island is an exciting new sculptural trail for Cannon Hall Park and Gardens, arriving in July 2024. It includes two large Gateway Guardian sculptures overlooking the lake, and seven smaller character pieces that form a story walk along the woodland bank of 'Bird Island'.

FROM JULY

Free, drop-in | More info at
www.guardiansofbirdisland.co.uk

Costume Capers

Strut your stuff on the stage, dazzle us in the dress-up corner or cosy up in our reading area. There's lots to do for all ages in our interactive space.

FRI 24 MAY–SUN 15 SEP

Free, drop-in during Museum opening hours

Tales of the Polish Camp Trail

A group of fearless and brave Polish soldiers displaced by WWII were stationed at Cannon Hall. After the war the camp was turned into a home for many other people from Poland. Follow the trail across the parkland and gardens and discover more about this fascinating part of Cannon Hall's history.

TUES 23 JUL–SUN 1 SEP

Free, drop-in

Little Hummingbird Fair

Come along to visit us for a very special weekend out. Wander around the Little Hummingbird Makers Market on the old tennis courts in front of the Museum (next to the Deer Shelter). Here you will find a fabulous collection of makers, bakers, crafters and general traders. There will be lots of hot food to try and plenty of tasty takeaway foodie options from sweet treats and cakes to homemade pies and bakes along with locally distilled alcoholic gifts, fashion, accessories, beauty and bathing, felt, knitting and crochet, home interiors, candles, dog treats and accessories and more. Help to continue supporting local trade and small independent business throughout the year.

SUNDAYS 30 JUN, 28 JUL & 25 AUG

10am–4pm | Free entry

On the old tennis courts. To trade with us email: Nicola@littlehummingbirdevents.co.uk

Little Listeners: Mini Vixen

Opera North presents a 40-minute interactive production for families telling the charming story of a Vixen who meets a Fox. As their friendship grows, they discover that working together is vital to protect their home and habitat around them. Pre-show drop-in craft activity and refreshments available.

TUE 30 & WED 31 JUL

Doors open from 1pm | Adult £6, child £5 | In the Deer Shelter & Spencer Wing. Tickets from Art Tickets.



COOPER GALLERY

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–Sat 10am–4pm
Closed Sun & Bank Holidays

Contact the Gallery for Sadler Room opening times

coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk

Cooper Gallery,
Church Street,
Barnsley, S70 2AH
01226 775678
coopergallery.com

Accessibility:

Audio described objects
Portable hearing loop available
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Paws, Claws, Tales & Roars The Next Generation

A special display of winning artwork from the Fusion Art Competition for Schools 2024, celebrating the talents of children and young people (4–18 years) from across Barnsley.

Supported by the Cooper Gallery Trustees.

UNTIL SAT 4 JAN 2025

Sadler Room | Free entry
Check Gallery for opening times.

The Postcards of Eldon Street

A homage display designed for the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) project as a contemporary response to the Victorian montage postcards by Warner Gothard. With poems written by young people for a competition with poet laureate, Simon Armitage.

UNTIL SAT 21 SEP

Free Entry
Amanda Stoner, Sadler Room.

Animal Alphabet

Join us to create an alphabet of animals in this fun, hands-on session.

WED 29 MAY

10am–12pm & 1–3pm | Free, drop-in | Suitable for all ages

Brian's Wild Wood

Read, create or simply relax in the fun surroundings of Brian's Wonderful World.

UNTIL SAT 4 JAN 2025

Sadler Room | Free entry
Check Gallery for opening times.

Sketchbook Circle Relaxed Sessions for Adults

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

THURSDAYS 2 MAY, 6 JUN, 4 JUL, 1 AUG

1pm–2.30pm, every first Thur of the month | Free
No need to book

Secrets of the Fox Collection

See beautiful landscape and still life paintings from the 19th century, on display for the first time in decades thanks to extensive conservation. Enjoy another new display from Barnsley's impressive art collections.

FROM MON 1 JUL

Free entry

Bear Bops & Fox Trots

One morning bear finds a cosy cave and goes for a snooze, but before he knows it the cave turns out to be a hot air balloon basket and he is whisked away on a wondrous journey. Join bear as he dances his way from one escapade to another. This dance and movement workshop is suitable for children aged 3–7.

THUR 1 AUG

10.30am & 1pm | £3 per child
Book your place on Art Tickets.

Relaxed Openings

**TUE 28 MAY, SAT 22 JUN,
TUE 2 JUL, TUE 13 AUG**

Animal Adventures in Wildsmith's World of Wonder

Join our storyteller to embark on an unforgettable adventure. This interactive session combines story and craft suitable for children under 7.

