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In Doncaster, every stride tells a story. From the thrill of the St Leger Festival to the buzz of energy on market days; this is a city built on heritage and driven by ambition. It's the pride in the roar of the Rovers' home crowd, the welcoming warmth of our cafés, and the humour that binds our community together.

Doncaster moves forward without losing what matters most - character, pride, and spirit. Here, moments become memories, and memories become milestones.

That's Doncaster - and we wouldn't have it any other way!

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NEW ON THE SCENE

As Doncaster prepares to celebrate 250 years of the legendary St Leger Festival, the city isn't just looking back – it's charging forward. True to its racing roots, Doncaster is picking up pace with fresh openings, bold ideas, and a packed calendar of annual events!

2025 was a big year for one of Doncaster's most loved landmarks, **The Corn Exchange**, this historic building has undergone a £5m refurbishment and it's safe to say, it's had a proper glow up! Beautifully restored and on its way to being alive once again with art markets, live music performances and some seriously good coffee; this year the Corn Exchange promises to have a packed calendar of events while adding new independent shops to their offer – quickly becoming a beating heart of the city centre.

Speaking of beats, it's hard to miss the electric atmosphere of **The Temple**, a lively Irish themed gastro pub that is

winning the hearts of locals and visitors alike! Just a stones-throw from the Corn Exchange and right next door to the long-standing favourite, **The Wool Market** – The Temple provides live music, a cracking pint and the kind of welcome that makes you feel like a regular from your very first visit.

It's a mix of old flavours and new faces that keep Doncaster on the map and the good stuff doesn't stop in the Market Square. Nether Hall Road's international food scene just keeps getting better! In 2025 we welcomed the opening of an exciting new restaurant, **Rana's Indian Grill House**, a proud addition to the city's ever-growing menu of global tastes.

If the buzz of the city centre leaves you ready for relaxation, Doncaster has some new spots just for you! Set among the rolling fields and country village of Loversall, you'll find **Loversall Vineyard**, a family-owned vineyard that offers wine tours with a difference.

If you like your downtime with a little movement, head to **Lake-Y**. This new lifestyle resort is turning heads in 2026 with paddleboarding, lakeside yoga, and wellness experiences to help you reset. Just outside the city centre, it's proof Doncaster can slow down as well as speed up. Members enjoy full access, but visitors can try the Padel courts, join events and workshops, or look out for the launch of bespoke holiday lodges.

This summer keep your eyes peeled for the new big cats in town! **The Pride of Yorkshire Sculpture Trail** is bringing a burst of creativity to South Yorkshire while raising vital funds for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. A series of lion sculptures will be prowling through public spaces, each one is a canvas for local artists, celebrating community, culture, and the kind of pride that doesn't need to roar to be heard. Keep a look out on the Visit Doncaster website for more details.

What's next? Plenty! Doncaster's calendar is filling with seasonal celebrations that bring people together in true Doncaster style. **The Dome** makes a splash with its refurbished swimming lagoons, **Doncaster RLFC**



celebrate their 75th anniversary, new businesses are opening, fresh ideas are taking root, and the city's energy keeps growing.

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: A Step Closer to Reopening

Exciting progress is underway to reopen **Doncaster Sheffield Airport** after securing a £193m funding package. The reopening marks the largest single investment in Doncaster for a generation, promising thousands of skilled jobs, inward investment, and a boost to tourism and economic growth. With strong public backing, the airport is set to play a pivotal role in South Yorkshire's future.



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HERITAGE, CULTURE + CHARACTER

In Doncaster, heritage is about understanding where we've come from, celebrating what we've built, and feeling inspired by the stories that still shape us.

At the heart of it all is the **Danum Gallery, Library and Museum**, or **DGLAM**, as locals know it. It's where Doncaster's past meets its future, with exhibitions that celebrate everything from coal mining to couture. In 2026, a new exhibition will shine a spotlight on Sir Nigel Gresley, the legendary engineer behind the Mallard and Flying Scotsman. Through rare artefacts, personal letters, and immersive displays, visitors will discover how Gresley's genius - and Doncaster's skilled railway workers - helped shape the golden age of steam.

Accentuating the city's skyline with its soaring spire, **Doncaster Minster** is a masterpiece of Victorian gothic architecture and a true symbol of acceptance. Step inside and you'll find a space that feels both grand and inviting, where sunlight dances through stained glass onto intricate stonework. More than a place of worship, the Minster hosts concerts, community gatherings, and seasonal celebrations throughout the year, making it a vibrant hub where visitors and locals can come together.

Just outside the city centre, the landscape shifts to stately homes and ancient strongholds. English Heritage's **Conisbrough Castle** rises dramatically from the earth, its 12th-century keep still standing proud. It's a place of legend and literature, famously inspiring Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*, and now brought to life with immersive storytelling - a vivid graphic novel-style interpretation guides you round the whole fortress, featuring builders, servants,

ladies-in-waiting and squires from the castle's past.

Slightly further afield, **Brodsworth Hall** offers a glimpse into Victorian elegance, preserved just as it was found and now cared for by English Heritage. Its faded grandeur and beautifully restored gardens tell a quiet story of time passing, while **Cusworth Hall**, nestled in rolling parkland, brings Doncaster's social history into focus. From kitchen servants to landed gentry, the museum inside Cusworth explores the lives of everyday people - and the park outside is perfect for a picnic, a wander, or a selfie with a view!

If you needed proof that Doncaster's creative spirit is alive and kicking, look no further than the **Right Up Our Street: Festival of Making**. In 2025 the community came together to build a life-sized replica of the Corn Exchange - entirely out of cardboard boxes. Yes, really! A true testament to the imagination, teamwork and pride that runs through this city: making things happen, together. Right Up Our Street have secured funding to continue



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bringing community first projects to Doncaster, and we look forward to seeing what they conjure up this year!

South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum is a treasure trove of aviation history.

Step back in time and uncover stories that shaped the skies - from the pioneering days of flight to the UK's very first air show. Explore exhibits that bring to life the courage of everyday people in the Falklands War and the secret world of spies and agents during the Second World War.

