

All this December, Barnsley Museums are bringing you some wonderful winter fun...

This winter will be simply wonderful, and as ever we will be bringing you an array of fabulously festive activities that you can enjoy with loved ones of all ages.

You will discover something different at each one of our five, free attractions where you can enjoy everything from a traditional Victorian Christmas, tipis offering a delicious range of food and drink, crafts, Santa experiences, wreath making, outdoor walks plus much, much more.

And don't forget if you can't make the trip to see us, there are lots of delightful digital activities to enjoy online.

Join in with all the festive fun online:
WWW.BARNSELEY-MUSEUMS.COM
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FESTIVE ACTIVITIES



Event

CRAFTS FROM A TRADITIONAL 1970s CHRISTMAS

at Experience Barnsley

We have some far-out Christmas crafts happening in our groovy galleries. Shopping in the town centre? Then give the kids some time to chillax in our 1970s living room and soak up the fab festive vibes. Have a go at making some homemade decorations just like families would have made 50 years ago!

From Saturday, 27 November. Free drop in during museum opening times.



Event

THE TEENY TIME TRAVELLER'S CLUB (U5s) – ALL THAT GLITTERS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

at Experience Barnsley

Dig for treasure Christmas style at this fantastically festive under 5s session.

Friday, 17 December. 10–11.30am, £2 per child, booking available via www.barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk



Exhibition

ROUTED

at Experience Barnsley

Routed is a Barnsley based heritage project delivered by artists Lenny and Whale in partnership with Barnsley Museums and Heritage Trust and funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund. Routed celebrates people, places and memories of Barnsley Town Centre. The project culminates with an eclectic exhibition on display in our Gallery and a public art interventions around the town centre.

Until Saturday, 26 March – free.



Exhibition

FAMILY HISTORY DISPLAY

at Experience Barnsley

A fascinating new family history display co-curated with the Barnsley u3a. Including a story about a 1920s Barnsley swimmer and a WW1 soldier who spent Christmas 1916 'somewhere in France'.

Friday, 10 December until Monday 25 April – free.



WORSBROUGH MILL
WORKING MILL & COUNTRY PARK



Event

THE WINTER BIRD TRAIL

at Worsbrough Mill and Country Park

Can you find all our wonderful winter birds hidden around the reservoir? Designed by artist Claire West this lovely walk takes you around our beautiful country park.

From Wednesday 1 December. Free, pick up your trail in the shop or download online at www.worsbrough-mill.com

Have you hear about the exciting changes in our Mill and Country Park?

There is a new shop, Visitor Gallery, micro bakery and more! The transformed shop space is a treasure trove for budding bakers, cooking connoisseurs and wildlife enthusiasts with lots of unique and ethically sourced gift ideas on offer, come and visit us soon.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift idea?

Why not adopt a harvest mouse or owl? For £20 you will be helping us to conserve the habitat of some of our most popular native species, and you will receive an adoption pack – which includes a cuddly toy – in return. To find out more please contact info@bmht.org



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Event

CHRISTMAS IN THE HALL

at Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens

Be transported back in time to a traditional Victorian Christmas as you explore the beautifully decorated Hall. Get a glimpse of Victorian Christmas traditions and how it was celebrated both above and below the stairs.

Free drop in during museum opening times, check website for details: www.cannon-hall.com



Event

MOORCROFT POTTERY FAIR

at Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens

The Moorcroft Pottery Fair returns with a plethora of best quality and blemished Moorcroft pottery as well as a new range of festive designs for 2021. Enjoy a 10% discount off any best quality pieces of Moorcroft Pottery purchased at the event. Applicable on items in stock at the event only.

Saturday, 4 December.
11am–3.30pm – free.



Event

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRAIL

at Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens

Christmas is coming and to get you in the festive mood why not try our fun family trail. Can you find all of the 12 Days of Christmas objects hidden around the Hall?

