

BARNSELY MUSEUMS

What's On

January–April 2024



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MUSEUMS
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ENGLAND





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.

**Apr-Oct, Tues-Sun,
11am-4pm**

**Barnsley school holidays,
Mon-Sun 11am-4pm**

School visits, events, weddings, conferences, booked guided tours and group visits open all year round. All day parking £5, 2 hours £1. All proceeds go 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:

Audio described objects
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accessibility**



Andy Dunkley: “A Life Imitating Art”

See an outstanding display of photography of artworks, artists, exhibitions, art installations and architecture taken by a local artist photographer Andy Dunkley during his illustrious career. Following his degree in commercial design and photography he became a photographer in the RAF, this was followed by a twenty-six-year career as in-house photographer for the Tate Galleries. The display also includes his work taken purely for the love of his craft, photography.

FRI 16 FEB-MON 6 MAY

Free entry

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Pinecone Pets

Make your own marvellous mouse or fantastic fairy friend using just pinecones and other natural materials in this eco-friendly workshop.

THUR 15 FEB

10am–12 noon and 1pm–3pm
All ages, free, drop-in
In the North Glass Training Room, Cannon Hall Walled Garden.



Thumbelina

Brought to life through dance, live music and song, Thumbelina is a gentle and playful performance with the beauty of the natural world at its heart. Children are invited to take part in Thumbelina’s journey, build a shelter from sticks and escape with her from the hungry toad.

TUE 26 MAR

11.30am BSL-interpreted performance | 2pm relaxed performance | Ages 3–8 | £5pp
In the Ballroom, Cannon Hall Museum. Running time 1hr including interactive play. Booking essential: www.cannon-hall.com/whats-on

Inside the World of Bridgerton with Catherine Curzon

In her revealing guide to the Regency, *Inside the World of Bridgerton*, Regency expert and bestselling novelist Catherine Curzon takes readers on a journey through this fascinating era. From the social whirl of high

society to fashion, medicine and, of course, romance and marriage, she examines what it is about the Regency that still fascinates audiences today. Catherine Curzon writes books about old Hollywood and even

older royalty. Her work has been featured online by BBC News, The Daily Express, Vanity Fair, Elle Australia and many others. Writing as one half of Ellie Curzon, she is also a bestselling author of World War Two novels.

SAT 16 MAR

2.30pm | Free
Booking essential through Barnsley Libraries.



Guardian of the Birds

Come and explore our newly installed family sculpture trail celebrating our beautiful parkland, wildlife and collections. Created by artists Lenny and Whale, who have worked with our local communities, explore our gardens in a whole new way. To mark the launch of the trail there will be a weekend of very special events.

COMING SOON IN SUMMER

Free, drop-in



Wonderland Trail

Get whisked away to Wonderland this Easter in our forbidden forest. Discover the Cheshire Cat, have a Mad Hatter’s tea party and come and play croquet.

SAT 23 MAR–SUN 7 APR

Free drop-in, start the trail behind the deer shelter

Easter Trail in the Victorian Kitchens

Victorians loved to celebrate Easter with delicious food and other traditions. Can you spot all the objects hidden around the Victorian Kitchens and discover fascinating facts about Easter in years gone by?

SAT 23 MAR–SUN 7 APR

Free, drop-in during Museum opening times



Coming soon! Clay Day

Pot painting, scavenger hunt, clay demos, and ceramic craft stalls. Run by Barnsley College art students.

SAT 18 MAY

11am–3pm
At Cannon Hall North Range in the walled garden.



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

Contact the Gallery for Sadler Room opening times
Closed Sun & Bank Holidays

[coopergallery@
barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk)

Cooper Gallery,
Church Street,
Barnsley, S70 2AH
01226 775678

coopergallery.com

Accessibility:

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Portable hearing loop available
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accessibility](http://cooper-gallery.com/accessibility)



Sketchbook Circle – Relaxed drawing sessions for adults in the gallery

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

4 JAN, 1 FEB, 7 MAR, 4 APR

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

The Cooper Prize 2023

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

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

Sadler Award & Fox Gift
UNTIL 2 MAR 10am–4pm

Cooper Prize
UNTIL 6 APR 10am–4pm

Relaxed Openings

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

**SAT 13 JAN, THU 15 FEB,
WED 27 MAR, SAT 27 APR**

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

All at Sea!

Come along and have fun making your own maritime masterpiece inspired by the seascapes in the Cooper Collection.