It is history told with heart - and it's waiting for you in Doncaster.



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The Danum Gallery, Library and Museum & Cusworth Hall and Park

The Danum Gallery, Library and Museum houses an art gallery, museum, library, and rail heritage centre inside a unique, purpose-built architectural wonder.

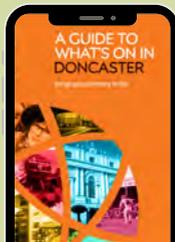
Explore architecture, heritage, and landscape history at Cusworth Hall and Park. The beautiful Grade I Listed building set in acres of historic parkland offers spectacular views across Doncaster. Don't miss the beautifully restored Walled Gardens, a peaceful spot full of seasonal planting and heritage charm.

Admission is free to all.

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TAKING CENTRE STAGE

Doncaster knows how to put on a show! Hosting small grassroots gigs and stadium-filling festivals, the city's creative scene is bursting with energy, offering something for every kind of music enthusiast and theatre goer. It's even the hometown of global music star Yungblud – proof that Doncaster's passion for performance makes waves far beyond South Yorkshire. There is no denying that Doncaster delivers entertainment with passion!

Theatre lovers are in for a treat at **CAST**, where stand-out productions, touring shows and local talent share the spotlight all year round. Monthly comedy clubs bring some of the UK's sharpest stand-ups to the stage, while immersive performances and top-tier tribute acts offer something for every taste. In 2025, the streets themselves became a stage with

'Lost Dream' – a powerful outdoor performance from Global Streets that filled Doncaster's **Civic and Cultural Quarter** with movement, music and storytelling...watch this space for the announcement of the 2026 performance.

(CAST IS) A JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF YORKSHIRE COMEDY.

Jack Carroll, (Britain's Got Talent, Live at The Apollo)



Doncaster Little Theatre adds its own flair to the city's cultural mix, with an annual programme that ranges from sharp, contemporary drama to light-hearted family shows. It's a welcoming space where local talent shines and audiences of all ages can enjoy a night of live performance in an intimate setting.

Discover creativity at **darts**, Doncaster's hub for creative health and learning – a place where imagination thrives, and everyone is welcome. At **The Point** on South Parade, darts delivers inspiring activities that bring people together through art, music, dance, and more.

Right Up Our Street continues to push creative boundaries in Doncaster. In 2025, they transformed Doncaster Minster into a glowing beacon of imagination with the Festival of Light, featuring breathtaking installations from world renowned artist Refik Anadol. Now, with a £1 million boost from Arts Council England's Creative People and Places programme, they're set to deliver even more awe-inspiring experiences in 2026 and beyond.

If it's music you're after, Doncaster's got it sorted. Local favourites like **The Leopard** and **Social Bar** champion live music, hosting everything from emerging talent to established acts in settings full of character. For bigger nights out, **Doncaster Dome** is a go-to for touring tribute concerts, exciting events like darts, and one-off shows from major names – including metal-core giants **While She Sleeps**. And where else would you find a three-day festival of free live music in the city centre? Only in Donny. **DN One LIVE** returns to Sir Nigel Gresley Square in September, bringing people together to dance, sing and soak up the community spirit!



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2025's Donny Fest was a standout success, lighting up the Eco-Power Stadium with unforgettable performances and a buzzing atmosphere. The good news? It's back for 2026, with tickets already on sale and a promising line-up that's set to raise the bar even higher! Check out visitdoncaster.com for the latest calendar of events.



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FOOD + DRINK

We've rounded up a list of the places people can't stop talking about - chosen for their rave reviews and real flavour.

Here is a choice of venues that cater to all occasions, be it an impromptu date night, contemporary fine dining, or cosy spots perfect for catching up over something quick and delicious.

These are the places where passion meets plate. Hungry yet? Let's dive into the flavours that make Doncaster a varied and diverse city to be proud of.

Grab a bite to eat

Sea Fish, Conisbrough - 4.4 

A proud, family-run favourite serving up classic British dishes - including their legendary fish and chips.

Coppa Bar and Eatery, Balby - 4.9 

Expertly crafted food and drink in a warm, stylish setting. The chef's passion shines through every bite!

The Local, Branton - 4.9 

A vibrant craft beer bar offering something for every taste, with a Mexican food menu not to be missed!

The Beef Bar, Conisbrough - 5 

A laid-back microbar and grill with a warm welcome and a signature Angus steak burger that's hard to resist.

The Hart of Barnby Dun - 4.8 

An inviting, independent bar serving up homemade pizzas, a tempting range of wines, and perfectly chilled beers.

Roses 1951, Walkers Nurseries - 4.5 

A dining experience at Walkers Nurseries, sample platters and small plates, paired with specially chosen wines, and cocktails.

Love Coffee?

Discover Doncaster's best independent coffee spots! Download the guide and sip your way through brilliant local cafés.

Scan the QR code or go to visitdoncaster.com to get started!



Something a little special...

Browns at the Buttercross, Tickhill - 4.8 

Private dining experiences, an intimate chef's table for 2, or a special midweek lunch option, Brown's Michelin trained chefs can make it happen!

City Centre! DN1 Delicatessen and Dining - 5 

Located in the Market Quarter, this award-winning restaurant boasts two AA Rosettes and elevates dining with exquisite 5 and 8-course tasting menus designed to surprise and delight.

Blue Bell, Blaxton - 4.5 

Experience contemporary dining done differently - exquisite food, fine wines, real ales and cocktails in a relaxed cosy environment.



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City Centre! Da Leo Restaurant – 4.4

At Daleo, every dish is crafted with love and tradition. From mouth-watering pastas to authentic pizzas, this family-run restaurant is the perfect place to share a meal and create lasting memories.

City Centre! Relish Bar and Grill – 4.4

A modern bar and grill pairing bold flavours with perfectly crafted drinks, all served with stand-out hospitality. Enjoy great food, quality service, and an effortlessly welcoming vibe.

City Centre! Thai at the Sal – 4.5

Authentic Thai flavours created with the freshest, local ingredients, served in the welcoming setting of one of Doncaster's most loved pubs – The Salutation Inn.