Free drop in during museum opening times, check website for details: www.cannon-hall.com



Event

A VICTORIAN SANTA EXPERIENCE

at Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens

A very important guest will be visiting us this Christmas... come along and meet Father Christmas in our beautiful festive and traditionally decorated rooms. Hear our Victorian Nursery Maid tell a Christmas story and play with traditional toys in the nursery before sitting down with Santa to share your wish list for Christmas Day and receive a special gift from the magical man himself.

Weekends 4, 5, 11 & 12 December.
£12.50 per child. Adults free,
booking essential via

www.barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Various times. Due to limited space in the room we ask that a maximum of 2 adults accompany each child.



Event

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

at Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens

Join actor Chris Cade as he plays the miserable Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts that assist his redemption for a heart-warming tale in the ballroom. Some audience participation is available for those willing to take a hat and a role. A magical start to the festive period for all the family.

Saturday 11 and Sunday
12 December. £2.50–4.50.

Booking essential via

www.barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Various times. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for all ages.



Looking for a unique Christmas gift idea?

Celebration Tree: our beautiful tree sculpture, located in the walled garden, will help you to remember special times or mark one of life's major milestones. For a donation of £10 per month you can add a pear to the celebration tree, engraved with a message of your choice.

Adopt an historic Pear Tree: Cannon Hall walled garden is home to 34 different varieties of pears, some of which are around 200 years old. You can help protect these special trees for future generations by adopting one of them for £50. Find out more at info@bmht.org

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Event

ELSECAR FAMILY CHRISTMAS TRAIL

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

Can you find all the cuddly Christmas creatures hidden around Elsecar Heritage Centre? Find them all and pop along to collect your seasonal sticker!

From Wednesday 1 Dec.

Free drop in during visitor centre opening times or download your trail at www.elsecar-heritage.com

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT ELSECAR

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

The New Yard's characterful courtyards, now Grade II* listed will be transformed into a winter wonderland this Christmas. Explore beautifully decorated independent shops, artisan studios, a micro-brewery and an Antiques Centre full of treasures.

Enjoy a warm Yorkshire welcome as you sample festive food and drink in the cafés, take afternoon tea or sip ales from around the world.



Visit Elsecar and discover a Christmas shopping experience like no other. A place to meet, make, and create for over 200 years.



Event

CHRISTMAS MAKERS MARKET

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

This wonderful festive makers market is the perfect place to pick up a Christmas gift or two! Packed with delicious food, delightful drinks, crafts, gifts, art plus much, much more, it will be a perfect trip out for all the family. Set in our beautiful historic centre it is also a great opportunity to explore and discover more about the village.

Sunday, 5 December. 10am–4pm, free entry.



Event

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

Back with their 'cracking' Christmas Craft Fair, it will be packed with great gift ideas.

Saturday, 11 December. 10am–4pm, free entry.



Event

ANTIQUES FAIR

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

Join us for a fabulous Antiques Fair. With approximately 135 stalls of a wide variety of antiques and collectables you are sure to bag a bargain!

Sunday, 11 December. 10am–4pm, £1.50 / Concessions £1.00.



Event

SUPPA CLUB

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

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

Friday 17 and Saturday 18 December.

CHRISTMAS TIPIS

at Elsecar Heritage Centre

Look out for the Christmas tipis!

14–29 December (closed Christmas Day), 12 noon until 11pm.



FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

at The Cooper Gallery

Talented Yorkshire artists and makers are on sale in the Gallery gift shop, offering a whole range of unique gift ideas. Browse everything from jewellery, textiles, ceramics and wooden products to glassware, leather accessories and stunning photographs. It is perfect for those looking for a more relaxed shopping experience away from the hustle and bustle of the high street.

From Saturday 13 November. Gallery opening times, for details visit www.cooper-gallery.com



 Exhibition

ALTERNATE REALITIES – TOURING EXHIBITION

at The Cooper Gallery

The Sheffield DocFest, Alternate Realities, touring programme returns this winter. Works from the last two editions of Sheffield DocFest exhibitions: Ghosts & Apparitions; Here In This Room; and Right on Time have been selected to be included. A curated selection of exciting immersive work from around the world will be on display.