FRI 16 FEB

10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm
Free, drop-in
In the Sadler Room.

Think Ink!

Learn some new, funky techniques for drawing with ink inspired by the artworks in the gallery.

TUE 2 APR

10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm
Free

*Suitable for children aged 7+.
Places are limited so booking
is essential. Tickets available
via Eventbrite.*

Barnsley College Print Show

Multidiscipline prints created by Barnsley College UAL Creative Practice Diploma students.

WED 6 MAR–SAT 6 APR

10am–4pm
In the Sadler Room.

The World of Brian Wildsmith

Sat 20 Apr – Sat 21 Sep 2024

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 BARNLSLEY 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 first break into publishing and travels to Hollywood.

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: Paws, Claws, Tales & Roars © The Brian Wildsmith Estate, 2023. Reproduced with permission of The Brian Wildsmith Estate and Oxford University Press.



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.

Closed Mondays
Tue–Fri 10am–4pm
Sat 10am–3.30pm

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
 - Relaxed seating available
 - Relaxed openings
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 - Sunflower lanyards
 - Visit England access guide
 - Visual story
 - Wheelchairs to borrow
 - 360 tour
- experience-barnsley.com/accessibility



The Magic of Middle-Earth

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

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

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

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

UNTIL SAT 6 APR

Free entry

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

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

Gaming boards, terrain, and miniatures to be provided.

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

Come as you are or as a favourite character.

SAT 20 JAN

10am–1pm | Free drop-in
Be prepared to wait your turn.



Here be Dragons!

Come and see us to create your own fantastical map inspired by the magic of Lord of the Rings.

TUE 13 FEB

10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm | Free, drop-in
In the Learning Lab.

Strike40

Throughout 2024 we are marking the 40th anniversary of The Miners' Strike, visit our website and follow us on social media where we will be looking back on an important part of Barnsley's history.

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

The Teeny Time Travellers Club

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

19 Jan: Top to Toe

26 Jan: On the go

19 Feb: Fintastic Fish

9 Feb: To market

1 Mar: Cave Baby

8 Mar: Our House – Mother's Day Special

5 Mar: Rainbow Pony

22 Mar: All that glitters – Easter Treasure

FRIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

10am–11.30am & 12.30pm–2pm | £5 per child

Booking essential via Barnsley Museums Art Fund.



Barnsley's Chamber of Treasures

Look out for the Chamber of Treasures at Experience Barnsley Museum, a brand new area showcasing local stories through cherished objects and curious artefacts. The treasures on display include a Krakauer of Barnsley pearl brooch, the Olympic running vest of Dorothy Hyman and the pan that made jam at Wentworth Castle.

FROM APRIL

Free, drop-in

This project is supported by DCMS/Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund.

Coming Soon!

A new look Royston Library with a special local history installation and reopening events. Look out for more information on our website and social media channels.

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 14 FEB & TUE 26 MAR

11am–12 noon & 1pm–2pm
Free
Booking essential.

Archives on Tour Athersley and New Lodge

Supporting the 'Library Lates' programme we host a local history evening of films and documents relating to the Athersley area. Come and browse a selection of photos and records of schools and housing. Share your memories of the area with others.



WED 20 MAR

5.30pm–7pm | Free, donations welcome
In Roundhouse Library.

Barnsley Civic Trust Talks

29 Feb: Stephen Woodcock – history of Barnsley Canal.

21 Mar: Josh Daniels – local news from the 1800s.

Hosted by the Barnsley Civic Trust, in partnership with Barnsley Archives & Local Studies.



THUR 29 FEB & 21 MAR

6.30pm–8pm | Free, donations welcome
Council Chamber, Town Hall.



Mini Magical Worlds

Create your own model of your favourite part of Middle-Earth whether it be the door to Moria or a cosy hobbit house.

TUE 2 APR

10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm | £5 per child

In the Learning Lab. Suitable for children aged 7+. Booking essential: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies

Relaxed Openings: Fridays

2 Feb, 1 Mar & 5 Apr

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

Free, drop in.

Behind the Scenes: Mon

26 Feb, 11am–12 noon

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

Free, booking recommended.

Family History Surgeries:

Fri 26 Apr, 10.30am–3pm

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.

Free, booking essential.