City Centre! The Temple – 4.7

Step inside for an authentic Irish welcome at a lively spot overlooking the Corn Exchange, rooted in the historic middle market. Eat, drink, dance – it's a great craic.

City Centre! Banco – 4

Drop in for a perfectly brewed coffee, a hearty breakfast, or a bistro-style dinner – all crafted with passion and locally sourced, high-quality ingredients.

City Centre! The Glass Strawberry – 4.6

Featured by The Times, this venue shines with fresh seasonal ingredients and playful, Instagram-worthy afternoon teas. A warm, welcoming space perfect for family dining or foodie adventures.

City Centre! The City Restaurant – 4.7

An independent, cosy restaurant, serving a modern menu of classic British and European dishes along with a brilliant selection of wines.

City Centre! Poto Poto – 4.5

Afro-European fusion cuisine and bar where flavour meets vibes and dishes the locals can't stop talking about!

Looking to plan your meal out?

Look no further – head to [visitdoncaster.com](https://www.visitdoncaster.com) and find all of Doncaster's restaurants, cafés and more.

The Foodie Quarter

La Rustica – 4.9

Serving authentic Italian cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients in a warm, rustic setting – a beloved destination on Nether Hall Road for lovers of true Italian flavour.

Zammuto – 4.6

A blend of Italian heritage and fresh, quality ingredients in a restored Victorian setting. A family-run restaurant serving classic dishes from around Italy.

Rana's Indian Grill House – 4.9

Doncaster's newest destination for Indian fusion cuisine, designed with warmth, tradition, and a touch of modern elegance. Try beloved favourites, expertly made.

Antep – 4.5

An authentic Turkish dining experience serving vibrant Anatolian flavours – from breakfast and kebabs to Lahmacun, Pide, Meze, and indulgent desserts. A true taste of tradition.

La Boca – 4.9

Savour the flavours of Argentina. This stylish steakhouse is all about perfectly grilled, tender cuts, served with passion and flair. A must-visit for steak lovers looking for an unforgettable dining experience.

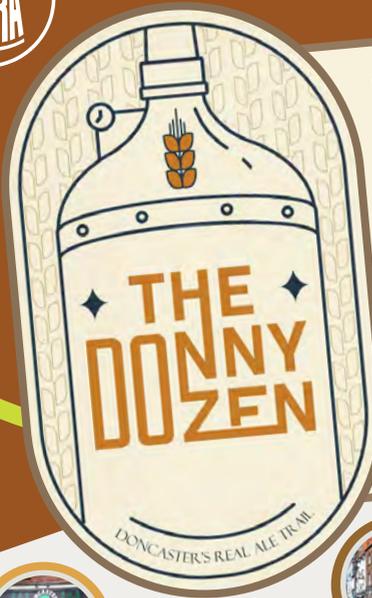


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Thirsty for a proper Donny adventure?

You're in luck. Doncaster's been keeping travellers refreshed since Roman times - and we're still pouring pints with pride. To celebrate our long-standing love affair with good beer and great company, the City Centre Hospitality Forum and CAMRA have teamed up to create the Donny Dozen Real Ale Trail. It's your golden (or amber) ticket to explore twelve of the city's finest and most historic pubs, each one with a story to tell and a pint to savour. Think of it as a time-travelling pub crawl!

Doncaster's Real Ale Trail

Download the trail map by scanning the QR code, or pick up a guide from the Tourist Information Centre.

The Queen
An old established market place corner pub featuring a recently refurbished, music based, snobby chic interior. Live music at weekends.

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The Masons Arms
An historic Market Place room interior, external seating...

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FROM MARKETS TO MAKERS

Start your retail adventure at the heart of it all, the Frenchgate Shopping Centre. Now proudly part of Fraser's Group, this vibrant hub brings together big-name brands like Argento, River Island, Foot Asylum, Waterstones and Lush with the charm of independent stores, all under one roof. It's the perfect place to tick off your shopping list while grabbing a bite to eat!

Looking for something with a little extra character? Doncaster's city centre shops are bursting with personality, there's timeless men's fashion at **Punch Menswear** and **Bradley Knipe** or the vintage treasures stocked at **Ringo Retro**, there's a story behind every store front.

If you want to shop like a local, Doncaster's markets are the place to be. The historic Market Quarter is one of the largest traditional markets in the north – a treasure trove of fresh produce, vintage gems and handmade goods. You won't want to miss a chance to visit the fresh fruit and veg experts, **K.D Davis & Sons**, bringing all the Doncaster charm and chat, or **The Gentleman Fishmonger** serving up the freshest catch in the area! The Corn Exchange has become home to a range of local entrepreneurs, as well as hosting regular pop-up events such as, the **Doncaster Art Market**, record fair and Antique Market. Some great opportunities to support the makers who make Doncaster special

Lakeside Village, celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2026, is a front runner in Doncaster's discount shopping scene – perfect for a family day out with something for everyone. New arrivals such as **Luke 1977** bring contemporary menswear into the mix, while **Toy Town** is on hand for those “yes, you can have the Lego if you're good” moments. Plus big brand names such as **Carvela**, **Radley**, **Trespass** and more.

There's more than just shopping, too – Lakeside's packed events calendar keeps families entertained all year round, and the on-site Sensory C.A.V.E offers a peaceful pause for anyone who needs a moment of calm. Don't miss the regular **Artisan & Craft Fayres** either, where local makers bring their best handmade gifts and tasty treats.

A little further afield, **Bawtry** is a picturesque market town where charm meets character. Explore **Rayne & Hay**, a beautifully curated gift and homeware shop, then browse the regular farmers' markets and indulge in Bawtry's many independent eateries – you may as well make a day of it! Similarly, **Tickhill** is brimming with character and charm. Alongside **Zuvu Fish Bar** – a high-quality fishmonger serving fresh catches prepared daily – you'll find a wealth of independent shops, from artisan bakeries and delicatessens to stylish boutiques and quirky gift stores. **The Yorkshire Hive**, situated adjacent to the entrance of the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**, offers a unique selection of independent shops and boutiques including **Badger Pantry** – an eclectic deli farm shop and craft beverage store.

