

CANNON HALL

A Very Victorian Christmas

Throughout December

Join our Victorian nursery maid. Hear a Christmas story and play with traditional toys. Sit down with Santa, share your wish list and receive a special gift. Book one ticket per child. Adults don't need to book but due to limited space a maximum of two adults can attend with each child. £12.50 per child. Pre-bookable time slots throughout the day: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk. Relaxed sessions available. Check website for times and dates.

After booking contact learning@barnsley.gov.uk to tell us the name and age of your children, so they receive an appropriate gift.

Christmas in the Hall

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.

Festive Wreath Making 24 Nov & 6 Dec, 6pm

Join us for a festive wreath making workshop in our beautiful ballroom. All materials provided and help on hand to create your own luxury festive wreath. Lasts 2 hours with refreshments and mince pies.

Tickets £45 per person including all materials. Collect tickets from the hall or by phone | Booking essential and full payment required at the time of booking.

A Christmas Carol Sat 3 & Sun 4 Dec

Master storyteller, Chris Cade will reignite your love of Christmas in the beautiful setting of Cannon Hall. Meet miserable Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts that assist his redemption. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a BSL (British Sign Language) interpreter at the 1.30pm and 2.30pm sessions on the 3rd December.

Performances at:

11am–11.30am | 12 noon–12.30pm | 1.30pm–2pm | 2.30pm–3pm
£3 per child, £6 per adult. Booking essential.

Twelve Days of Christmas Family Trail

From Sat 26 Nov

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

Free, drop-in during museum opening times | Check website for details at cannon-hall.com

Christmas shopping at Barnsley Museums

Barnsley Museums shops are a one-stop-shop for all your festive gift ideas! Explore all our attractions for unique presents to suit all budgets and enjoy an inspiring cultural experience at the same time.

Christmas gift ideas

Treat loved ones to a talk, tour or performance. 2023 brings a series of tours and talks, including with Barnsley-born Egyptologist Joann Fletcher. It's just the ticket for an unforgettable Christmas gift!

Browse here: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Support our work by picking up an animal adoption pack for a Worsbrough Mill harvest mouse or owl. Receive information and goodies, including a cuddly toy, for just £20. A great alternative gift, idea for animal lovers.

Add a pear to Cannon Hall's beautiful celebration tree sculpture to remember special times or mark a major milestone. For £10 per month, your contribution will help keep the gardens growing for generations to come.

All proceeds go to the Barnsley Museums Heritage Trust. To find out more, contact info@bmht.org



To find out more information about any of our sites, including all contact details, please visit barnsley-museums.com

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EXPERIENCE BARNSELEY

The Teeny Time Travellers Club 9 Dec All That Glitters – Christmas Special

Step through a time machine, take part in a quest in the museum, play, sing, make, eat a snack and listen to a story in our action-packed weekly sessions for children under 5 and their grown-ups.

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

Crafts from a traditional 1970s Christmas From Sat 26 Nov

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 festive vibes. Try making some homemade decorations just like families would have made 50 years ago!

Free | drop-in during museum opening times

TOWN CENTRE

Bright Nights is back! Thur 24 & Sat 26 Nov

Barnsley Bright Nights returns with an illuminated art trail, Christmas Lights Switch-On and Community Light Parade, plus free festive entertainment. Three nights of arts and entertainment will take place in Barnsley town centre between 5pm and 8.30pm.

Thur 24 Nov, 6.30pm – Christmas Lights Switch-On in The Glassworks Square. Thur 24 to Sat 26 Nov – Illuminated art trail at venues across the town centre, with the Community Light Parade bringing Bright Nights to a close on Sat 26 Nov at 6pm. For more information visit barnsley.gov.uk/events

COOPER GALLERY

Light Fantastic Thur 24 Nov

Inspired by the beautiful artworks in our Brains in a Dish exhibition, come along and experiment with light and colour and meet artist Charlie Murphy. Part of Barnsley Bright Nights festival.

Free | 5pm–8pm

WORSBROUGH MILL

Worsbrough Mill Christmas Trail Throughout December

Created by the Barnsley Shedders and Worsbrough Young Volunteers, follow the story of Ben the Worsbrough wren on a Christmas trail. Spot all 10 trail items on your journey. Free | open during Country Park opening times.