WED 7 & MON 12 AUG

10.30am & 1pm | £3 per child
Book your place on Art Tickets.

Paws, Claws, Tales & Roars

Join Mama G In our enchanted forest to experience a magical, interactive performance of Brian Wildsmith's new book.

THUR 15 AUG

11am & 1pm | £3 per child
Book your place on Art Tickets.

The World of Brian Wildsmith

Sat 20 Apr – Sat 4 Jan 2025

Experience Barnsley Museum
& Cooper Gallery #BrianWildsmith

World-renowned children's book author and illustrator Brian Wildsmith will be celebrated through two new exhibitions at The Cooper Gallery and Experience Barnsley Museum. Displays will be awash with the vibrant palette and limitless imagination which were so recognisable in Brian's beloved books, including his ABC, The Owl and the Woodpecker, Jungle Party, and many more.

EXPERIENCE BARNSELY MUSEUM

Coming Home: The Life of Brian Wildsmith

We tell the inspirational story of Brian's life and career, from his childhood growing up in the mining communities around Hoyland and Barnsley to his illustrious career as an artist, illustrator and author. The exhibition contains memorabilia, photographs, drawings and original artwork from the Brian Wildsmith archive and private collection. His life is a fantastic tale in itself!

COOPER GALLERY

Paws, Claws, Tales & Roars: The Art of Brian Wildsmith

For the first time Brian's personal collection of over 40 colourful original illustrations, early works, drawings and paintings will be on display in the beautiful setting of the Cooper Gallery. The walls will be filled with colour and vivid characters. It's a perfect destination for art lovers of all ages and our younger visitors can enjoy our specially created forest activity area 'Brian's Wild Wood', upstairs in the Sadler Room.

Image credit: A stare of owls – paws, claws, tails and roars © The Brian Wildsmith Estate, 2024.
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EXPERIENCE BARNSELY

MUSEUM & DISCOVERY CENTRE

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.

Tue–Fri 10am–4pm
Sat 10am–3.30pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Discovery Centre (Archives & Local Studies)

Tue: 10am–12.30pm, 1.30pm–6pm
Wed–Fri: 10am–12.30pm, 1.30pm–4pm

Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2TA
01226 772500

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

Accessibility:

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

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Trailblazers and Road Runners

A new display and photography wall celebrating the history of running in Barnsley. Find out about the Barnsley 6, the Barnsley Marathon (older than the London race) and how to find a local running group. Including a two-case display and a special photography wall featuring Barnsley runners by Steve Frith.

FROM SAT 29 JUNE THROUGH TO 2025

Free entry

The Teeny Time Travellers Club

Join our U5s session for making, exploring, stories and songs.

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| 3 May: Toys in Space | 14 Jun: Our House |
| 10 May: Pies & Puddings | 21 Jun: Tins & Boxes |
| 17 May: Splash & Dash | 28 Jun: Market Day |
| 24 May: Showbiz | 5 Jul: Transport & Trips |
| 7 Jun: Rainbows | 12 Jul: Pirates & Treasure |

FRIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

10am–11.30am & 12.30pm–2pm | £5 per child
Book your place via Arts Tickets.

#Strike40

Marking the 40th anniversary of the Miners' Strike, one of the most significant episodes in Barnsley and Britain's history, with a year-long programme of events and activity. It will run until the anniversary of the end of the strike in March 2025. Activities include:

Digital Experiences

March 2024–March 2025

Explore blogs, podcasts, photography, films, and award-winning digital content created with our communities which can be found at www.experience-barnsley.com/strike40

Elsecar Building Bridges Project

March 2024–March 2025

Collecting memories as part of the Elsecar Building Bridges project including permanent interpretation to be installed about the village's experiences in the 1980s.

Without Malice or Ill Will

Summer 2024

Visit Elsecar Heritage Centre for a stunning performance by the Hand on the Tap theatre company. Ticket details at: www.elsecar-heritage.com

Elsecar #Strike40 Exhibition

Jan–March 2025

Using testimony and images collected during the Building Bridges community project, co-curated with local miners and their families.

All Books Bright and Beautiful

Work as a team to create a cool concertina book and learn techniques such as ribbon binding, pop-outs, cut-aways to add to vibrant illustrations.

FRI 31 MAY

10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm
£5 per child

Places are limited so booking is essential via Art Tickets.

Behind the Scenes Barnsley Archives & Local Studies

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

MON 10 JUN

10am–12 noon | Free
Booking recommended – call 01226 773950.