So, grab your tote, bring your curiosity, and get ready to shop with heart in a city that's proud to do things its own way!

Elevate your race day style

Find your perfect race day look in the city with bespoke elegance at **Harpers Couture** or **Venezia Designs**. For sharp tailoring and premium menswear, **Vault** offers a luxury private shopping experience.

Ladies can explore statement collections at **Chique** Doncaster, **Reflection** or **Tiffany** located at Walker's Nurseries, while **The Shoe Room** and **The Shoe Healer** complete your outfit with stylish, comfortable footwear – these local independents ensure you'll turn heads!



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START HERE EXPLORE EVERYWHERE

If you're in Doncaster and wondering where to start – start here! The Tourist Information Centre in the city centre is the best place for making the most of your visit, if you're here for the day, the weekend, or just fancy seeing your hometown through fresh eyes.

The team knows Doncaster inside out. With over thirty years of experience, they can offer information on hidden gems and local legends or what's on and where to grab a cracking lunch. They'll help you plan your perfect day out, sort tickets, point you to the best spots, and even help with travel info if you're hopping on a bus or train.

Need a souvenir? The gift shop is stocked with carefully selected locally made goodies, books, artwork and keepsakes – ideal for taking a bit of Doncaster home with you.



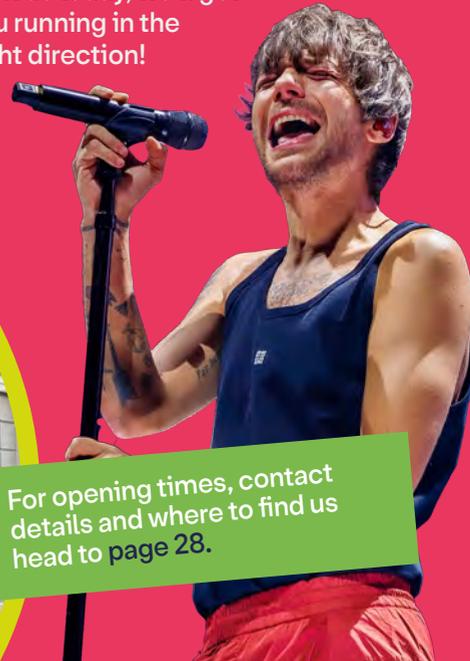
Calling all One Directioners!

If you're keen to walk in the footsteps of Doncaster's own global superstar Louis Tomlinson, make the Tourist Information Centre your first stop. Our friendly team can point you to key locations from Louis's early days – like Stoops Lane where he grew up, Hall Cross Academy where he honed his performance skills, and even the spots featured in his music videos. If you're a lifelong fan or just intrigued by Doncaster's pop culture pride, we've got the insider scoop to help you discover the places that shaped his journey from local donny lad to international icon.

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24 hours in the city centre

Ready to make the most of a day in Doncaster? Here's how to pack in history, shopping, fun, and tasty food into one unforgettable itinerary.

Brunch and a Brew

Start your day at **Back in Time Café** on St Sepulchre Gate, where nostalgia meets comfort. They've got homemade soups, healthy sandwiches stacked with flavour, and coffee so good you'll want a second cup. It's the perfect spot to fuel up before a day of exploring.

Culture and Curiosity

Next, wander over to **DGLAM** - Doncaster Gallery, Library and Museum. Browse inspiring art exhibitions, then dive into local history at the Rail Heritage Centre, where you'll uncover stories of steam, speed, and engineering brilliance. It's a slice of Doncaster's proud past, served with a modern twist.

Retail Therapy

Time to shop! Head to **Frenchgate Shopping Centre** for big-name favourites like **H&M** and **Pandora**, perfect for fashion finds and pampering treats. Then stroll to **The Corn Exchange**, home to independent gems like Kurroc, a family-run business creating unique home fragrances that make brilliant gifts.

Playtime at The Wool Market

Turn up the energy next door, at **The Wool Market!** It's buzzing with energy. Challenge your friends to Duckpin Bowling, AR Darts, Shuffleboard, or even belt out a tune in the karaoke booths. Feeling peckish? Grab street food from one of the many vendors or sip a craft beer at **Don Valley Tap**.

Level Up at Arcade Warehouse

Still got energy? Good - because **Arcade Warehouse** is calling. Located on the High Street and spread across two floors, it's packed with retro and modern arcade machines, VR simulators, and even a nine-hole crazy pool course. Whether you're chasing high scores or trying VR for the first time, this is pure fun.

Cocktails and Culinary Delights

After all that action, you've earned a drink. Pop into **Pinchos** for a carefully crafted cocktail, they bring bold flavours and stylish vibes. Then, for dinner, head to **The City Restaurant**, located in the Waterdale they offer a warm service, cosy atmosphere, and dishes like wild venison and smoked salmon carpaccio, The City offers a taste of Doncaster hospitality at its finest.

Rest and Recharge

When it's time to power down and enjoy a well-earned night's rest. Doncaster has some truly unique places to stay. For a dash of glamour, check into **The Earl of Doncaster**, a 4* art deco-inspired hotel that oozes character and style, perfect for those who love a little vintage luxury. Prefer something modern? The **Hilton Garden Inn** at Doncaster Racecourse offers comfort and easy access, making it ideal for travellers who want everything within reach.

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Wherever you choose, you'll wake up refreshed and perfectly located to explore some of Doncaster's further afield attractions. So, lace up your comfy shoes, and get going! Visit us on social media for more jam-packed itinerary ideas.



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EVENTS

PROPER GOOD TIMES AHEAD

It's shaping up to be a year full of energy, creativity and unmistakable Doncaster spirit. Seasonal campaigns will set the pace throughout the year - Bloom in Doncaster will bring floral trails and fresh new events, followed by Festival Frenzy, a month of music, food and fun. Do Summer't in Doncaster invites you to enjoy the sunshine with pop-ups, performances and outdoor adventures, before Autumn Adventures rolls in with cosy markets and golden walks.

