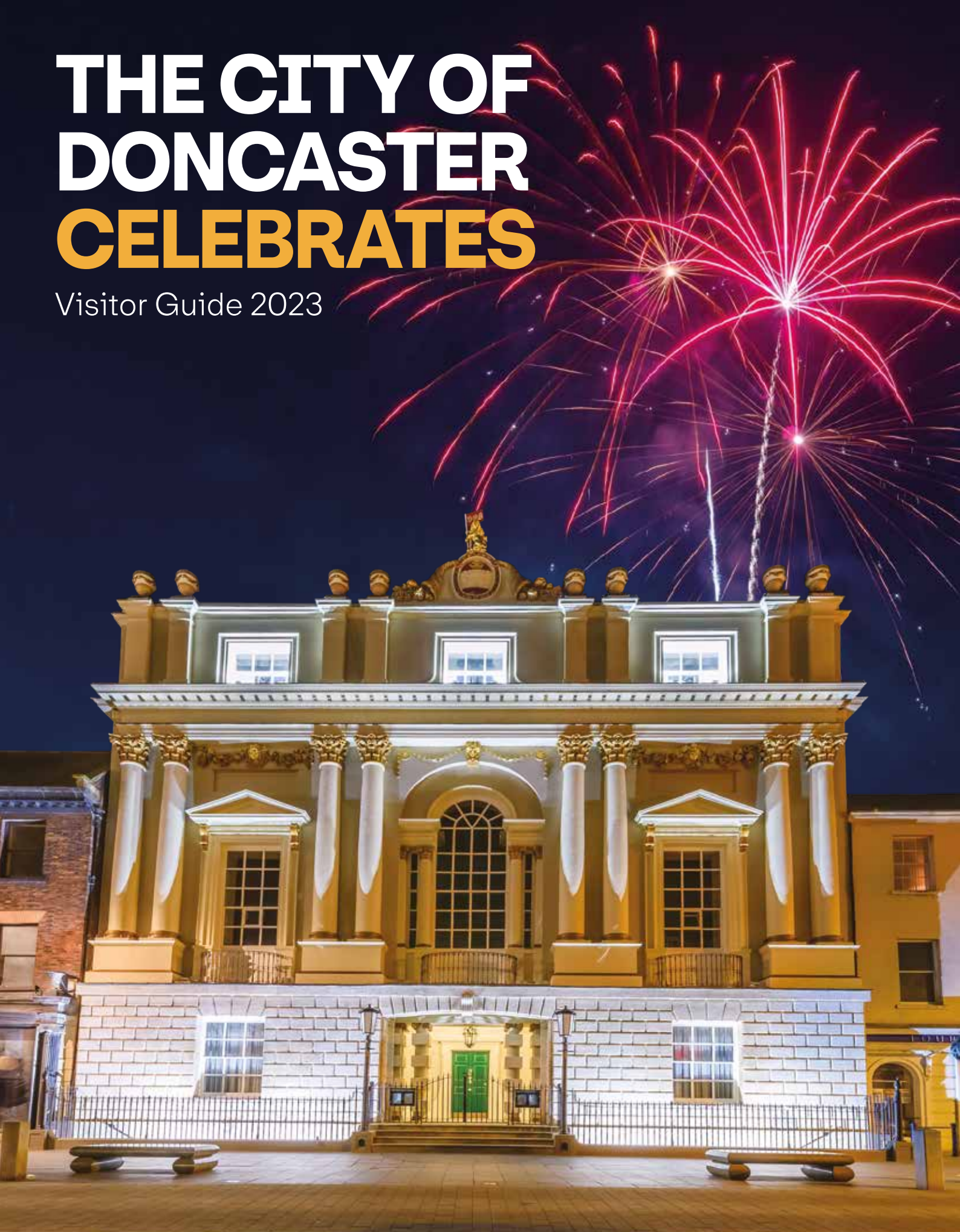


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# THE CITY WELCOMES YOU




We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, alongside the annual Delicious Doncaster Food Festival with Ainsley Harriott. On a sadder note, we observed the national mourning following the passing of Queen Elizabeth's II, just a few months later.

More recently, we have had the pleasure of hosting three Rugby League World Cup fixtures. Doncaster was the training base for the Samoa men's teams and didn't they do well! They got all the way to the final and finished as gallant runners up. 2022 has certainly been quite a year for Doncaster.

2023 promises to hold many more fantastic opportunities for you to make special memories in and around Doncaster and we are delighted to share our exciting 2023 visitor guide with you. We look forward to welcoming you all to our brand new city.

Doncaster has always been known to think and act like a city and now we are officially a city, you can expect big things from us! Grab a cup of Yorkshire tea, read on and get planning your perfect stay.

Ros Jones - Mayor of Doncaster  City of Doncaster Council



## Welcome to our visitor guide for 2023, the very first as the city of Doncaster!

Celebrating a city that is a centre of attraction, heritage and culture! **#CityofDN**

On 9th November 2022, we were delighted to receive Their Majesties, The King and The Queen Consort, to officially confer city status on Doncaster, in a special ceremony at the **Mansion House**. It was a wonderful and truly historic day. We welcomed thousands of people to the city, all hoping to catch a glimpse of the royal couple. With Doncaster being home to the first ever Paddington Bear soft toys made in the UK, it was fitting to celebrate the occasion in true Doncaster style, by presenting an iconic Paddington Bear as a gift to their Majesties.

As we look back, so much has happened since the launch of our last guide. In addition to **Doncaster being awarded City Status** as part of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, our award-winning **Yorkshire Wildlife Park** opened their brand-new **Hex Hotel**. The on-site accommodation offers rawtastically fantastic overnight stays, delicious dining and easy access to a world of wild animal adventures. We also welcomed some fantastic acts to **Doncaster Racecourse** and the **Eco-Power Stadium** including The Killers, Kaiser Chiefs, McFly and the amazing duo of Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott.





# EXPERIENCE HERITAGE

Doncaster has a long and rich history and heritage. This is what makes it such a unique city to visit. Everywhere you go in Doncaster, you are sure to find interesting reminders of the people, events and places that have shaped the city and made it into the welcoming and friendly place it is today.

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Something else Doncaster is well known for is its **traditional market**. It is without a doubt, one of the finest traditional markets in all of England, with lots of shops and stalls selling everything you could possibly need or want.

When talking about Doncaster's history and heritage, we are proud to introduce our state-of-the-art **Danum Gallery Library and Museum (DGLAM)**, one of the newer additions to our city. The building houses a range of vibrant displays, collections and artefacts that will give you a visual look into Doncaster's long and varied history. (Check out the special exhibitions to experience on pages 38 onwards).