Armed Forces Day Free Family Trail

Find out more about Barnsley's military heritage in Experience Barnsley Museum and around the Town Centre. Collect a trail leaflet from Library@Lightbox or our Museum and have fun exploring.

SAT 15 JUN | Free

Festival of Archaeology – Celtic Farm to Roman Villa A special talk by Tony Warden

With over six decades of experience working on archaeological digs, Tony shares his passion for our ancient past. From Celtic cemeteries to Roman villas, Tony uses his field research to explore the lives of ancient people.

SAT 13 JUL

1pm–3pm | Free, donations welcome
In the Learning Lab. Bookable on Art Tickets.

The Strange Sisters' Chamber of Treasures

The Stange Sisters will be your mysterious guides in Barnsley's Chamber of Treasures, a fascinating new corner of the museum. What does treasure mean to you? Create poems about your own favourite treasures and write your own object labels based on the curious objects on display.

WED 24 JUL

10am–2pm | Free, drop-in
This project is supported by Barnsley Museums & Heritage Trust, DCMS/Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund.

Athersley and New Lodge Reminiscences Workshop

The Archives team will be visiting the area with local photographs and books for you to get hands-on in choosing images for a new display in the Roundhouse Library. We'd love to include your memories of the area, so come along, meet people and chat about the history of the local area. Free refreshments provided.

FRI 14 JUN

10am–1pm | Free
A 'Know Your Neighbourhood' funded event.

Experience Barnsley Scavenger Hunt

The Museum is crammed full of weird and wonderful objects! We've picked some of our favourite treasures. Can you spot them all?

FROM 23 JUL

Free, drop-in during
Museum opening hours

Treasure Seekers

From hidden Roman hoards to lost books from a bygone age, Experience Barnsley Museum is crammed full with treasure. Calling all treasure hunters and enquiring minds to join us discovering the hidden treasures of Barnsley and making some of your own to take home.

FRI 26 JUL

10.30am–2pm | Free, drop-in

Barnsley on Film

Free film shows each Saturday during the summer holidays

20 July – Barnsley in the 1960s: A compilation film from Barnsley Archives featuring parades, Barnsley Market footage and a snapshot of Barnsley industries in this era.

27 July – Heart of The Wood – Exploring the Past, Present and Future of Mining Communities: A teenage girl and her younger brother go on an epic and magical underground quest to fight for the life of their grandfather. Recorded at Dearne Playhouse in Dec 2023.

3 Aug – Audio Described Films: A chance to watch a selection of Barnsley Museums films that have been audio described.

10 Aug – The best of Eldon Street High Street Heritage Action Zone: We look back on the four-year project with a selection of films made as part of the Eldon HSHAZ.

17 Aug – The Best of Barnsley on Film: A 40-minute compilation from our archive spanning films created in the last 100+ years.

24 Aug – Up The Swanee! Poetry, history, songs, art and photography, reflecting the stories of the people who remember the Swanee a mysterious pond in Kendray.

Relaxed Openings TUE 28 MAY, SAT 22 JUN, TUE 2 JUL, TUE 13 AUG

SENsational

Book on this multisensory experience for families with PMLD, autism and who are neurodivergent. Our families said: "Relaxing and stimulating" "All activities provided were great" "Really good for our PMLD children".

WED 7 AUG

11am–12 noon & 1pm–2pm
Free. Places limited, booking essential via Eventbrite.

The Big Barnsley Bats & Balls Bash!

Celebrate all things sport at Experience Barnsley Museum at this fun filled, family event. From ferret racing to the ancient game of nipsey, football to traditional school sports day fun, there'll be lots to do for the whole family.

THUR 8 AUG

10am–2pm | Free drop-in

Barnsley Civic Trust Talk

Join us for the monthly programme of talks hosted by the Barnsley Civic Trust, in partnership with Barnsley Archives & Local Studies.

For further details on the subject of each talk please visit www.experience-barnsley.com/whats-on or phone 01226 773950.



DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

Free, donations welcome
Barnsley Town Hall.

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies Family History Surgeries

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.

TUE 27 AUG

2pm–5pm | Free
Booking essential. Call 01226 773950.



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 which can be bought in the gift shop. It is an amazing place to visit, have fun and see history come to life.

Worsbrough Mill Museum & Shop
Thur–Sun, 10am–3pm
Country Park & Reservoir
open 7 days a week, all year round

Millers Tea Room
Mon–Sun, 9.30am–4pm

Worsbrough Bridge,
Barnsley, S70 5LJ
01226 774527

worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk | www.worsbrough-mill.com

Accessibility:

- Audio described videos
- Multi-sensory trail
- Sensory backpacks
- Sunflower lanyards
- Visit England access guide
- Visual story
- 360 tour

worsbrough-mill.com/accessibility



It's going to be an exciting summer at Monk Bretton Priory!