BLOOM IN DONCASTER

March marks the start of something special in Doncaster. Spring's a season of renewal, reflection and community spirit, setting the pace for a buzzing year ahead. Starting with Spring into Summer on the 29th March, a family friendly event in the city centre. Keep your eyes peeled for international Rugby Union fixtures as the Doncaster Knights season ramps up and a city-wide puzzle to be solved as Enigma Rooms celebrates their 10-year anniversary!



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IN MAY IT'S A

FESTIVAL FRENZY



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May kicks off with a flavour-packed event as the Doncaster Food & Drink Festival returns, serving up local favourites and bold new tastes. Tribute bands take over Sandall Park for Fake Festival, followed by the wonderfully eccentric Steampunk Spectacular on 9th May! Keep an eye out for news of Right Up Our Street's latest festival taking place in May half-term - a month full of music, colour, and Doncaster spirit.

Do Summer't in DONCASTER

June cranks up the volume with Donny Music Festival rocking Eco-Power Stadium on the 6th. Later in the month, Armed Forces Day brings pride and pageantry to the city centre. The sun keeps shining on **August** 8th at Doncaster Pride, then end the month on a wild note at Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Wild Live (29 - 30th), featuring Scouting for Girls and other fantastic music acts!

September keeps the momentum going with DN ONE Live returning to Sir Nigel Gresley Square for three days of music and entertainment on the 4th - 6th, followed by the iconic 250th anniversary of the St Leger - a proud Doncaster tradition set to draw record crowds from far and wide for the world's oldest Classic horse race, featured during the four-day festivities on September 10 - 13th.



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Doncaster's Mansion House has stood on the High Street for over 250 years and is one of only three surviving Mansion Houses in England. Join the Friends of Doncaster Mansion House for guided tours on open days, usually the last Friday of each month.

Check visitdoncaster.com for the latest details!

SNUGGLE INTO Autumn Adventures

Get your big coats out the cupboard as autumn blows in; **October and November** set the scene for fireworks celebrations at the Eco-Power Stadium and Doncaster Racecourse as well as a Spooky Spectacular to keep the Halloween magic alive! Don't miss an athletic day out in the city centre with the Doncaster 10k taking place on the 29th November.

A jam-packed calendar of events comes to a close with a grand Christmas finale in Doncaster, the Countdown to Christmas has something for every family or cosy date night. The Christmas Light Switch -On and Father Christmas at the Mansion House remain festive favourites for residents and visitors alike!



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HOME OF CHAMPIONS

Sport in Doncaster isn't just something we watch - it's something we live for. From grassroots glory to national headlines, the city's sporting pulse is stronger than ever, and 2026 is shaping up to be a year to remember.

Let's start with the roar from the **Eco-Power Stadium**, where last season **Doncaster Rovers** proudly claimed the League Two Championship with a prize to return to League One. A dramatic win over Bradford City sealed their spot with a game to spare with striker Billy Sharp delivering the final blow sending fans into raptures and reminding everyone that Doncaster's fans will live every high and low with pride.

The Dons are marking a major milestone in 2026 - 75 years of rugby league pride! That's three quarters

of a century of loyal fans backing their team and flying the flag for Doncaster.

Meanwhile, the legacy of women's football continues with the **Doncaster Rovers Belles**, one of the most iconic names in the game. The Belles are battling hard in the FA Women's National League Division One North, with a passionate fanbase and a proud history that still inspires new generations of players.

Centurian Park is serving up something special in 2026 - a brand new padel club! **Padel Master Doncaster** brings eight world-class indoor courts: with plans for outdoor courts on the horizon. Playing alone? You'll find one FIP and one Premier Padel court waiting. Ready to rally? Doncaster's padel revolution starts here!

Over in Austerfield, **Bawtry Golf Club** is teeing up a new chapter. Already known for its challenging 18-hole parkland course, the club is undergoing a major transformation

into Bawtry Park - a destination that includes a hotel, spa, health suite, and conferencing facilities.

Speaking of pinpoint accuracy, Doncaster's very own **Beau Greaves** is rewriting the rules of darts. At just 21, she's a three-time Women's World Champion, a record-breaking force on the PDC Women's Series, and the first woman to reach the final of the PDC World Youth Championship. In 2026 Beau competed in the PDC World Darts Championship, an incredible achievement! Known as "Beau 'n' Arrow," she's calm, clinical, and electric on stage - and she's putting Doncaster on the global darts map with every throw.

Doncaster packs a punch when it comes to combat sports. With deep boxing roots and a fast-growing MMA scene led by **Caged Steel**, the city is home to champions who've made their mark worldwide - like three-time boxing World Champion Terri Harper and the celebrated McDonnell twins,

Gavin and Jamie. Today, MMA is stealing the spotlight, with Caged Steel events drawing huge crowds for adrenaline-fueled bouts.

Mark your Calendars...

Race days are one of the highlights of Doncaster's sporting year - don't miss a moment! Scan the QR code to find the full schedule of over 30 race meets, from thrilling St Leger action to family-friendly events. Plan ahead, pick your favourites, and make sure you're trackside when history is made.



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A GREAT PLACE TO UNWIND



– it’s about spirit. Whether you’re running, walking or cheering from the sidelines, this is the perfect way to start a morning. Grab your water bottle and head to **Sandall Park** or **Cusworth Hall** to join in the fun!

Across the city, a new wave of wellness is taking root, inviting locals and visitors alike to slow down, breathe deep, and reconnect with nature, movement and community.

Start your mindful adventure at **Lake-Y** health and lifestyle resort, a brand-new addition to Doncaster’s wellness scene! Situated in a tranquil rural setting of Auckley, it’s a place to stretch, float and find your balance – literally. And there’s more to come: a phased expansion will introduce scenic camping pitches and luxurious holiday lodges, creating the perfect retreat for those seeking a relaxing retreat in Doncaster, all set for completion by late 2026.