Many people, when asked if they have visited Doncaster, will say that they know Doncaster as a place they have passed through on the train. This high awareness of Doncaster as a place is thanks to our strong **railway heritage**. The railway industry came to Doncaster during the industrial revolution, as did mining.

These two sectors are responsible for shaping the past, present and future of the city. Both industries are celebrated around the city with historical trains and memorabilia on display in DGLAM and a mining statue that takes pride of place on Printing Office Street.

In the heart of the city centre, you will find a majestic building called the **Mansion House**. This building is one of only a handful of surviving Mansion Houses in the country. These grand houses were built in the 18th century to accommodate civic functions and to entertain distinguished guests. In addition, we are home to award-winning stately homes and gardens, **Brodsworth Hall & Gardens** and **Cusworth Hall & Gardens**. Another destination that you should add to your list of places to visit is the jaw droppingly striking building that is **Doncaster Minster**. There is so much interesting history behind this building. The enthusiastic volunteers will happily tell you all about it, including about the time it burnt down!

Some of the most impressive landmarks that were left behind by the Normans are the castles at Conisbrough and Tickhill. Well worth a visit, **Conisbrough Castle** is open all year round and **Tickhill Castle** holds an annual open day in the middle of the year. Follow us on social media to be notified of the date when it is announced later in the year.

Doncaster is famous for **horseracing**. It's a big deal here, and the annual **St Leger Festival** is the pinnacle of the year. Over 50,000 people from all over the country flood to our city to place bets,

socialise, dress up and be part of the world's oldest classic horse race. This year, the St Leger Festival will be taking place a little later in the month of September. It will run from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th September, rather than the usual Wednesday to Saturday tradition. Another first for Doncaster. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!





# Tourist Information Centre

## We're the people in the know!

With the City of Doncaster having so much to offer, we're here to make sure you get the most from your visit..

Our Tourist Information Centre (TIC) is conveniently located in the heart of Doncaster city centre. Our highly knowledgeable team will assist you with any queries you have both before and after you arrive. As well as answering your questions, the team can advise you on the best places to visit, how to get there and everything else that you might need to know. If you have any questions whilst planning your trip to Doncaster, please do contact us on the number below and we will be happy to help.

Other services offered by our TIC include, but are not limited to, a locally produced gift range, cuddly toy Paddington Bears, event tickets and National Express coach tickets.

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# SHOP UNTIL YOU DROP

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What makes Doncaster so special is that as well as the main shopping locations in and around the city centre, we also have even more to offer in our surrounding towns and villages such as **Bawtry**, **Mexborough** and **Thorne**. Each of these places has something unique to offer. **The Yorkshire Hive** situated next to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, is a free to enter new shopping, dining and entertainment destination, its boutique stores are brimming with local artisan products, collectable artwork and inspiring gift ideas.

We can't talk about shopping in Doncaster and not mention our brilliant markets. Our markets, in both the city centre and in Mexborough, offer shoppers a traditional shopping experience, which can't be found in many other towns or cities. You can buy all sorts from our markets, from locally sourced produce to furniture and everything else in between!

**The Wool Market**, which forms part of **Doncaster Market**, is one of the city's more modern markets and one that is extremely popular with locals. The market offers an excellent international dining and leisure experience like no other.

If you get the opportunity to visit **Mexborough Market**, one of the oldest in the borough, you will find over 60 stalls offering a variety of goods. Whilst in Mexborough, be sure to visit other shops in the area including Pettits, a premier independent shoe retailer established in 1860.

Do also keep a look out for Mexborough's three blue plaques which commemorate some of the great people in history that have hailed from the town including Mexborough's football hero, Eric Fred Brook. He was regarded as one of Manchester City and England's greatest ever players.



Credit Shaun Flannery



The city of Doncaster has a wide range of shopping experiences for every type of shopper. Whether you are an avid supporter of small, independent local businesses or are a lover of the big high street names, Doncaster has it all!

Doncaster city centre is home to the **Frenchgate shopping centre** which features a large number of retail stores. There is a mix of independent boutiques and retailers as well as plenty of household names. After a productive day of shopping, you can enjoy some tasty grub in one of the many eateries in the centre. You will be spoilt for choice with cuisines ranging from traditional English to Mexican and pan Asian. The Frenchgate centre has over 1,000 car parking spaces and is conveniently located within Doncaster's main transport hub, making it extremely easy to get to by bus and train.

**Lakeside Village**, located minutes off junction 3 of the M18, is the city's largest retail outlet with over 45 stores offering big discounts from high street favourites including M&S and Next. The outlet also has snack bars and restaurants, free parking and a changing places toilet, making it accessible to all.

**Doncaster's Wheatley Retail Park** provides another great shopping experience. The retail park, is located just a few miles away from the city centre. It has a range of stores including TK Maxx, Next, Matalan and M&S Food. Parking here is also free.



Credit The Yorkshire Hive





# ENJOY QUALITY FOOD & DRINK

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Doncaster has a delectable selection of restaurants for every taste and budget. So, whether you are after a fine dining experience, wanting to relax and unwind in a pub or bar or grab something quick but tasty at one of our street food stands, Doncaster has just the thing.

For those of you with specialist diets, you will be pleased to know that a lot of our eateries cater for a range of diets including, halal, vegan and gluten free\*.

Here is a small selection of some of Doncaster's tasty eateries as voted by customers on TripAdvisor/Facebook.



## Restaurants



### La Fiesta ●●●●● 5

Titled the 5th best hidden gem in THE WORLD by TripAdvisor, La Fiesta, is a welcoming tapas bar and restaurant in Armthorpe where you can enjoy a taste of Spain.

### Rancheros ●●●●● 5

A vibrant new addition to the city of Doncaster. Here you can experience an authentic Brazilian Rodizio.

### Delicatessen & Dining Room by The Gentleman Fishmonger ●●●●● 5

A new fine dining experience in Doncaster city centre, producing delicious seafood dishes with ingredients locally sourced from Doncaster Market.

### Grind Doncaster ●●●●● 5

A newly refurbished restaurant, cafe and bar, serving top quality food and a great experience in Doncaster city centre.



### Suburbs ●●●●● 4.5

The home of create your own in Balby. Serving stone baked pizzas, burgers, salads, sides, & desserts.

### Cult Classics ●●●●● 5

A new street food joint in the Gorilla Brewery, Mexborough, serving mouth-wateringly good food.

### No.7 at The Rum Rooms ●●●●● 4.5

Doncaster's fine dining restaurant that was created to provide an elegant and exceptional dining experience serving beautiful food and drink.