Medieval Mayhem
SAT 18 & SUN 19 MAY

Sounds of the Summer
SAT 3 AUG

Harvest Festival
SUN 6 OCT | 11am–4pm



Celebrate National Mills Weekend

Join us for a very special day at the Mill as we celebrate National Mills Weekend. There will be an opportunity to taste bread made with our flour with delicious free samples, learn more about the history of the Mill and free family craft activities. It's set to be a great day and a great way to find out about our 17th Century working water mill.

SUN 12 MAY
10am–3pm | Guided Mill tours 11am & 2pm

Leaf Magic

Can you tell an oak leaf from a hazel? Follow the leaf trail and see if you can find all the leaf markers. See if you can spot all the species represented in the living trees along the way.

SAT 25 MAY
Throughout the summer
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm
Free, drop in
Pick up a free trail leaflet from the Gift Shop.

Nonconformist Heritage Talk

Join Barnsley Museums' project archivist for an illustrated talk on the fascinating history of the Worsbrough area's seven Methodist chapels over the past 200 years.

TUE 2 JUL
2.30pm–4.30pm | Free
In Birdwell Methodist Church.

Enchanted Envelopes and Pebble Poems

Make your own messages for the woodland sprites and fairies using natural materials.

THUR 22 & 29 AUG
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm | £3 per child
Booking essential on Art Tickets.

Field to Fork Workshops for Primary Schools at Worsbrough Mill

Explore the journey of wheat from field to flour in these hands-on Local History and STEM workshops for KS1 and KS2. Pupils will tour the Mill to discover how it works, learn which foods are made from flour and have a go at practical hands-on activities such as grinding their own wheat to support learning. Our KS1 session uses the specially-created story 'The Mill Mouse' to inspire pupils.

Sessions last 2 hours, cost £160 per class, and can be booked alongside our free nature and storytelling trails around the Country Park!

Email learning@barnsley.gov.uk for more information.





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.

**elsecarheritagecentre
@barnsley.gov.uk**

Wath Road, Elsecar,
Barnsley, S74 8HJ
01226 740203
elsecar-heritage.com

Accessibility:

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accessibility**



Building Bridges

A new community and volunteering project, Building Bridges and Forging Ahead, is celebrating the heritage of Elsecar, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project is building a People's Archive of Elsecar from digital records and family history stories to recording the memories of people who worked at Elsecar Main Colliery, the New Yard

Workshops and memories of living in the village.

The project is also producing an incredible piece of public art to mark the 200th anniversary of spectacular bridges being built for an island off the coast of Africa. Special community workshops will explore our global links.

We are also developing a new trail for teenagers to engage in the history of Elsecar this summer.

If you would like to explore and work out the clues and find your way through time then watch out for more details of the launch.

There's lots of volunteering to get involved in too, including talking to visitors, recording memories, working with our green spaces, improving habitats and understanding more about our historic buildings.

See www.elsecar-heritage.com or call 01226 740203 for further information.

New Yard Tours

You will be guided around the village to discover amazing history and heritage with expert guides sharing detailed information about the collieries, industrial workshops, and incredible Ironworks.

Newcomen Demonstrations

Marvel at the innovation of our 1795 Newcomen Engine, the world's oldest steam engine still in situ and celebrate the tenth anniversary of its restoration.

Newcomen Evening Demonstrations

Enjoy a special evening to understand and learn more about our 1795 Newcomen Beam Engine. The evening includes a tour of the site, a demonstration of the Great Engine, refreshments and a chance to see our model engine in action!

EVERY SAT & SUN

2pm, approx. 1 hr | £5pp, children free
Dogs are welcome on the tour.

SAT 18 MAY & SUN 22 JUN

1pm & 2pm
See website for more details.
Limited to 15 people per tour.

WED 17 JUN

6pm
See website for more details, booking essential.



Antiques Fair

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



Little Hummingbird Event Fair

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

SAT 4 & SUN 5 MAY
SAT 1 & SUN 2 JUN
10am–4pm | Free entry

SUN 12 MAY
Early trade entry: 8am, £2
Public entry: 10am–4pm
Adults £1.50, concession £1

Unique Gift Fair

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.

SAT 18 & SUN 19 MAY 10am–4pm | Free entry

Building Bridges Project: Making History Day

Do you have memories or memorabilia from working at Elsecar Main Colliery, the New Yard Workshops or living in the village?

We would love to hear from you. Why not pop along to share your stories, meet the team and hear more about our exciting heritage project.