If you’re looking for movement and community, **parkrun** might just be for you! parkrun across Doncaster are bringing people together every weekend for free! It’s not about speed

While you’re visiting, step into one of Doncaster’s most atmospheric spots – the historic walled gardens at Cusworth Hall. Heritage Doncaster and the Cusworth Hall Gardens Trust are bringing these beautiful gardens back to life, and now there’s even more reason to visit: as an **RHS Partner Garden**, these historic grounds have earned national recognition – a truly remarkable achievement!

Walking groups are also on the rise, co-ordinated by Get Doncaster Moving you can find groups offering everything from gentle strolls to scenic hikes. These aren’t just walks – they’re chances to connect, chat, and explore Doncaster’s green spaces with good company. Take in the fresh air on a wellness walk with Hatfield Moors Afternoon Ramblers or join the Wheatley Hills Rugby Club Walking Group. Head to getdoncastermoving.org for a full list of options.

“What about my dog?” I hear you say! **Sandall Beat**

Wood is a hidden gem for exploration and play. It’s a favourite spot for families and nature lovers alike, where your canine friends can stretch their legs along the 2km circular path, while little ones enjoy the play area!

When it’s time to slow things right down, **Loversall Vineyard** is the perfect place to pause. Nestled in peaceful surroundings, this family-run vineyard offers tastings, tours and tranquil views – a gentle reminder that wellness can be as simple as a quiet moment with a glass of something local. Booking is essential to secure your spot!

Self care doesn’t come without a warm drink or a bite to eat, **Annabel’s Café** is the perfect stop. Just a short hop from Loversall Lakes, this cosy coffee haven serves up specialty brews, refreshing drinks, and a menu packed with delicious bites. It’s the ideal spot to refuel after a lakeside stroll, and they’re super dog friendly, too!



As you can see, Doncaster’s wellness scene is growing, allowing you to soak up grounding moments and genuine connection. So, whether you’re stretching on a paddleboard, walking with friends, or sipping wine in the sunshine, you’ll find that wellness here isn’t just a trend – it’s part of the spirit that keeps Doncaster moving.

Why not follow us on social media for more Doncaster day out inspiration? We’d love to see your snaps too, so be sure to tag [@visitdoncaster](https://www.instagram.com/visitdoncaster). Show us how you’re making the most of Doncaster!



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FAMILY FUN IN DONCASTER

Doncaster is perfect for little legs, big imaginations, and family adventures. Unforgettable family time means different things to every family and that is why Doncaster boasts a varied selection of activity suited to every dynamic.

Start your day at **Boston Park Farm**, where the kids can meet friendly animals, explore the maize maze, and enjoy tractor rides and outdoor play. It's a hands-on countryside experience that's as educational as it is fun - and the café's got great cake too.

For wild encounters on a bigger scale, head to the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**. Home to lions, polar bears, giraffes and more, it's a world-



class attraction right in Doncaster's. With themed play areas, walk-through enclosures and daily talks, it's a full day of adventure that the kids won't be able to stop talking about!

If you're after a mix of history and fresh air, **Cusworth Hall** is just the place! Bring a picnic down to the beautiful Georgian house sitting in acres of parkland, perfect for dogs too. Inside, the museum tells the story of Doncaster's people through the ages - and outside, the views are worth the walk.

Similarly, **Potteric Carr Nature Reserve** offers peaceful trails, birdwatching hides and wildlife-rich wetlands; pack the binoculars and wellies, this is perfect for curious young explorers. Keep an eye out for their educational calendar of events to make the most of your trip!

Hatfield Outdoor Activity Centre turns the octane up a bit. You can get stuck into canoeing and paddleboarding, climbing, archery or the infamous Aquapark inflatable obstacle course, it's an action-packed spot for adventurous families. Why not make a weekend of it? Pitch up the tent for the night

at Hatfield Campsite situated within acres of stunning grounds and lakeside scenery.

If the thrill of adrenaline is on your agenda, be sure to check out **Bawtry Paintball Fields**. Perfect for older kids and teens this outdoor escape has something for everyone. Not just paintball - laser combat, archery and knife throwing are just the start of a long list of adventure activities to tire everyone out!

Got a rainy day on your hands? Indoor fun with a twist, **The Twisted Knot** offers creative workshops where families can make their own woodcrafts. It's hands-on, wholesome, and a great way to make memories that last. Or, if you're a family that love a challenge, try the **Enigma Rooms**, where teamwork and brainpower are the key to escaping themed puzzles!

Doncaster's family days out are full of variety, heart and imagination. Whether you're splashing, crafting, climbing or cuddling a goat, you'll find that fun here is something special!



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Doncaster Mumbler is your go-to guide for family life in Doncaster.

If you're looking for ideas from people who've been there and done it, Mumbler is full of first-hand experiences and honest recommendations from local families. Their blogs share real stories, practical tips, and inspiration to help you make the most of your time in the city.

Find out more at doncaster.mumbler.co.uk and start planning your next adventure!



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RUNNING ON DONCASTER SPIRIT

250 Years of The St Leger Festival

Every September, Doncaster hosts one of the biggest events in British racing – and it's been going strong since 1776! The idea was born in the Red Lion pub in the Market Place, where Anthony St Leger and the Marquess of Rockingham hatched a plan over a pint. Today, a brass plaque in the pub marks that meeting – a small but proud reminder of racing history.

Back then, the St Leger Stakes began as a cheeky little 25-Guinea sweepstake on Cantley Common. Two years later, the race moved to Town Moor, got its famous name, and the rest is history!

In those early days, horses might set off six weeks early from Newmarket (on foot!) to be rested in time for the big day. The first horses to travel by van didn't arrive until 1836, a sign of how racing has evolved with technology.

Fast forward 250 years and St Leger is still Yorkshire's only Classic; the grand finale of the racing season and the last leg of the Triple Crown. It's seen legends gallop into the record books: West Australia, the first Triple Crown champ in 1853; Sceptre, who smashed four Classics in 1902; and Theodore, the ultimate underdog at 200/1 in 1822. What a roll call of greatness!