CALL 01226 773950



WORSBROUGH MILL
WORKING MILL & COUNTRY PARK

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

Worsbrough Mill Museum
Wed–Sun, 10am–3pm

Local school holidays
7 days a week

Country Park & Reservoir
Every day, 8.30am–4.30pm

Millers Tea Room

Mon–Sun, 9.30am–4pm

Shop: Thur–Sun, 10am–3pm

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



Wild and Wonderful

Join land artist James Brunt as he creates a stunning piece of art using natural materials in our Wagonway Glade.

THUR 15 FEB

10am–3pm | Free, drop-in
Follow the signs from the Mill Yard.

Winter hedge-laying days

Join us in enhancing our wonderful country park on these winter hedge-laying days.

WED 21 & 28 FEB

Places are limited so if you are interested contact museumvolunteering@barnsley.gov.uk

Nature Pinch Pots

In this delightful workshop, children will create a clay pot decorated with beautiful leaves and flowers to take home.

FRI 5 APR

10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm | £3 per child
In the Learning Hut.
Booking essential: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

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:

Audio described videos

Portable hearing loop
available

Sensory backpacks

Sunflower lanyards

Visual story

Wheelchairs available
to borrow

**elsecar-heritage.com/
accessibility**



Elsecar Forging Ahead

A village of iron and fire built for aristocrats, our coal miners and ironmakers made history here. Now, exciting plans are coming together fast for the future.

They include exciting developments for Elsecar Heritage Centre and ambitious proposals for the re-establishment of a heritage railway for the village.

To find out more, see www.elsecar-heritage.com/forging-ahead or follow the QR code to watch a special film.

We'll soon be revealing fascinating behind-the-scenes tours to discuss what the future of Elsecar could hold. To find out more, sign up for our mailing list here: <https://surveys.barnsley.gov.uk/s/ForgingAhead/>



Building Bridges

A new community and volunteering project, Building Bridges & Forging Ahead, is celebrating the heritage of Elsecar, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The project will build a People's Archive of Elsecar and make 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.

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 historic buildings.

See www.elsecar-heritage.com/building-bridges or call 01226 740203 for more information.

Highlight New Yard Tours

You will be given a short highlight tour discovering Elsecar's coal mining heritage, ironworking, and its industrial workshops.

EVERY SATURDAY

2pm, approx. 20 min | £3pp,
children free
Dogs are welcome on the tour.

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.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Newcomen Demonstrations

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

STARTING FROM EASTER

See the website for more information. Please note, limited to 15 people per tour.

Antiques Fair

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

**SUN 14 JAN,
11 FEB, 10 MAR**

Early trade entry 8am
£2 Public entry
10am-4pm
Adults £1.50
Concessions £1



Platinum Wedding Fayre

Get ready to experience the ultimate wedding planning extravaganza. This event is the perfect place to find everything you need for your big day. Our expert vendors will be on hand to help you plan your dream wedding, from the perfect dress to the most stunning venue.



SUN 4 FEB
10am-2.30pm | Free entry

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 20 & SUN 21 JAN,
SUN 25 FEB, SAT 16 &
SUN 17 MAR**
10am-4pm | Free entry

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. Stalls selling tin plate and collectable toys. Model railway and diecast models. Teddies and dolls.

TUE 13 FEB
7pm-9pm | £1.50 Adults,
£1 concession, 50p children

Suppa Club

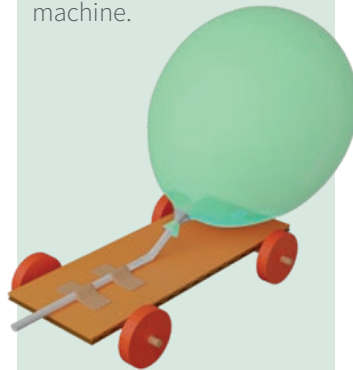
Barnsley's dedicated street food, craft beer and live music event where you can expect the tastiest food, thirst-quenching beverages and just one heck of a good time in general!

The best street food, DJs and all round entertainment will be in Elsecar once a month.

**FRI & SAT 26 & 27 JAN,
23 & 24 FEB, 29 & 30 MAR**
Fri 5pm-11pm | Sat 12
noon-11pm | Free entry

Wacky Races!

Calling all budding engineers! In this hands-on workshop, have a go at making your own balloon powered marvellous machine.



WED 14 FEB
10am & 1pm | Free
*In the Education Room above
the Visitor Centre. Book your
place at Eventbrite.*

Suppa Club



BBR

A specialist collectors extravaganza offering 40,000 sq. ft. of stallholders from all corners of the UK along with a live auction at 11am.