SAT 18 MAY
11am–3pm | Visitor Centre
For more information contact the team on 01226 740203.

Toy, Train & Doll Fair

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.

TUE 14 MAY
7pm–9pm | £1.50 adults,
£1 concession, 50p children

Suppa Club

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 24, SAT 25 & SUN 26 MAY
Fri 5pm–11pm
Sat 12 noon–11pm
Free entry

Marvellous Machines Trail

Can you find all the awesome inventions and cool constructions hidden around Elsecar Heritage Centre?

SAT 25 MAY–SUN 2 JUN

In Time by Live History

Step back in time for a performance by Live History, bringing past figures of Elsecar to life. Audience members will follow their own chosen path to complete missions, tasks, clues and speak to characters whilst learning about the history of Elsecar. Suitable for all ages. Walk-ins welcome.

SAT 8 & SUN 9 JUN
11am–3pm | Adults £12,
concessions £10, children £6
Tickets from Art Tickets.

Elsecar by the Sea Trail

Summer Trail Inspired by the incredible story of the 'seaside resort at the heart of the Yorkshire coalfield', search out hidden seaside objects and collect words to make a popular summer song.

TUE 23 JUL–SUN 1 SEP
Free, drop-in during
museum opening hours

Photography Workshop with Charlotte Elizabeth Photography

Come and explore Elsecar with your camera.

SUN 11 AUG
Morning and afternoon session | £45 Tickets from Art Tickets
Recommended ages 16+ | All abilities welcome

Furnaces to Follies Walking Hike

Fancy a history hike? Join us for a guided walk around the remarkable landscape of Elsecar and Wentworth, including furnaces, collieries, follies, secret places, and stories from the last 300 years! Wear suitable footwear as the walk includes uneven ground, hills, and stiles, please bring refreshments.

FRI 21 JUN
11am–4pm
£12pp, booking essential.
Starts at the Visitor Centre.

Without Malice or Ill Will

A thought-provoking performance about a police officer during the mining strikes. Includes a Q&A with refreshments afterwards. Recommended for ages 15+.

THUR 25 & FRI 26 JUL
Doors open 6pm, performance
7pm | Adults £12, conc. £10
Tickets from Art Tickets.

New Workshop for Primary Schools!

Earl Fitzwilliam: Raising water by fire – KS2

Explore Elsecar, learn about the Earl Fitzwilliam, and find out how the Newcomen Beam Engine works in this 2-hour STEM and Local History workshop. Pupils will investigate the Earl Fitzwilliam's purchase of the Newcomen Engine, handle objects, and take a tour of the site.

2 hour workshop
£160 per class
Email learning@barnsley.gov.uk to find out more.

Coming soon to Elsecar Heritage Centre

Story Trails for Under-5s and their Families

Join us on an epic adventure this summer! Created in collaboration with Fettle and Fable Theatre (part of the National Lottery Heritage-Funded Building Bridges project).

Time Travelling Trail

Join two time travellers as they step back 100 year from 2084 to the 1980s and experience Elsecar during the miners' strike. Scan QR codes to unlock the mystery and find the black diamond. Produced by Next Big Thing, Barnsley's young Cultural Ambassadors and We Great Ladies.

Wentworth Castle Gardens

Outstanding Grade-1 listed gardens and parkland, 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.

Unless stated otherwise, all our events are free. Normal admission charges apply. No need to book.

10am–5pm 7 days a week
10am–6.30pm each
Thursday throughout June

Park Drive, Barnsley,
South Yorkshire, S75 3EN
01226 323070

[wentworthcastlegardens@nationaltrust.org.uk](https://www.wentworthcastlegardens.org.uk)
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/wentworth-castle-gardens

Accessibility:

Accessible route and map
Accessible toilets
Blue Badge parking
Golf buggy access
Portable hearing loop
Powered mobility vehicles (hire)
Ramped access
Sensory backpacks
Visual Story
Wheelchairs available to borrow



Photography Walks

Ideal for those new to photography, improve your skills whilst meandering through bluebell woodlands or when capturing blooms of the Rhododendron collection.

1 MAY & 21 MAY
10.30am–12.30pm

Compost Week

To celebrate International Compost Awareness week, come and chat to our Gardens team about how you can compost at home and the benefits to the environment.

6–10 MAY
Daily at 12pm

Voices Blooming

As part of the annual 'Festival of Blossom' enjoy uplifting music from the women's singing group 'Body of Sound'.

SUN 12 MAY
12pm & 2pm

Ranger Rambles

Experience nature in the company of an expert on these one-to-two-hour informal walks across the parkland.