### La Boca ●●●●● 5

Doncaster's first Argentine-inspired steakhouse! To dine at La Boca is an experience like no other. A stylish destination with a trendy ambiance.

## Cafés

### The HUB ●●●●● 4.7

A speciality coffee shop & sandwich bar based in Auckley, Doncaster, serving speciality coffees.

### Boston & Co ●●●●● 5

A new community café in Bentley serving hearty dishes in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

### So Good it Yurts ●●●●● 4.9

A small and intimate coffee shop in Bawtry serving good quality food and drink at reasonable prices.

### The Glass Strawberry ●●●●● 4.5

Visitors say the Glass Strawberry is a must when in Doncaster. The café is a TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice accredited venue.

### Bone Idle Café ●●●●● 5

A café that brings chilled out, cosy Amsterdam coffee shop vibes to Silver Street, in the heart of Doncaster.

### Tea or Coffee Mexborough ●●●●● 5

A locally run business in Mexborough serving wholesome food all day.

### Walkers Nurseries & Garden Centre Café ●●●●● 4

With a recent extension, the café which serves hot and cold food, drinks and snacks, is bigger and better than ever.

### Tattooed Goose at The Bank ●●●●● 4.9

A restaurant opposite the stunning Mansion House serving homemade food made from scratch and with love using locally sourced ingredients.

### Café 1910 ●●●●● 5

A unique and fantastic coffee shop situated in the beautiful Danum Gallery, Library and Museum, Doncaster.

### Latte Lounge ●●●●● 4.7

A relaxing café in the Frenchgate Centre where you can meet family or friends any time of the day to eat, drink and unwind.

### Wilds Café Bistro ●●●●● 4

A curiously quirky and welcoming casual dining venue with an inviting atmosphere, offering inspirational signature dishes and more. Situated at The Yorkshire Hive.





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## Bars and Pubs

### Doncaster Brewery and Tap



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### Local Branton



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### Pinchos



Doncaster's trendiest cocktail & gin bar. A great place to unwind with friends.

### Marketplace Alehouse & Deli



A small friendly bar where you can enjoy a drink and have a fun time with your friends.

### The Bay Horse Inn



The Bay Horse on High Street Hatfield is a traditional British pub serving quality cask ales and delicious home cooked food every day.

Ratings accurate at the time of production.  
\*It is advisable to call ahead with any special dietary requirements to avoid disappointment.

### Tut & Shive



A pub at the heart of the community, where you can catch up over a drink with family, friends or likeminded sports fans. There is always something going on.

### Magdalen



The Magdalen is a fabulous sports cafe bar located in the heart of Doncaster city centre. Here you can enjoy live sports and live music from talented local artists.

An exciting new cafe, **Dawn til Dusk**, is opening in Doncaster city centre on Wood Street in early 2023. Here you will be able to enjoy traditional English breakfasts and light lunches and quintessentially British afternoon teas by day and premium gastro cuisine along with the greatest curated cocktails by night.



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# DAY TRIPS FROM DONCASTER



You will never be short of things to do in Doncaster itself, but if you fancy a change, Doncaster's central location makes it an ideal base for taking day trips out to explore some of the other beautiful places in and around the north of England.

You can enjoy a day out exploring in Clumber Park or visit the stately home and parklands of Nostell Priory. Roche Abbey is one of South Yorkshire's hidden gems; the remains of a Cistercian monastery set in a valley landscaped by Capability Brown. The Peak District is perfectly accessible for a day's hiking or take a trip to Cresswell Craggs to check-out the prehistoric caves and gorge where Woolly Mammoths used to roam!

The walled city of York is just 20 minutes away by train or you could explore the city of Leeds which is just 30 minutes away. Wherever you wander be sure to make it back in time to relax in a range of fabulous accommodation as listed on pages 24-27.



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# THE DONCASTER BUCKET LIST

Here are the top 10 family-friendly things to do and experience when you visit the city of Doncaster. Make sure to tick them off as you complete them and let us know how you get on via our socials @visitdoncaster

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## A day at the Races

A day out at the races at Doncaster Racecourse is a day well spent. Just picture a family day out that everyone, old and young, will find exciting. A day spent outside in the fresh air, enjoying the sight of beautiful horses, the thrill of the race, and a relaxing atmosphere you won't find anywhere else.

## Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Prepare yourself for a truly wild day out at Yorkshire Wildlife Park, the UK's number one walk-through wildlife experience. The park has grown considerably since it first opened over 10 years ago. It now features a growing retail offering, Yorkshire Hive, and a state-of-the-art hotel, Hex Hotel. It really does make for a perfect weekend away.

## South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum

South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum hosts a vast collection of aircraft and helicopters from the first years of flight, right up to the modern day. From the biplanes flown at the 1909 Doncaster Air Show (the first air show held in the UK) to military fast jets like the Harrier and Meteor together with civil light aircraft from around the world

## Danum Gallery Library and Museum

The Danum Gallery, Library and Museum is free to visit and open to all. The inspirationally upcycled facility provides a unique blend of experiences. The building is made up of many exciting areas including, but not limited to, Café 1910, a stylish café in keeping with its home within the former girls' school building, the central library and children's library, the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry regimental museum, an art gallery and much more. A visit is an absolute must. You will not be disappointed by what the museum has to offer.

## Bawtry Paintball Fields

Bawtry Paintball Fields isn't just the best paintball centre in South Yorkshire, it's also the biggest and best paintball and outdoor activity centre in the UK and Europe! A visit to this award-winning activity centre is essential. There are plenty of activities to choose from including paintballing, laser combat, archery and a tree trek zip park to name but a few! Oh, and did we mention that the One Direction boys have enjoyed a visit or two to the centre?

## Enigma Room and Viking Axe Throwing (New attraction)

The Enigma Escape Rooms has been a firm favourite with families and groups of friends and now they have added another thrilling attraction, Viking Axe Throwing, just next door. The new and exciting activity is great for everyone. Safety measures are, of course, in place to ensure that everyone has a fun time in a safe environment.

## Hatfield Outdoor Activity Centre

The activity centre has proven a huge hit with children and adults alike! From canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding to open water swimming, Hatfield Outdoor Activity Centre really is a great day out for all to enjoy! The centre has introduced even more great activities including archery and climbing so visitors now have even more of an excuse to visit!

## Taste authentic Doncaster Butterscotch

When in Doncaster, make sure you taste our authentic, locally made butterscotch. You can purchase this from our Tourist Information Centre located in the city centre. While you are there, have a look around at all the other artisan products available. You can even pick up your very own Paddington Bear soft toys. They've been flying off the shelves, thanks to famous Doncaster musician Yungblud!