As the race grew, so did its reach. Once a northern affair, the advent of the railways opened it up to national and international visitors. In 1876, a staggering 233 special excursion trains rolled into Doncaster for the St Leger. Race week was party time for the city: until the early 1980s schools and local industries closed, visitors flocked for hunts in the morning, racing in the afternoon, and cockfighting, prize fights, and glittering balls by night.

For the more genteel, there were theatrical performances and elegant suppers in country houses across the borough.

Of course, it hasn't all been smooth riding. Wartime meant the festival packed its bags for Newmarket, Thirsk, Manchester and York – and in 1939, it didn't run at all. But Doncaster spirit never quits, and today the St Leger Festival is a four-day celebration of style, sport and serious fun: Ladies Day, Doncaster Cup Day, St Leger Day, and Sunday Funday.

Each year visitors come from far and wide to experience all that Doncaster has to offer, including champagne breakfasts at The Earl of Doncaster or Relish Bar & Grill, and a host of after parties to attend such as the Party in the Park at The Regent Hotel or St Leger celebrations at the Hallcross Pub.



Why does Doncaster shine during the St Leger Festival? Because this is where heritage meets high-octane racing and a whole lot of community spirit. From Roman roads to racing pedigree, it's magical, memorable, and unmistakably Doncaster. So, saddle up for glamour, grit, and good times – all in one unforgettable weekend.



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Best Western Pastures Lodge

Pastures Road, Mexborough, S64 0JJ
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01302 868696 | mountpleasant.co.uk

Crown Hotel

Market Place, Bawtry, DN10 6JW
01302 710341
crownhotel-bawtry.com

Earl of Doncaster

Bennetthorpe, Doncaster, DN2 6AD
01302 361371 | theearl.co.uk

HEX Hotel

Hurst Lane, Auckley,
Doncaster, DN9 3HQ
01302 279494
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Hilton Garden Inn Doncaster Racecourse

Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6BB
01302 986888 | hilton.com

Hooton Pagnell Hall

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hootonpagnallhall.com

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0871 984 6515 | travelodge.co.uk

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07722572958

Wheatley Hotel

Thorne Road, Wheatley Hills,
DN2 5DR | 01302 276177
thewheatleyhotel.co.uk

Hayfield Fishing Lakes

Hayfield Lane, Doncaster, DN9 3NP
01302 864555
hayfieldlakesfishery.co.uk

Hatfield Water Park

Old Thorne Road, Hatfield, Doncaster,
DN7 6EQ | 01302 841572
dclt.co.uk/hatfield-outdoor-activity-
centre-campsite

Sunnyview Touring Park

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There's so much happening in the City of Doncaster, and we want you to experience it all. Pop into our Tourist Information Centre in the city centre – our friendly team has over 30 years of experience and knows every hidden gem and local favourite. They can give ideas on what to do, where to go, or how to get around, they've got the inside scoop!

While you chat with our welcoming staff, browse our shelves for unique local finds – The TIC gift shop stocks Yorkshire craft beers, beautiful art prints of the local area and authentic bus signs. Be sure not to miss our Paddington Bear collection! Did you know the story of Paddington came to life here in Doncaster, when a factory in Adwick owned by Jeremy Clarkson's Mum struck up a deal with creator, Michael Bond, and went on to make thousands of the hand-made Paddington's – which later became known as Bear Garden!

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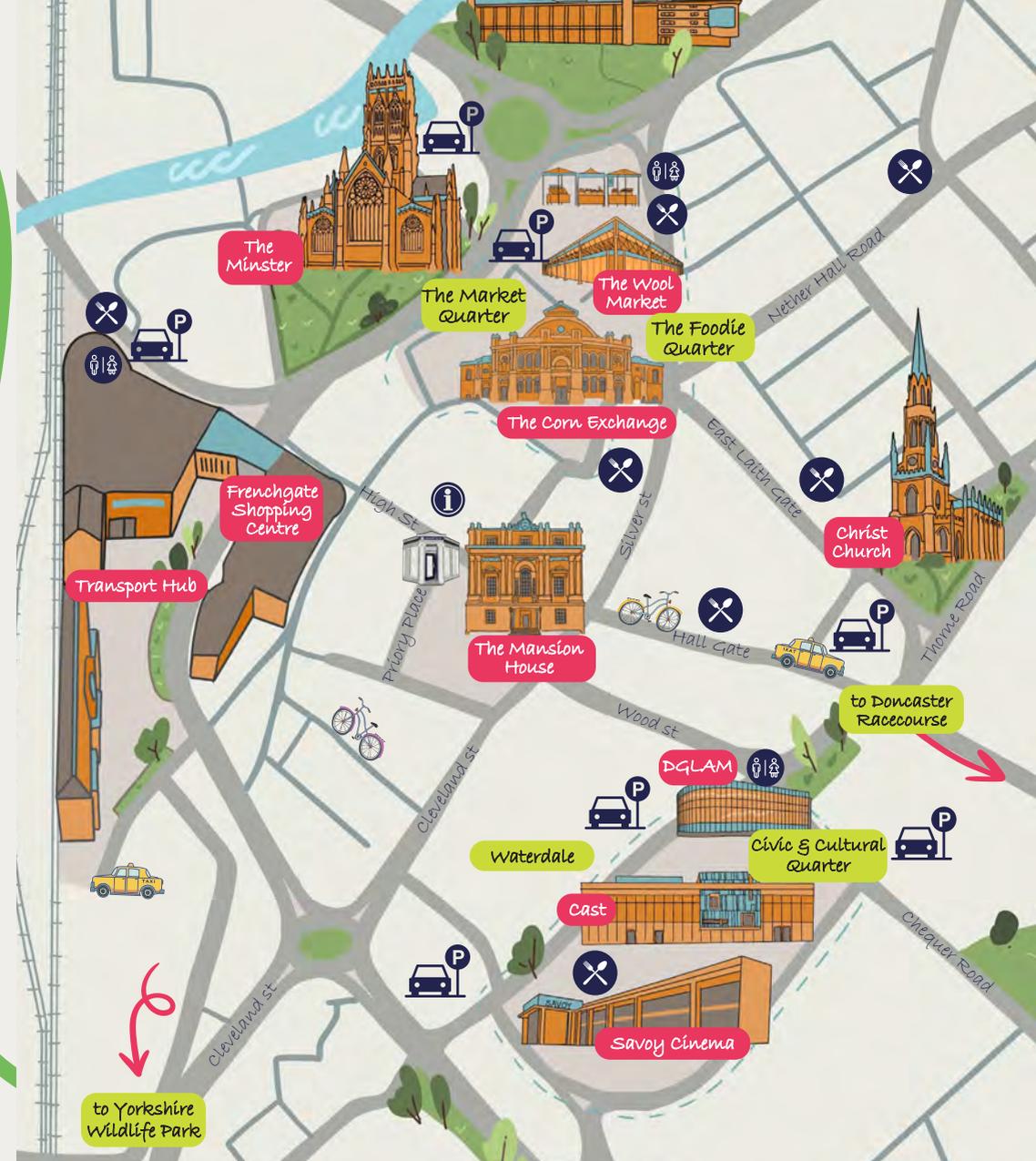
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It's hard to miss the **Market Quarter** on an evening, you'll hear the laughter, live music and glasses clinking from afar! Here, the **Wool Market** isn't just about amazing street food, it's a hive of evening entertainment. Duckpin bowling, AR darts, shuffleboard, karaoke booths... it's all here, alongside the **Don Valley Tap**, pouring locally brewed craft beers. Just steps away, **The Temple** brings a slice of Ireland to Doncaster