WED 26 JUNE & 18 AUG
THUR 23 MAY & 25 JUL
11am

Walking Festival

As part of the borough-wide walking festival, there will be a variety of walks for all ages, abilities and interests.

1–31 MAY
Free, drop-in

Sensory Trail at Wentworth Castle Gardens

Experience the garden anew with this sensory trail designed for people, of all abilities, to use their senses in both familiar and unusual ways. Take a relaxed approach to discovering the wonders of nature. Return to it time and again and gain fresh experiences prompted by changing weathers and changing seasons.

EVERY DAY
10am–3.30pm | Pick up your map or download online.

Step into History Walks

Wentworth Figures
Parkland Monuments

**3 MAY, 22 MAY, 7 JUN,
19 JUN, 28 JUNE, 11 JUL,
26 JUL, 9 AUG**
11am | No need to book

Beginners Running Group

Join our friendly trained running leaders to learn how to exercise safely, and at your own pace.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10.15am | Free for National Trust Members
Non-members £3

Open Archives

Drop in and meet the Research & Archives volunteers, learn about their work and share your memories of the estate.

TUE 7 MAY & 2 JUL
10.30am–12.30pm

House Tours

An opportunity to see inside the Mansion, now Northern College, at the centre of the estate.

**FRIDAYS 10 MAY, 28 JUN,
12 JUL & 30 AUG**
10.30am, 11.30am,
12.30pm & 1.30pm
£8, plus admission fee
Booking is essential.



Fine Fettle

Build your confidence, improve your skills and enhance your wellbeing in beautiful woodlands. Fine Fettle supports adults with lived experience relating to mental health to engage in outdoor activities including, forest skills, wildlife identification, nature-based arts, folklore, mindfulness and much more.

EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING TERM TIME

For more information contact Angela E: adventuringangels@outlook.com | M: 07759 878011



Escape the Gardens

Come and play detective this May half term and solve the clues to Escape the Gardens in our new interactive trail.

25 MAY-2 JUN

10am-4pm | £2 plus standard admission price

Great Big Green Week

Join us to celebrate the greenest festival around with themed walks, talks, top eco tips and some community craftivism.

8-16 JUN

Teddy Zip-line

Our popular Teddy Zip-line returns this Father's Day weekend, bring your teddy for a thrilling ride down Stainborough Castle.

SAT 15 & SUN 16 JUN

11am-4pm

Picnic Month

Enjoy the simple pleasure of picnicking in the gardens, amongst stunning blooms. Why not bring a picnic after school during our summer lates?

THROUGHOUT JUNE

Late opening until 6.30pm every Thursday in June

Archaeology Festival

Discover more about the secrets that lie beneath your feet with a day of guided walks led by Mark Newman, the National Trust's archaeologist.

THUR 18 JUL

11am & 2pm

Summer of Play

With a fairy-tale castle, secret gardens and winding wilderness paths, Wentworth Castle Gardens is the perfect setting. Look out for archery on selected days.

20 JUL-1 SEP

Daily from 10am

Orienteering Trail

Explore familiar and more hidden areas of Wentworth Castle Gardens with our orienteering courses. Try either the short or the long course, perfect for all abilities.

EVERY DAY

10am-3.30pm | Trail sheets £1 each + admission price

Comedy of Errors

We celebrate Yorkshire Day with an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's 'A Comedy of Errors' by HandleBards Theatre company.

THUR 1 AUG

7pm-9.15pm | Prices on website
Booking essential.

Gardener Walk and Talk

Join our Gardener on a tour of our tree fern collection. Learn about the ecosystems they provide, how they arrived in the UK and why they are under threat.

14 AUG

11am

WHAT'S ON

Barnsley town centre hosts incredible **free events** all year round. **Here's what to expect in 2024!**

Dates & events subject to change.

ALL FREE

FLAVOURS FOOD FESTIVAL

Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 May

BARNSELY LIVE! MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 8 June

BARNSELY'S BIG WEEKEND

packed with family fun activities

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 July

ELDON STREET HAZ Tuesday 4 July

Join us for the end of the Eldon Street Heritage Action Zone celebration event in the Glassworks Square. This event marks the end of a three-year project that has transformed the area into a cultural hotspot, with the help of local artists, businesses and visitors. The event will feature a variety of activities, performances and exhibitions. You can enjoy craft workshops, games, interactive tours and more.

barnsley.gov.uk/events



MAKE IT YOURS



BARNSELY

Accessible Events and Activities

BARNSELY MUSEUMS

Relaxed Openings

Experience Barnsley The Cooper Gallery

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

TUE 28 MAY, SAT 22 JUN, TUE 2 JUL, TUE 13 AUG

Throughout opening times, check website for details.