## Afternoon tea at Rossington Hall

Enjoy an Indulgent Afternoon Tea with a view in the stunning Rossington Hall conservatory. It is not every day you get the chance to dine in a Victorian stately home, situated on a 250-acre estate. Rossington Hall is also a hotel with luxury bedrooms. Perfect if you need a place to stay the night too.

## Wool Market family day out (New entertainment zone)

The Wool Market is a vibrant destination for food and entertainment. There, you will find a variety of quality international street food vendors. More recently, the Wool Market has taken its leisure offering to a whole new level. Fantastic new games are now available. Not just any old games though, the very latest, innovative, state-of-the-art, high-tech activities. Including duckpin bowling, shuffleboard and augmented reality darts. It really has been transformed into an outstanding leisure zone.



# EXPERIENCE LIVE MUSIC

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Doncaster's nightlife offers many options, whether it is a quiet drink with friends or something a little more interactive, there is something for everyone in both the city centre and outlying areas.

Checkout **EVENTS PAGES 37-42** for lots of upcoming live music concerts in Doncaster!

Recent renovations in the **Wool Market** have included the addition of a family-friendly interactive entertainment space. It includes duckpin bowling and electronic darts, as well as the existing, excellent street food, cocktails, and real ale bars.

For many years, live music has played a big part of Doncaster nightlife and social scene and continues to do so with long time venues such as **The Leopard** and more recent additions like **The Library**. During the week you can find a wide variety of music on offer throughout the city centre, with many venues delivering open mics, acoustic and folk sessions, plus quiz nights and stand-up comedy.

But you will definitely be spoilt for choice for music at the weekend, with a truly eclectic mix on offer!

DJs at **The Vintage**, drag and cabaret at The Library, cover bands at **O'Donegans**, indie and rock at **The Social**, rock, blues, punk and acoustic at **The Queen Craffhouse** as well as regular acoustic artists at the **Rum Rooms** and **Masons Arms** - the list is endless. The Masons Arms also plays host to a number of reggae events throughout the year. Doncaster's **DN One Live** a free, three day, music festival, featuring the very best in local and regional artists is also held in the city centre in September.

Music and fine ales definitely go together. Doncaster certainly has its fair share of outstanding hosteries offering excellent real and craft ales, many of which are brewed locally. The city centre is home to a good number of these, allowing for some excellent real ale trail options. These include **The Hallcross, Market Place Alehouse** and **Don Valley Brewery**. It also includes **Doncaster Brewery Tap**, which has recently renovated its upstairs space to include a band room and plays host to a weekly ukulele gathering. Another recent renovation is **The Salutation**, which has extended its outdoor space creating an outstanding alfresco area.

Talking of local brews, a not so well-kept secret is the recent addition of the **Gorilla Brewery** at Mexborough, which also now plays host to regular live music.

Other new arrivals in the city centre include **Pinchos Cocktail and Gin Bar** and **Bone-Idle Lounge**, which aims to bring a European coffee shop vibe to Doncaster.





# HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Accommodation A-Z

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Credit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Whatever your reason for visiting the city of Doncaster and whatever your budget, you'll find the perfect place to stay. Whether you want to experience the high life in one of our luxurious hotels, unwind in a home away from home or keep things traditional with B&Bs or a campsite, you will be spoilt for choice here!

Advance booking is recommended, particularly during peak periods such as the races or city centre events, as our hotels fill up fast!

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[www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)

### Holiday Inn Express

Bullrush Grove, Balby, Doncaster, DN4 8SJ  
01302 314100  
[www.hiexdoncaster.co.uk](http://www.hiexdoncaster.co.uk)

### Hooton Pagnell Hall Boutique Accommodation

Hooton Pagnell Hall, Doncaster, DN5 7BW,  
01977 648 272 or  
07342 781 407

### Inn Keepers Lodge

Bawtry Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster, DN4 7BS  
0845 155 1551  
[www.innkeeperslodge.com](http://www.innkeeperslodge.com)

### Kings Chamber By Marston's Inn's

Selby Road, Thorne, Doncaster, DN8 4JE,  
[marstonsinns.co.uk](http://marstonsinns.co.uk),  
01405 955060

### Owston Hall

Owston, Doncaster, DN6 9JF  
01302 722800  
[www.owstonhall.com](http://www.owstonhall.com)

### Premier Inn Central

High Fishergate, Doncaster, DN1 1QZ  
0871 527 8302  
[www.premierinn.co.uk](http://www.premierinn.co.uk)

### Premier Inn Central East

Herten Way, Doncaster, DN4 7NW  
0871 527 8302  
[www.premierinn.co.uk](http://www.premierinn.co.uk)

### Premier Inn Lakeside

Wilmington Drive, Doncaster, DN4 5PJ  
0871 527 8302  
[www.premierinn.co.uk](http://www.premierinn.co.uk)

### Red Lion Hotel

Market Place, Doncaster, DN1 1NH  
01302 732120  
[www.jdwetherspoon.com](http://www.jdwetherspoon.com)

### Regent Hotel

Regent Square, Doncaster, DN1 2DS  
01302 364180  
[www.theregenthotel.co.uk](http://www.theregenthotel.co.uk)

### Rossington Hall

Great North Road, Doncaster, DN11 0HR  
01302 866822  
[www.rossingtonhall.co.uk](http://www.rossingtonhall.co.uk)

### The Lodge at Olive bar & Grill

Fairview Court, Barnby Dun, Doncaster DN3 1RU,  
01302 891403

### Travelodge Doncaster

M18/M180 Junction 5 M180, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN8 5GS  
08719 846515  
[www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)

### Travelodge Lakeside

Lakeside Boulevard, Doncaster, DN4 5PL  
0871 8984 6514  
[www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)

### Travelodge North Doncaster

A1 Great North Road, Skellow, Doncaster, DN6 8LR  
0871 984 6131  
[www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk)



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## B&Bs and Guesthouses

### Angel Inn

Dame Lane, Misson,  
Doncaster, DN10 6EB  
01302 711761  
[www.angel-misson.co.uk](http://www.angel-misson.co.uk)

### Balmoral Hotel

129 Thorne Road,  
Doncaster, DN2 5BH  
01302 882724  
[www.thebalmoralguesthouse.co.uk](http://www.thebalmoralguesthouse.co.uk)

### Beverley Inn and Hotel

117 Thorne Road, Edenthorpe,  
Doncaster, DN3 2JE  
01302 882724  
[www.beverleyinnandhotel.com](http://www.beverleyinnandhotel.com)