Create your own Christmas Baubles Sat 3 Dec, 10am–2pm

Get into the festive spirit at Worsbrough Mill by decorating your own bauble with messages and drawings of hope and cheer for our Christmas tree. Create a bauble and get a free wildflower seed card as a thank you.

Christmas Fair 11 Dec

Start the festive season in style with a wonderful Christmas market offering gorgeous gifts and tasty treats. Free | 10am–4pm

DISCOVER @THE GLASS WORKS

Bright Nights @The Glass Works 24, 25 & 26 Nov

Join BrickBox to create amazing LEGO® structures in this free, drop-in workshop | 4pm–8.30pm

Chromatic Woodland (Barnsley Museums Digital)

Open until 18 Dec

Chromatic Woodland is a wildlife-themed digital takeover of Digital @The Glass Works, including interactive AR window display, 270-degree three-wall animated projection and AR triggered images. Designed for young families, but will appeal to anyone with a sense of adventure and fun.

Community Toy Swap Thur 8 & Fri 9 Dec 10.30am–2.30pm

Bring along pre-loved toys that your children have grown out of and swap them for gifts they will love.

Free, donations welcome, pop along and see us, no need to book.

TOWN CENTRE

Festive brass and music in The Glass Works Square

Sat 3, 10 & 17 Dec

The very best local brass bands, orchestras and ensembles providing free entertainment in the town centre each Saturday in the run-up to Christmas.

The Glass Works Square. Free | 10am–4pm

ELSECAR HERITAGE CENTRE

Elsecar Family Christmas Trail From Thur 1 Dec

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

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

Suppa Club 25 & 26 Nov, 16 & 17 Dec

Barnsley's dedicated street food, craft beer and live music event. The tastiest street food, thirst-quenching beverages, DJs and just one heck of a good time in general! Check website for opening times.

Earl's Tipi Daily from 29 Nov until 29 Dec

Bigger and even better than before, enjoy a fun and festive Christmas outing. VIP domes, fire pits, draught beers, mulled wine, ciders and more including a new street food residency. Live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Open 12 noon–11pm daily throughout the festive period.

Indoor Artisan Market – Little Hummingbird Events

3–4 Dec

Come along for a host of makers, bakers, crafters, traders, and more. Show your support for local businesses and enjoy a relaxing day out. Free | 10am–4pm

Unique Craft Fair 20 Nov & 18 Dec

Come and join us for a great day out with over 90 fabulous stalls including home crafts and tasty home bakes/pies/jams.

Support local Yorkshire businesses.

Free | Open 10am–4pm.

WENTWORTH CASTLE GARDENS

Community Toy Swap Thur 1 & Fri 2 Dec, 10.30am–2.30pm

Bring along pre-loved toys that your children have grown out of and swap them for gifts they will love.

Those bringing a toy to Wentworth Castle Gardens on the day of the swap will receive free admission.

Free, donation welcome, no need to book.

Winter Decorations Workshops

10 Dec, 11am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3pm

17 Dec, 11am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3pm

Join artist Sally Storr to make your own handmade decorations. Celebrating recycling and upcycling, see how you can use natural and recycled materials to create wonderful decorations. Materials provided. Suitable for those aged 5+. £2 per booking is essential.

SeedHeart Puppet Show with Indigo Moon Theatre

19–23 Dec, 1pm–1.45pm & 2.15pm–3pm

SeedHeart tells the important tale of human impact on the environment and how we can restore our once green planet. The story unfolds from a single suitcase, follow Grey's journey to a better future with magical pop-ups, puppetry and interactive scenes. Age 5+. £2, booking essential. Takes place in the Blackburn Room.

Interactive Shadow Puppet Space

19–23 Dec, 11am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3pm

Indigo Moon Theatre's Outdoor Interactive Shadow Puppet Space invites you to play with shadow puppets behind the screen – pull the strings to raise the scenery, change the mood on the overhead projector and create your own stories...

Free, drop in. Located on the Conservatory Terrace.

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