Multisensory Trail

Experience Wentworth Castle Gardens anew with this sensory trail designed for people, of all abilities, to use their senses in both familiar and unusual ways.

THROUGHOUT SUMMER

Every day, 10am-3.30pm | Free

Drop in, pick up your map or download online.

SENsational

Take part in our unique, multisensory session for families with PMLD autism and who are neurodiverse. 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.

WED 7 AUG

11am-12 noon & 1pm-2pm

Learning Lab. Free, places limited, booking essential.

Audio Described Films

A selection of Barnsley Museums films that have been audio described.

3 AUG

Film shows 10am-3pm, no need to book.

Pick up your sensory backpacks from any of our sites and explore our spaces in a whole new way! Free, daily from 10am.

May at a glance

WED	1	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Photography Walks Walking Festival
THU	2	Sketchbook Circle Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival
FRI	3	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Step into History Walks TTT: Toys in Space
SAT	4	Postcards of Eldon St Little Hummingbird Walking Festival
SUN	5	Little Hummingbird Walking Festival
MON	6	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Compost Week
TUE	7	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Compost Week Open Archives
WED	8	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Compost Week
THU	9	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Compost Week
FRI	10	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Compost Week House Tours TTT: Pies & Puddings
SAT	11	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Wedding Fair
SUN	12	Retro Robin Fair Walking Festival Voices Blooming Antiques Fair National Mills Weekend
MON	13	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival
TUE	14	Postcards of Eldon St Toy, Train & Doll Fair Walking Festival
WED	15	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival
THU	16	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Flavours Food Festival
FRI	17	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Flavours Food Festival TTT: Splash & Dash
SAT	18	Postcards of Eldon St Making History Day Unique Gift Fair Newcomen Demonstrations Building Bridges Day Project Walking Festival Clay Day Wedding Fair Flavours Food Festival
SUN	19	Unique Gift Fair Walking Festival Flavours Food Festival
MON	20	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival
TUE	21	Postcards of Eldon St Photography Walks Walking Festival
WED	22	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Step into History Walks
THU	23	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Ranger Rambles
FRI	24	Postcards of Eldon St Suppa Club Walking Festival Costume Capers TTT: Showbiz
SAT	25	Postcards of Eldon St Suppa Club Marvellous Machines Trail Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers Leaf Magic
SUN	26	Suppa Club Marvellous Machines Trail Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers
MON	27	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers Marvellous Machines Trail
TUE	28	Relaxed Openings Postcards of Eldon St Relaxed Openings Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers Marvellous Machines Trail
WED	29	Animal Alphabet Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers Marvellous Machines Trail
THU	30	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers Marvellous Machines Trail
FRI	31	Postcards of Eldon St Walking Festival Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers Marvellous Machines Trail All Books Bright and Beautiful

Wentworth Castle Gardens	Sensory Trail, Orienteering Trail: Every day Fine Fettle, Beginners Running Group: Every Wednesday
Cannon Hall	Costume from the Classics: 24 May–15 Sep
Cooper Gallery	World of Brian Wildsmith; Paws, Claws Tales & Roars – The Next Generation; Brian's Wild Wood: Until 4 Jan 2025
Experience Barnsley	World of Brian Wildsmith: Until 4 Jan 2025 Scavenger Hunt: Until 23 Jul
Elsecar Heritage Centre	Highlight New Yard Tours: Every Saturday New Yard Tours: Every Sunday Elsecar by the Sea Trail: Tue 23 Jul–Sun 1 Sep