with its lively atmosphere, roof terrace, and regular live music sessions - a new favourite for those who love a good Guinness under the stars.

From modern buzz to historic character, wander over to **The Masons Arms**, one of Doncaster's oldest pubs. It's a place where tradition meets entertainment, with a tap room dedicated to real ales and a lounge that hosts live music and sport. Slip through the Masons 'secret garden' and you'll discover **Rum Rooms**, a cosy haven where the cocktails will blow you away.

Doncaster's nightlife is proudly inclusive and eclectic. Venues like **Queen Crafthouse & Kitchen** and **Bone Idle Lounge** champion creativity and community, serving up craft beers, inventive cocktails, and a warm welcome for all. These spots are perfect for those who like their nights with a twist of individuality.

Saddle & Shot promises a night to remember with its vibrant vibe, while **Pinchos** delivers an upmarket edge and cocktails worth writing home about. Now you've got a taste for cocktails, don't miss an old favourite moved to a new venue, **Liquor Lab** - now situated on Hall Gate. If you're in the mood for something lively and laid-back, **The Sal** is a must. Famous for its Tuesday quiz nights and Thai food that's as bold as its atmosphere, it's proof that good times and great flavours go hand in hand.

For those who love a classic, **The Hall Cross** offers a traditional pub experience with bags of character - a local favourite and top contender in the Donny Dozen Ale Trail.

If you're not going 'out, out' and are in the mood for a short adventure out of the city centre, why not pop in to Coppa Bar & Eatery at Woodfield Plantation, or Home Bar & Bistro in Rossington to try something new!



Of course, Doncaster is all about good times and great nights out, but your safety is always a priority. Many of our bars and clubs participate in the Best Bar None and Pub Watch schemes, ensuring high standards and a friendly environment.

Most venues also support the Ask for Angela initiative for discreet assistance, and the Walk Safe app can help you explore with added peace of mind. So, relax, enjoy, and know that we've got your back!



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South Yorkshire is brimming with experiences that make every visit unforgettable.

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On 5th- 6th September 2026, **Rotherham Show** features live music, theatre, circus acts, comedy, sports and fairground rides. Visitors can enjoy popular attractions like the strongmen competitions, companion dog show, vintage vehicle display and roaming performers throughout the park.

Doncaster's big energy neighbour is **Sheffield**, a city of amazing food, theatre, street art, gigs, bars, clubs and festivals. You can also hike, climb, bike and run through the greenest city in the UK - with 1/3 of it sitting in the **Peak District National Park**.

Must dos for 2026: exploring Kelham Island's historic buildings now home to indie shops and microbreweries; check out Leah's Yard's for the Chocolate Bar Cafe and GÜS, a new sauna and ice bath experience; visit **Cambridge Street Collective** winner of the UK's Best Food Hall for a world of flavours under one roof.

Discover cutting-edge arts and culture in **Barnsley**. There are huge things happening in Barnsley, with headline events in **The Glass Works** and across the borough. Launching in March, the Yorkshire Rose sculptures will be a stand-out addition to Barnsley's skyline, they'll create an awe-inspiring, immersive experience for all! Also opening in March, Experience Barnsley Museum welcomes a brand-new Egyptology exhibition.

Finally, be sure not to miss **AND Festival**, the UK's only nomadic festival of art, technology and digital culture, coming to Barnsley on 25-27 September 2026.



Check for latest updates and announcements on AND festival here!



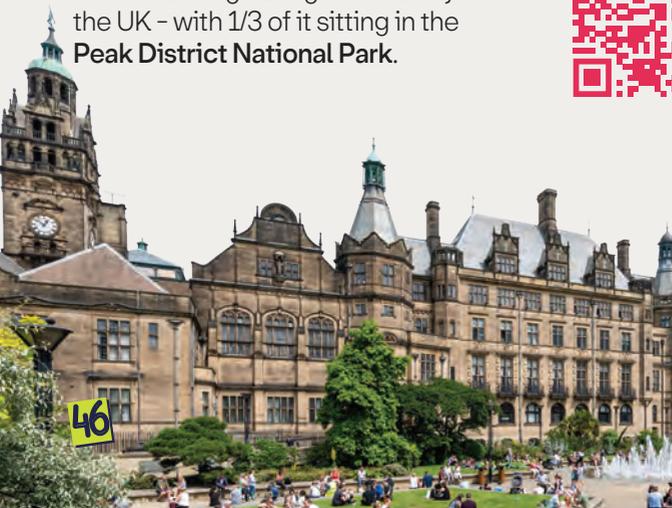
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