### Fishlake Mill

Eastfield Road, Fishlake,  
Doncaster, DN7 5LH  
01302 841486  
[www.fishlakemill.co.uk](http://www.fishlakemill.co.uk)

### Hannah's Guest House

72 Sunderland Street,  
Tickhill, DN11 9EG  
01302 752233  
[www.hannahsguesthouse.com](http://www.hannahsguesthouse.com)

### Hooton Pagnell Hall

Hooton Pagnell Estate,  
Hooton Pagnell, Doncaster,  
DN5 7BW  
01977-648272  
[www.HootonPagnallHall.com](http://www.HootonPagnallHall.com)

### Kellett Hotel

87-89 Thorne Road,  
Doncaster, DN1 2ES  
01302 321248  
[www.kelletthotel.co.uk](http://www.kelletthotel.co.uk)

### Rigsby's Guest House

84 Thorne Road, Doncaster,  
DN2 5BL  
01302 368532  
[www.rigsbyguesthouse.com](http://www.rigsbyguesthouse.com)

### River Lane B & B

8 River Lane, Fishlake, DN7 5LX  
01302 841513  
[www.river-lane.co.uk](http://www.river-lane.co.uk)

### The Blacksmiths

Town Street, Clayworth,  
DN22 9AD  
01777 818171  
[www.blacksmithsclayworth.com](http://www.blacksmithsclayworth.com)

### The Reindeer Inn

Thorne Road, Sandtoft,  
DN8 5SZ  
01724 710774  
[www.thereindeerinn.co.uk](http://www.thereindeerinn.co.uk)

### Truffle Lodge

Trundle Lane,  
Doncaster, DN7 5LN  
01302 842222  
[www.trufflodge.co.uk](http://www.trufflodge.co.uk)

### Wheatley Hotel

Thorne Road, Wheatley Hills,  
DN2 5DR  
01302 364092  
[www.thewheatleyhotel.co.uk](http://www.thewheatleyhotel.co.uk)



## Self Catering/Serviced Apartments

### Amber Serviced Apartments,

Doncaster, 0121 790 0234  
[www.amber-apartments.co.uk](http://www.amber-apartments.co.uk)

### Home Crowd Apartments

Rosso Close, Doncaster, DN4 5FS  
01302 961 313  
[www.thehomecrowd.co.uk](http://www.thehomecrowd.co.uk)

### Home Farm & Lodge

High Street, Austerfield,  
DN10 6QU 07516 102676  
[www.homefarmandlodge.co.uk](http://www.homefarmandlodge.co.uk)

### Kingswood Golf Lodges

Thorne Road, Hatfield, DN7 6EP  
[www.hoseasons.co.uk](http://www.hoseasons.co.uk)

### Mount Pleasant Self Catering Cottages

Great North Road,  
Doncaster,  
DN11 0HW  
01302 868696  
[www.mountpleasant.co.uk](http://www.mountpleasant.co.uk)

### Regent Self Catering

Regent Square,  
Doncaster,  
DN1 2DS  
01302 364180  
[www.theregenthotel.co.uk](http://www.theregenthotel.co.uk)

### The Granary in Wroot

Rye House, High Street,  
Wroot, Doncaster, DN9 2BT  
01302 265130  
[www.thegrinaryinwroot.co.uk](http://www.thegrinaryinwroot.co.uk)

## Campsites



### Hatfield Water Park

Old Thorne Road, Hatfield,  
Doncaster, DN7 6EQ  
01302 841572  
[www.dclt.co.uk/activities-sports/camping/](http://www.dclt.co.uk/activities-sports/camping/)

### Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Camp Lion returns for 2023:  
Register at:  
[www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com](http://www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com)  
to be the first to find out about  
the 2023 season

**CAMP LION**



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# GETTING HERE

Doncaster is at the heart of the UK's motorway network with easy access to the M18, M1, A1(M), M62 & the M180.

Doncaster also benefits with superb rail links and is situated on the East Coast Main Line.



Train and Drive Times		
	Train	Drive
Birmingham	1hr 43 mins	1hr 40 mins
Leeds	30 mins	40 mins
London	1hr 37 mins	3hrs 17 mins
Nottingham	1hr 30 mins	50 mins
Sheffield	24 mins	30 mins
Manchester	1hr 17 mins	1hr 20 mins
York	21 mins	50 mins

Details obtained via lner.co.uk and Google Maps



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- Changing Places Facilities
- Bus Station
- Taxi Rank
- Train Station
- Restaurants
- Bars & Pubs
- Shops
- Cashpoint
- Cinema
- Theatre
- Museum
- Art Gallery
- Library
- Hotel
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- Police Station
- Court House
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# A CITY OF ART AND CULTURE

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Doncaster is a place of places, each with its own dynamic and varied and thriving arts and cultural scene. Whether you love galleries, theatres, architecture, festivals, music, sport, museums or creative workshops, Doncaster has year-round cultural activities to suit all ages and all tastes.

Examples of some of our recent cultural and sporting events include the Rugby League World Cup, St Leger Festival, Fake Festival, Doncaster Pride, DN Festival of Light, Culture Crawl, Art Bomb and Armed Forces Day.

Doncaster is rightly proud of its two main theatres. **Cast** theatre is situated at the heart of Doncaster's cultural quarter and is about to celebrate its 10th birthday.

Here you can experience an eclectic and imaginative programme of events ranging from panto and comedy to musicals and Shakespeare. **Doncaster Little Theatre** in King Street is a little theatre with a big heart! Here performances include plays, dramas, music, cabaret and pantomime. The Little Theatre can even double up as a cinema! Our other cinemas include the new **Savoy** in the Cultural Quarter and the **Vue** cinema at Doncaster Leisure Park.



Art and culture are celebrated throughout Doncaster but nowhere more so than in the **Danum Gallery Library and Museum**. Inside this architecturally stunning building, you will find displays of art, literature and social history, combining to provide a snapshot of Doncaster's cultural heritage, from horseracing to railways and so much more. You will also find a fascinating museum inside **Cusworth Hall**. The Grade 1 listed building houses a collection that charts the social history of Doncaster from the 1800's to the present day.

The **D31 Art Gallery** in Scot Lane is home to exhibits by local and national artists. A picture is worth a thousand words, so the saying goes. Inside the community-focused gallery you will find a collection of artworks that tell so many diverse and engaging stories. Continuing with the artistic theme, you will also see some fantastic examples of street art on buildings in and around Doncaster.

One of the most spectacular is the mural by Nomad Clan opposite the railway station. It is a wonderful celebration of futures, past and present and is probably the largest street art mural in the UK.