SUN 18 FEB
Early entry 8.30am: £6
Ordinary admission
10am-4pm: £2

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 2 & SUN 3 MAR
10am-4pm | Free entry

Elsecar Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail

Have a cracking time this Easter. Find the bunnies and solve the puzzle.

SAT 23 MAR-SUN 7 APR
Free drop-in event
*Start the trail at the Visitor
Centre.*

Mind Body & Spirit

The Mind Body Spirit Festival returns for its 30th Year... Spend the day exploring what our 60+ exhibitors have to offer... Complementary Therapists, Psychic readers and amazing retailers of crystal, incense, clothing and much more. Talks and workshops running all weekend (included in entry price).

FRI, SAT & SUN 22-24 MAR
10am-5pm | 1-day entry: Adult £6, concession £5 | Weekend entry:
Adult £10, concession £8, under-16s free | See whitelightevents.co.uk



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.

Until 9 Feb:
10am–3.30pm, Wed–Sun
10 Feb onwards:
10am–5pm, 7 days a week

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

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

Accessibility:

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



National Trust

The Wentworth Archives 1948–1978

The exhibition shares for the first time, selected documents from the newly catalogued Wentworth Castle Gardens Partnership archive collection. The stories of the teacher training college spring to life through previously unseen photographs, documents, maps and plans.

1 JAN–31 MAR

Free, drop-in
Long Barn, site admission charge applies.

House Tours at Wentworth Castle

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

The route involves several staircases. If you have additional accessibility requirements, please get in touch in advance so that we can make suitable arrangements. Tours will last 75–90 minutes.

19 JAN, 16 FEB, 19 APR

£8, plus normal admission fee

Booking is essential. Recommended for 10yrs+.

Enchanted Tree Trail

If wishes can come true which tree of enchantment would creatures who live in the gardens wish for? Grab a trail sheet and head off to discover the tree of their imagination. What secret wishes will you discover? Don't forget to take the time to marvel at the garden's own varied collection of trees.

1–31 JAN

10am–3.30pm | Free, drop-in
Site admission charges apply.

Beginners Running Group

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



WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM TIME

10.15am | Free for National Trust Members
For non-members, reduced admission fee of £3.

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

Pick up your free map or download online. Standard admission charges apply.

Talk – A short history of Wentworth Castle Gardens

Discover the fascinating history of Wentworth Castle Gardens on this bookable, volunteer-led, illustrated talk.



25 JAN

10.30am–12 noon | £5, plus normal admission fee (free entry for NT members)
Booking is advisable.

Colour Detectives

Workshops

Join artist Sarah Jane Palmer to discover the colours around you, learning how to look afresh, through micro and macro landscapes. Colour match what you find and create explosions of colour with brusho watercolours in your own artworks.

12–16 FEB

10.30–11.30am, 12 noon–1pm, 2pm–3pm (every day) | £2pp
Normal admission charges apply. Booking essential. Dress for messy painting activities. Suitable for 5yrs+.



Activity

Become a detective and explore the world around you through the magical lens of colour. Discover how everyone sees colour in a different way.

10 FEB–22 MAR

Free, drop-in
Normal admission charges apply. Pick up your activity lanyard at the Welcome Building.

Orienteering Trail

Explore familiar and more hidden areas of Wentworth Castle Gardens with our orienteering courses.

Trail sheets are £1 each and you can try either the short or the long course, perfect for all abilities.

EVERY DAY

Free, drop-in
Normal admission charges apply.

Spring Sunshine Photography Walk

This early morning parkland walk, with a 7.30am start, enables participants to capture the 'golden hour' when the light is ideal.

This walk is suitable for those wishing to experience landscape and wildlife photography at a special time of day.

6 MAR

7.30am–9.30am | £5
Booking essential.

Easter Adventures Trail

Hop along to Wentworth Castle Gardens for lots of family fun happening throughout the Easter holidays.

Join us for an Easter Egg Trail throughout the gardens, with a chocolate treat.

28 MAR–2 APR

10am–4pm | £3 per trail
Normal admission charges apply.

Look out for different activities during spring as the flowers start to bloom. See our website for the latest details: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/wentworth-castle-gardens

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

BARNSELY BRIGHT NIGHTS LIGHT FESTIVAL

Friday 22 and Saturday 23 November

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 December

Little Hummingbird Events outdoor markets on various Sundays in 2024.

Plus lots more events will be announced throughout the year.



barnsley.gov.uk/events

MAKE IT YOURS



BARNSELY

Accessible Events and Activities

BARNSELY MUSEUMS

Relaxed Openings

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In the Learning Lab. Free, places are limited so booking essential.