Through the use of moving image, CGI, sound and performance, the works in this programme challenge and respond to contemporary issues of societal revolt, architectural development, urban decline, environmental racism and ghostly embodiment.

Thursday 9 December, 5–7pm – free.

 Exhibition

PUSHING PAPER

Contemporary drawing from 1970 to now at The Cooper Gallery

For the first time, the British Museum has co-curated an exhibition with partner museums from around the UK to display and tour contemporary artworks from its Prints and Drawings collection.

Pushing paper: contemporary drawing from 1970 to now illustrates how artists experiment with the power of paper to express their ideas, pushing the medium in new directions. It highlights the breadth and quality of the Museum's collection of modern art, as well as its global scope.

The exhibition of 56 works showcases the astonishing diversity of contemporary drawing over the last fifty years, with graphic work by artists such as David Hockney, Rachel Whiteread, Sol LeWitt, Anish Kapoor, Tracey Emin and Grayson Perry, as well as exciting works by emerging artists like Hamid Sulaiman and Rachel Duckhouse. Many of these pieces will be on public display for the first time, including work by Gwen Hardie, Jonathan Callan and Jan Vanriet.

Until Saturday, 5th February – free.



 Exhibition

NEVER REACHING THE HORIZON

Harry Ousey's Abstracted Landscapes at The Cooper Gallery

Harry Ousey (1915–1985), a prolific post-war modernist artist, lived a life devoted to capturing abstract landscapes in his gestural style.

A bohemian drifter, Ousey eluded broad recognition, although many figures in the art world recognised his significance. Later exposure of his art by his niece, Sue Astles, has elevated his body of work, with pieces held in prestigious collections across the country.

Explore the life and works of Ousey as he roamed the landscapes of Cornwall, Derbyshire, Italy and France, where Ousey's story came to an end with his ashes scattered at the foot of Mont Sainte-Victoire in 1985.

Until Saturday, 8 January. Free, check gallery opening times before visiting www.cooper-gallery.com

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BARNSELY MUSEUMS

at The Glass Works

You can now visit Barnsley Museums in The Glass Works, the town's spectacular 21st century shopping centre! There are three new spaces to explore:

Barnsley Museums Discover @ The Glass Works

Celebrating the borough's past, present and future – combining everything from its industrial heritage and countryside to its art and sport.

Barnsley Museums Digital @ The Glass Works

Be immersed in Barnsley's rich culture, history and landscapes through cutting-edge technology that includes 360 film, virtual reality headsets, 3D printers and more.

Barnsley Museums Gallery @ The Glass Works

Showcasing new exhibitions and pop-up experiences. An exciting programme of displays has already been planned, which features art exhibits, sculptures and Lego displays.



A DELIGHTFULLY DIGITAL CHRISTMAS



You can also join in with our digital celebrations!

#BARNSELY CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVE SEASON

What are your memories of Christmas? Did it involve going to the Butterfields grotto or starring in a school nativity? We'll be delving into the Barnsley Archives and sharing photos and videos of Christmases gone by, we'd like you to join in and share your memories too...

Follow @BarnsleyMuseums @ExperienceBarnsley @BarnsleyArchives on social media to share special memories of Barnsley.

 Event

ONLINE FESTIVE CONCERT

Barnsley Museums at Christmas

Join us on the Barnsley Museums Facebook or YouTube page as we re-broadcast our Christmas concert featuring Kate Rusby, Tom Masters (Barnsley Youth Choir), Worsbrough Brass, Ian McMillan, The Civic & Cross the Sky Theatre Company, Helen Mort, Elouise Unerman, WE Young Writers & Ray Hearne.

Wednesday 8 December, 7–7.45pm, free to view although donations to BMHT are appreciated.



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A DELIGHTFULLY DIGITAL CHRISTMAS

 Event

ONLINE ADVENT JIGSAWS

The popular Cooper Gallery #MuseumJigsaws will be getting a festive twist this December! Leading up to Christmas Day there will be a new digital jigsaw shared from The Cooper Gallery's Facebook and Twitter pages each morning at 8am. Make sure you post your best time and challenge your friends and family!

Daily 1–25 December



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