**darts** is Doncaster's award-winning participatory arts charity. **darts** is based at **The Point**, a purpose-built arts centre in the middle of Doncaster. Here you will find a light-filled gallery, creative workshop and studios, cafe and gardens. It is a friendly and welcoming space, where lots of creative activity takes place, alongside a regular programme of family-friendly, world-class exhibitions and events.



Credit James Mulkeen



# GOOD SPORT!

## 2022 ended on a high when Doncaster's Eco-Power Stadium hosted three fixtures of the hugely popular Rugby League World Cup 2021.

It was a proud moment when fans witnessed the Siva Tau performed by Samoa as well as local schoolchildren, an experience we will never forget.. It created a huge fan base for the Samoa team here in Doncaster, with their new supporters cheering the team on right to the final, where they finished as heroic runners up to Australia.

You can't beat live sport for creating unforgettable experiences, so we've lined up a few more options below for your next stay in Doncaster.

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### RUGBY

With the Rugby World Cup taking place in France this year, a trip to **Castle Park** is a must to get you in the mood. The home of Rugby Union's Doncaster Knights is renowned for its quality match day cow pie with mash, peas and gravy – what more do you need!

And if the Rugby League World Cup has inspired you to get behind Doncaster RLFC more commonly known as the Dons, then Sundays at the **Eco-Power Stadium** are just for you. Narrowly missing out on promotion for the last couple of seasons, can it be third time lucky for the Dons to reach the Championship?

### GOLF

Whether you are partial to a round of 18 holes or prefer the crazy variety, Doncaster has something for everyone. From a practice session at **Doncaster Golf Range** in Barnby Dun to one of ten, high quality courses throughout the borough, there's no better way to spend a morning or afternoon in the fresh air. Maybe you are planning a weekend golfing break with friends? Why not head to pages 24 to 27 to select your accommodation and plan your evening entertainment in the heart of the city.

### RACING

It's all change for the world's oldest classic for 2023. For the first time ever, the four-day **St Leger Festival** will run from Thursday 14th September until Sunday 17th, with the Cazoo St Leger Day being held on Saturday 16th September 2023. Accommodation always gets booked up early so plan ahead to secure your location of choice.

You don't have to wait until the autumn though to get your racing fix. Right here in the city of Doncaster there are over 35 race meetings a year, some with live music after the racing. It's always worth checking out the fixture list.

### FOOTBALL

Club Doncaster boasts not one, but two football clubs in its ownership.

Ladies club, **Doncaster Belles LFC**, is one of the most historic women's football teams in England. The Belles play their home fixtures at the Iqbal Poultry Stadium in Thorne and are enjoying the rise in popularity of the women's game following the success of the Lionesses at the Euros last year.



### Experience Live Sport

Their male counterparts, **Doncaster Rovers**, are looking to bounce back to League One following their recent relegation. Fancy ticking another stadium off your list? With regular offers for children, it's a fantastic way to enjoy the outdoors and stretch your legs around the Lakeside Lake before taking your seat in this wonderful stadium.

A weekend of sport is never far away in Doncaster. Make the most of the options on offer and plan your stay now.

Walk, jog or run in the city of Doncaster!

Why not join in the craze of visiting away parkruns, every Saturday morning you can choose between Sandall Park close to the city centre or Cusworth Hall with views for miles – and a small incline to match!

This year Curly's Athletes will be hosting the Doncaster city half marathon, supported by Visit Doncaster, on 25th June. There's also an exhibition for runners within the Dome and capacity for 2000 runners! If a half marathon is a bit too far, you can try the award winning 10K around the city. Whichever you choose, make a full weekend of it and plan your stay.





# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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Venture out into the great outdoors and discover Doncaster's breath-taking green spaces, ranging from moorland to marshland, wetland to woodlands, featuring some of the rarest and most diverse flora and fauna anywhere in the UK.

So, whether you are a nature enthusiast or just love going on scenic walks with your family, Doncaster has just the thing for you!

Let us give you a selection of some of the finest green spaces that you will find in Doncaster, including a number of award-winning ones to get you started. To appreciate the true beauty of these parks and green spaces, a visit really is a must!

## Green Flag Award Winning Green Spaces



Doncaster is fortunate enough to have not one, not two but SEVEN parks that have been awarded Green Flag status. The seven parks are **Bentley Park, Campsall Country Park, Cusworth Hall Park, Quarry Park, Sandall Park** and the

two new additions for 2022 are **Elmfield Park** and **Hexthorpe Park**. We therefore strongly recommend a visit to these award-winning green spaces. Scan the QR code on this page to learn more about each of these parks.

## Parks and Natural Greenspace

### Campsall Country Park



Renowned for its rich mosaic of habitats, including diverse and wet woodlands, and flower-rich grasslands. Campsall Park is home to beautiful scenery, various species of wildlife and a range of activities including a junior play area and walking and nature routes. Car parking is available.

### Elmfield Park



A short walk from the city centre, Elmfield Park is a great place for a stroll, keeping the little ones busy in the play area or just enjoying some exercise. A great stop-off en-route to Doncaster's cultural quarter.

### Sandall Beat Wood

The Beat is a fantastic outdoor space to enjoy a picnic, keep the kids occupied, or take a stroll. Sandall Beat Wood's vast woodland area is home to lots of unique and exciting wildlife as well as a play and recreation area, an environment centre and more! Car parking is available.

### Lakeside Lake

The Lakeside Lake, located a stone's throw away from the Lakeside Village, provides some of the most beautiful views in Doncaster. It is a place full of wildlife and a popular location for family bike rides, walks with the dogs and picnics in the summer months.

### Melton Wood

This impressive woodland is a great space to get outdoors and enjoy a walk in some beautiful scenery. The rolling countryside around Melton Wood is ideal for cycling, with several routes taking in bridle paths, country lanes and short stretches of main road. Along with **Howell Wood** (near Clayton) and **Kings Wood** (Bawtry) the diversity of Doncaster's woodlands and distinctive features of our varied landscape and geology can be admired. Car parking is available.

### Sandall Park



An urban park in Doncaster. Home to beautiful scenery including a large lake, a smaller pond, wildflower areas, a variety of wildlife and woodland areas as well as a variety of facilities including a lovely new café. The park is also home to Saturday Park Run. Car parking is available.

## Green Space

### Gomde:

The Lindholme Hall Estate is the home of Gomde UK, a Buddhist retreat set in 180 acres of land, which lies within the Humberhead Peatlands National Nature Reserve. The Lindholme 'island,' once only accessible by boat, can now be reached across the peatland via a one-mile single-track road.