Multisensory Trails

[Cannon Hall Park & Gardens](#) [Worsbrough Mill](#)
[Country Park](#) [Wentworth Castle Gardens](#)

Explore our gorgeous green spaces as you never have before using all of your senses. Where will your adventures take you?

Will you roll down a big hill, get to know a tree, listen to the birds, smell the flowers or find new flavours in the café?

THROUGHOUT SPRING Every day, 10am–4pm | Free

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TUE 26 MAR

11.30am BSL-interpreted performance | 2pm relaxed performance | Ages 3–8 | £5pp
Cannon Hall Museum Ballroom. 1hr inc. interactive play.
Booking essential: www.cannon-hall.com/whats-on

Pick up your sensory backpacks at all our sites and explore our spaces in a whole new way!

January at a glance

MON	1	
TUE	2	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
WED	3	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
THU	4	Cooper Prize Sketchbook Circle Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
FRI	5	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
SAT	6	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	7	Enchanted Tree Trail New Yard Tours
MON	8	Cooper Prize Enchanted Tree Trail
TUE	9	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
WED	10	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
THU	11	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
FRI	12	Cooper Prize Enchanted Tree Trail
SAT	13	Cooper Prize Relaxed Openings Magic of Middle-Earth Relaxed Openings Enchanted Tree Trail Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	14	Antiques Fair New Yard Tours Enchanted Tree Trail
MON	15	Cooper Prize Enchanted Tree Trail
TUE	16	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
WED	17	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
THU	18	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
FRI	19	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: Top to Toe House Tours at Wentworth Castle Enchanted Tree Trail
SAT	20	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Lord of the Rings War Gaming Unique Gift Fair Highlight New Yard Tours Enchanted Tree Trail
SUN	21	Unique Gift Fair New Yard Tours Enchanted Tree Trail
MON	22	Cooper Prize Enchanted Tree Trail
TUE	23	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
WED	24	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
THU	25	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail A short history of Wentworth Castle Gardens
FRI	26	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: On the go Suppa Club Enchanted Tree Trail
SAT	27	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Suppa Club Highlight New Yard Tours Enchanted Tree Trail
SUN	28	Enchanted Tree Trail New Yard Tours
MON	29	Cooper Prize Enchanted Tree Trail
TUE	30	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail
WED	31	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Enchanted Tree Trail

February at a glance

THU	1	Cooper Prize Sketchbook Circle Magic of Middle-Earth
FRI	2	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Relaxed Openings
SAT	3	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	4	Platinum Wedding Fayre
MON	5	Cooper Prize
TUE	6	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth
WED	7	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth
THU	8	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth
FRI	9	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: To market
SAT	10	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	11	Antiques Fair New Yard Tours Colour Detectives Activity
MON	12	Cooper Prize Colour Detectives Workshops Colour Detectives Activity
TUE	13	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Here be Dragons! Toy, Train & Doll Fair Colour Detectives Workshops Colour Detectives Activity
WED	14	Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth SENSational Wacky Races! Colour Detectives Workshops Colour Detectives Activity
THU	15	Pinecone Pets Cooper Prize Relaxed Openings Magic of Middle-Earth Relaxed Openings Wild and Wonderful Colour Detectives Workshops Colour Detectives Activity
FRI	16	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize All at Sea! Magic of Middle-Earth House Tours at Wentworth Castle Colour Detectives Workshops Colour Detectives Activity
SAT	17	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	18	Andy Dunkley BBR New Yard Tours Colour Detectives Activity
MON	19	Cooper Prize TTT: Fintastic Fish Colour Detectives Activity
TUE	20	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity
WED	21	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity Winter hedge-laying days
THU	22	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity
FRI	23	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Suppa Club Colour Detectives Activity
SAT	24	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Suppa Club Highlight New Yard Tours Colour Detectives Activity
SUN	25	Andy Dunkley Unique Gift Fair New Yard Tours Colour Detectives Activity
MON	26	Cooper Prize Colour Detectives Activity Barnsley Archives & Local Studies: Behind the Scenes
TUE	27	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity
WED	28	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth Colour Detectives Activity Winter hedge-laying days
THU	29	Andy Dunkley Cooper Prize Magic of Middle-Earth BCT Talk: Barnsley Canal Colour Detectives Activity