June at a glance

SAT	1	Postcards of Eldon St Little Hummingbird Marvellous Machines Trail Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers
SUN	2	Little Hummingbird Marvellous Machines Trail Escape the Gardens Bodacious Bird Trail Costume Capers
MON	3	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
TUE	4	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
WED	5	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
THU	6	Sketchbook Circle Postcards of Eldon St Picnic Month Costume Capers
FRI	7	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers TTT: Rainbows Step into History Walks
SAT	8	Postcards of Eldon St In Time by Live History Great Big Green Week Barnsley Live! music festival Costume Capers Photography Workshop with Charlotte Elizabeth Photography
SUN	9	In Time by Live History Great Big Green Week Costume Capers
MON	10	Postcards of Eldon St Behind the Scenes – Barnsley Archives & Local Studies Great Big Green Week Costume Capers
TUE	11	Postcards of Eldon St Great Big Green Week Costume Capers
WED	12	Postcards of Eldon St Great Big Green Week Costume Capers
THU	13	Postcards of Eldon St Great Big Green Week Picnic Month Costume Capers
FRI	14	Postcards of Eldon St Great Big Green Week Athersley and New Lodge Reminiscences Workshop TTT: Our House Costume Capers
SAT	15	Postcards of Eldon St Great Big Green Week Teddy Zip-line Costume Capers Armed Forces Day Free Family Trail
SUN	16	Great Big Green Week Teddy Zip-line Costume Capers
MON	17	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
TUE	18	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
WED	19	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers Step into History Walks
THU	20	Postcards of Eldon St Picnic Month Costume Capers
FRI	21	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers TTT: Tins & Boxes Furnaces to Follies Walking Hike
SAT	22	Relaxed Openings Postcards of Eldon St Relaxed Openings Newcomen Demonstrations Costume Capers
SUN	23	Costume Capers
MON	24	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
TUE	25	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
WED	26	Postcards of Eldon St Ranger Rambles Costume Capers
THU	27	Postcards of Eldon St Picnic Month Costume Capers
FRI	28	Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers TTT: Market Day House Tours Step into History Walks
SAT	29	Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
SUN	30	Little Hummingbird Fair

KEY	Experience Barnsley	Cooper Gallery	Town Centre	Elsecar Heritage Centre
	Worsbrough Mill	Cannon Hall	Wentworth Castle Gardens	

July at a glance

MON	1	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
TUE	2	Relaxed Openings Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Relaxed Openings Eldon Street HAZ Costume Capers Open Archives Nonconformist Heritage Talk
WED	3	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
THU	4	Sketchbook Circle Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
FRI	5	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers TTT: Transport & Trips Costume Capers
SAT	6	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
SUN	7	Costume Capers
MON	8	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
TUE	9	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
WED	10	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
THU	11	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers Step into History Walks
FRI	12	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers TTT: Pirates & Treasure Barnsley's Big Weekend Costume Capers House Tours
SAT	13	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Festival of Archaeology Barnsley's Big Weekend Costume Capers
SUN	14	Barnsley's Big Weekend Costume Capers
MON	15	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Costume Capers
TUE	16	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
WED	17	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers Newcomen Evening Demonstrations
THU	18	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Archaeology Festival Costume Capers
FRI	19	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Costume Capers
SAT	20	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Barnsley on Film Summer of Play Costume Capers
SUN	21	Summer of Play Costume Capers
MON	22	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Summer of Play Costume Capers
TUE	23	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Scavenger Hunt Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
WED	24	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Chamber of Treasures Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
THU	25	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Ranger Rambles Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Without Malice or Ill Will
FRI	26	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Treasure Seekers Summer of Play Step into History Walks Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Without Malice or Ill Will
SAT	27	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Heart of The Wood Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SUN	28	Little Hummingbird Fair Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
MON	29	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
TUE	30	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Little Listeners: Mini Vixen
WED	31	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Little Listeners: Mini Vixen
KEY		■ Experience Barnsley ■ Cooper Gallery ■ Town Centre ■ Elsecar Heritage Centre ■ Worsbrough Mill ■ Cannon Hall ■ Wentworth Castle Gardens

August at a glance

THU	1	Sketchbook Circle Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Bear Bops and Fox Trots Trailblazers Summer of Play Comedy of Errors Performance Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
FRI	2	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SAT	3	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SUN	4	Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
MON	5	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
TUE	6	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
WED	7	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Animal Adventures Trailblazers SENSational Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
THU	8	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers The Big Barnsley Bats & Balls Bash! Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
FRI	9	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Step into History Walks Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SAT	10	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Barnsley on Film Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SUN	11	Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Photography Workshop with Charlotte Elizabeth Photography Costume Capers
MON	12	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Animal Adventures Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
TUE	13	Relaxed Openings Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Relaxed Openings Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
WED	14	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Gardener Walk and Talk Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
THU	15	Secrets of the Fox Paws, Claws, Tales and Roars Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
FRI	16	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SAT	17	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Barnsley on Film Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SUN	18	Summer of Play Ranger Rambles Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
MON	19	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
TUE	20	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
WED	21	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
THU	22	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Enchanted envelopes and pebble poems
FRI	23	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SAT	24	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SUN	25	Little Hummingbird Fair Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Summer of Play
MON	26	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
TUE	27	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Family History Surgeries Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
WED	28	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
THU	29	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers Enchanted Envelopes and Pebble Poems
FRI	30	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play House Tours Polish Camp Trail Costume Capers
SAT	31	Secrets of the Fox Postcards of Eldon St Trailblazers Summer of Play Polish Camp Trail

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