## Nature Reserves

### Denaby Ings

A wildlife haven, with a fantastic mix of habitats, from open water and riverside water meadows to woodland scrub and hedgerows. Within easy reach of the urban areas of Denaby and Mexborough, the reserve bustles with wildlife including kingfishers, goosander and orchids and much more besides.

### Hatfield Moors

Hatfield Moors forms part of the Humberhead Peatlands which represents the largest area of raised bog wilderness in lowland Britain at 2,887 hectares in size. The site is internationally important, both as an example of a lowland raised mire and for its breeding nightjars. Visitors can explore one of the varied way marked routes that are absolutely brimming with nature.



### Potteric Carr



Famed for its wetland birds including bitterns and marsh harriers, Potteric Carr has a network of paths enabling visitors to explore the mosaic of habitats and enjoy the stunning vistas. With excellent facilities including a café, shop, toilets and hides.



### Sprotbrough Flash

Picturesque Sprotbrough Flash is one of the richest wildlife sites in South Yorkshire. A mosaic of open water, wetland, woodland and limestone grassland, the site offers a year-round treat for wildlife enthusiasts. Walk or cycle along the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT), beside the river Don to where it meets the river Dearne, to take in its splendour! If you walk or cycle in the direction of Conisbrough, you will see the magnificent 21 arch Conisbrough viaduct. Now part of the TPT, it opened in 1909 and was built from more than 15 million bricks. It's quite a sight!

### Thorpe Marsh

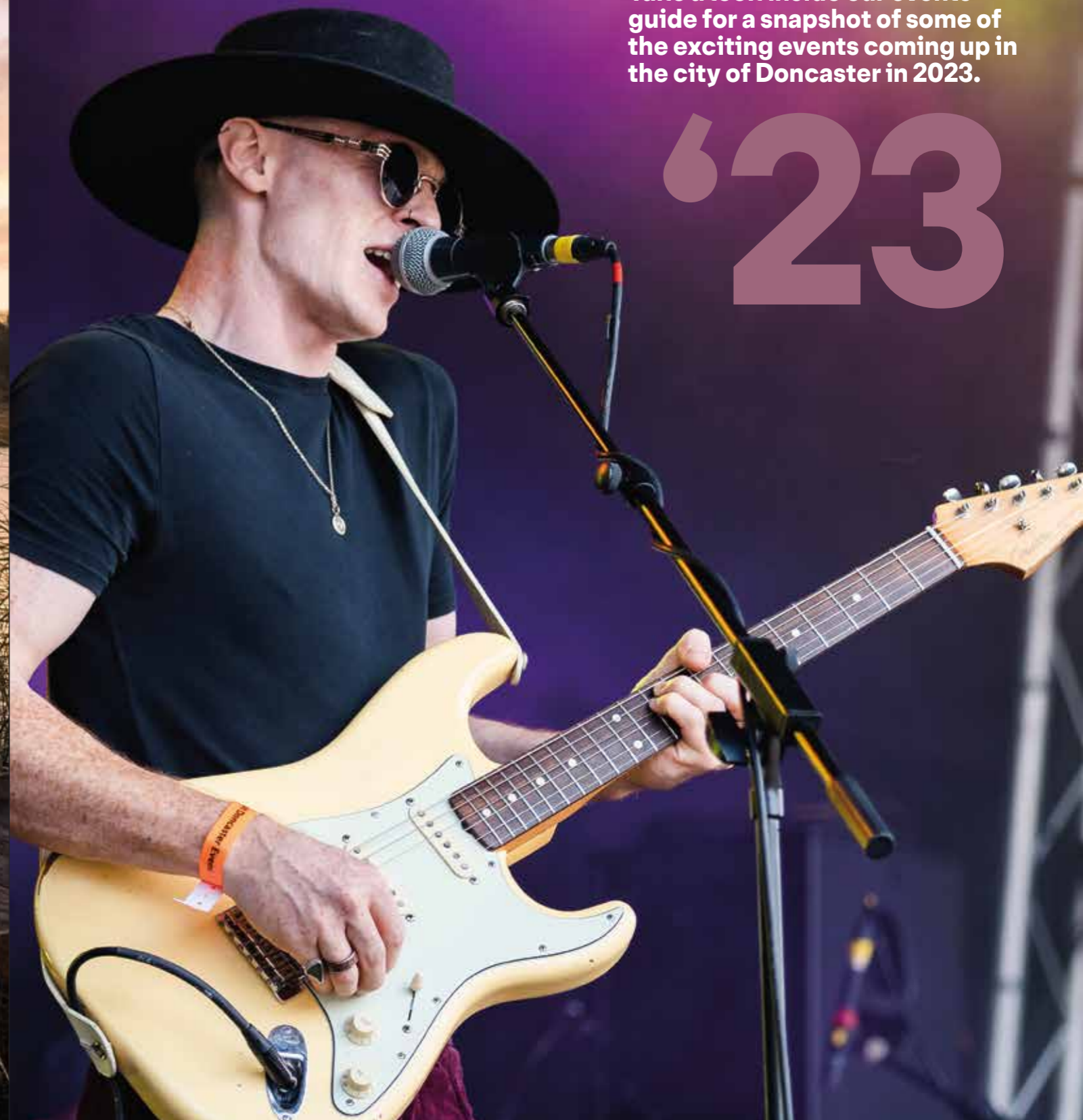
Enjoy a peaceful walk around Thorpe Marsh Nature Reserve. It has green pastures lined with hedgerows, ponds, lakes and small woodlands. With such varied habitats supporting a wide range of plants and animals, you are sure to see or hear something of interest.



# KEY EVENTS IN THE CITY OF DONCASTER!

Take a look inside our events guide for a snapshot of some of the exciting events coming up in the city of Doncaster in 2023.

# '23





**JANUARY**

**Albert Houthuesen®: Moon, Muse and Poet Clown: 21st January - 15th April at DGLAM**

Albert Houthuesen was a Dutch artist, who spent the years during the 2nd World War living in Doncaster. It was during this time that he started work on a series of images of clowns and harlequins, for which he is now best known.

This exhibition, which has been created in association with the Albert Houthuesen Trust, follows Albert's life from his childhood in Amsterdam, to his time in Doncaster and into his later years in London.



**FEBRUARY**

**Festival of British Railway Modelling: 11th - 12th February at Doncaster Racecourse**

30 hand-picked, British working layouts from a variety of major scales and gauges.

Over 80 high quality traders and societies. Don't miss the live, expert demonstrations and the chance to stock up on essentials.

**Flying Scotsman and the Best Birthday Ever Watercolours by Michael Foreman. Thames & Hudson®: 11th February - 7th June at DGLAM**

To mark 100 years of Flying Scotsman, Michael Morpurgo and Michael Foreman have created the stunning children's book 'Flying Scotsman and the Best Birthday Ever'.