Wentworth Castle Gardens	Wentworth Archives 1948–1978: 1 Jan–31 Mar Sensory Trail: Every day Beginners Running Group: Wednesdays during term time Orienteering Trail: Every day
Elsecar Heritage Centre	Newcomen Demonstrations: Starting from Easter

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

March at a glance

FRI	1	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize ■ Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: Cave Baby Relaxed Openings ■ Colour Detectives Activity
SAT	2	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Little Hummingbird ■ Colour Det. Act.
SUN	3	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Little Hummingbird New Yard Tours ■ Colour Detectives Activity
MON	4	■ Cooper Prize ■ Colour Detectives Activity
TUE	5	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize ■ Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: Rainbow Pony ■ Colour Detectives Activity
WED	6	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Archives on Tour ■ Colour Detectives Activity Spring Sunshine Photography Walk
THU	7	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show Sketchbook Circle ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Archives on Tour ■ Colour Detectives Activity
FRI	8	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: Our House – Mother’s Day Special ■ Colour Detectives Activity
SAT	9	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Colour Detectives Activity ■ Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	10	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Antiques Fair New Yard Tours ■ Colour Detectives Activity
MON	11	■ Cooper Prize ■ Colour Detectives Activity
TUE	12	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Colour Detectives Activity
WED	13	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Archives on Tour ■ Colour Detectives Activity
THU	14	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Archives on Tour ■ Colour Detectives Activity
FRI	15	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Colour Detectives Activity
SAT	16	■ Andy Dunkley Inside the World of Bridgerton ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Unique Gift Fair Highlight New Yard Tours ■ Colour Detectives Activity
SUN	17	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Unique Gift Fair New Yard Tours ■ Colour Detectives Activity
MON	18	■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Colour Detectives Activity
TUE	19	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Colour Detectives Activity
WED	20	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Archives on Tour ■ Colour Detectives Activity
THU	21	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth BCT Talk: local news 1800s Archives on Tour ■ Colour Detectives Activity
FRI	22	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth TTT: All That Glitters – Easter Treasure ■ Mind Body & Spirit ■ Colour Detectives Activity
SAT	23	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland Trail ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail Mind Body & Spirit Highlight New Yard Tours
SUN	24	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Mind Body & Spirit New Yard Tours
MON	25	■ Cooper Prize Barnsley College Print Show ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
TUE	26	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail Thumbelina ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth SENsational ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
WED	27	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize Relaxed Openings BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Relaxed Openings Archives on Tour ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
THU	28	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Archives on Tour ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail ■ Easter Adventures Trail
FRI	29	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail Suppa Club ■ Easter Adventures Trail
SAT	30	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize BC Print Show ■ Magic of Middle-Earth ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail Suppa Club Highlight New Yard Tours ■ Easter Adventures Trail
SUN	31	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail New Yard Tours ■ Easter Adventures Trail

April at a glance

MON	1	■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail ■ Easter Adventures Trail
TUE	2	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize Think Ink! ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Mini Magical Worlds Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail ■ Easter Adventures Trail
WED	3	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
THU	4	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize Sketchbook Circle ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
FRI	5	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Relaxed Openings Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail ■ Nature Pinch Pots
SAT	6	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Cooper Prize ■ Magic of Middle-Earth Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
SUN	7	■ Andy Dunkley Wonderland/Easter Trail ■ Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail New Yard Tours
MON	8	
TUE	9	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
WED	10	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
THU	11	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
FRI	12	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
SAT	13	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
SUN	14	■ Andy Dunkley ■ New Yard Tours
MON	15	
TUE	16	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
WED	17	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
THU	18	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
FRI	19	■ Andy Dunkley ■ House Tours at Wentworth Castle ■ Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
SAT	20	■ Andy Dunkley ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
SUN	21	■ Andy Dunkley Guardian of the Birds ■ New Yard Tours
MON	22	■ World of Brian Wildsmith
TUE	23	■ Andy Dunkley ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
WED	24	■ Andy Dunkley ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
THU	25	■ Andy Dunkley ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
FRI	26	■ Andy Dunkley ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Barnsley Archives & Local Studies: Family History Surgeries Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
SAT	27	■ Andy Dunkley ■ Relaxed Openings World of Brian Wildsmith ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Relaxed Openings Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures
SUN	28	■ Andy Dunkley ■ New Yard Tours
MON	29	■ World of Brian Wildsmith
TUE	30	■ Andy Dunkley ■ World of Brian Wildsmith Barnsley’s Chamber of Treasures

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

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