This exhibition presents the first opportunity to see the full collection of original watercolours illustrated by Michael Foreman for the book.



**Ministry of Science: 14th February at Cast**

Last year saw science lead the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team are back and more explosive than ever!

**Giovanni Made in Italy: 28th February - 5th March at Cast**

Strictly Come Dancing 2021 champion and dance heart-throb Giovanni Pernice invites you to join him on a journey to his homeland for his brand new 2023 production of 'Made in Italy'.

**MARCH**

**Dave Gorman: 17th March at Cast**

Dave Gorman: 'PowerPoint to the People' will see the man behind Dave TV's hit show 'Modern Life Is Goodish' as well as 'Are You Dave Gorman?' and 'Googlewhack Adventure,' back on the road this autumn with a brand-new live show.

**Tim Peake: 31st March at The Dome**

Join European Space Agency astronaut, Tim Peake, on an epic and thrilling journey to the International Space Station as part of his first ever UK tour.



**APRIL**

**The Lincoln: 1st - 2nd April at Doncaster Racecourse**

Join Doncaster Racecourse for the official start of the British flat racing season at the Lincoln Handicap meeting. Experience world class racing and enjoy a range of delicious food and drink while soaking up the brilliant atmosphere as the crowds cheer home their favourites!



**Doncaster Brick Festival: 2nd April at The Dome**

This will be a great day for families, collectors, adult builders and every other kind of LEGO fan. With lots to see and do including speed building competitions, large scale displays, activities, traders selling loose bricks, new LEGO sets, retired LEGO sets, minifigures & accessories plus a dedicated building area.

**Calling Planet Earth: 8th April at The Dome**

A new romantic symphony that goes on a journey through one of the greatest musical eras of all time - The electrifying 80's featuring songs from now legendary artists such as Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Ultravox and many more.



**Paul Smith Joker: 29th April at The Dome**

Paul Smith is back with a brand-new tour! 'Joker' is his biggest and funniest tour show to date in which the scouse funny man mixes his trademark audience interaction with more hilarious true stories from his everyday life.

**Fake Fest: 29th April at Sandall Park**

The annual Fake Fest in Sandall Park is back! It is the perfect time of year for blowing-away the cobwebs, getting a groove on and belting out some quality tunes with your mates. The line-up looks great too with a fake Bon Jovi, Bowie and more!

**MAY**

**Drawing in the Dark: Henry Moore's Wartime Coalmining Drawings: 6th May - 26th August at DGLAM**

This exhibition, by one of Britain's most admired artists, brings together for the first time, a group of drawings which Henry Moore made as a war artist in 1942. The images are based on a week spent sketching underground at Wheldale Colliery in Castleford, Yorkshire, the mine in which his father, Raymond, had worked for nearly fifty years.

A touring exhibition curated by University of Hertfordshire Arts (UHArts) and managed by St Albans Museums.



**Steampunk Spectacular & Vintage Market: 13th May at Doncaster Market Square**

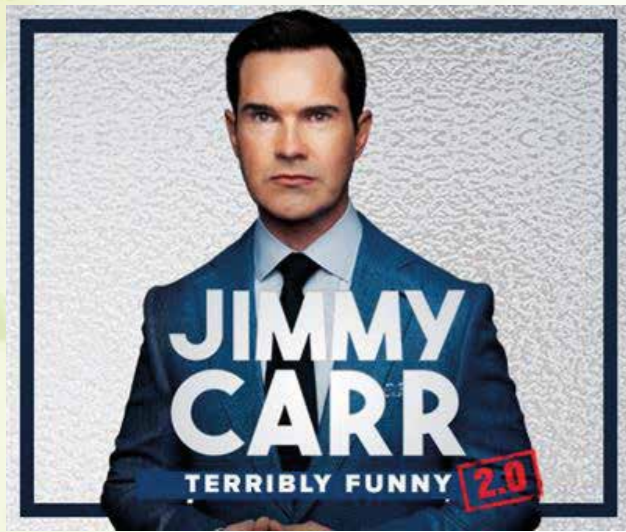
You can expect lots of fun and exciting activities and events across Doncaster city centre, with a Steampunk themed market and entertainment around the Doncaster Market Corn Exchange.





## Jimmy Carr Terribly Funny 2.0: 13th May at The Dome

Jimmy is back on the road with brand new material for 2023. Jimmy's show contains jokes about all kinds of terrible things.



## Doncaster Comic Con: 14th May at The Dome

Doncaster Comic Con is back at The Dome with a huge market selling merchandise and collectables from all of your favourite franchises!

## An evening with Anton Du Beke: 17th May at Cast

Strictly Come Dancing legend and judge, Anton Du Beke, takes to the stage with his show featuring live band, a guest singer and dancers.

## JUNE

## Delicious Doncaster Food and Drink Festival: 2nd - 4th June in Doncaster City Centre

Prepare your taste buds for a treat! Over three days in May, Doncaster city centre will play host to Doncaster's annual foodie event of the year.



## Classic Cars Weekend: 17th- 18th June at Brodsworth Hall

Make Father's Day special this year and come along to Brodsworth Hall for a weekend of classic cars. Join your fellow car enthusiasts this spring and see a large variety of cars, from vintage vehicles to modern motors from the eighties and nineties.



## Doncaster Half Marathon: 25th June at The Dome

The Curly's Doncaster half marathon is getting bigger in 2023 with an exhibition, 2 & 5k's on the cycle track and of course, plenty of amazing half marathon runners. Sign up online and stay tuned for more information on social media.



## JULY

## Brick By Brick - Interactive LEGO® Exhibition: 1st July - 3rd September at DGLAM

'Brick By Brick' is an exhibition of work by 18 international artists, designers and photographers who use LEGO® bricks as their medium or their inspiration.

The exhibition consists of a range of stunning 2D and 3D work in a variety of scales, from jewellery to sculpture, and the show includes both wall mounted and plinth-based exhibits.



## Askern Music Festival: 8th July at Thornhurst Manor



Askern Music Festival: 8th July at Thornhurst Manor with RAZORLIGHT confirmed as headlining the main stage. Being billed as the biggest event yet, the line-up also includes The Enemy, Tom Meighan, The Lottery Winners and more. Keep an eye out for further announcements across social media!

## Crafting Live: 15th - 16th July at Doncaster Racecourse

The UK's award-winning craft show returns to Doncaster in 2023. Stephanie Weightman and her team of crafters will be bringing a whole host of crafty celebrities, workshops, make and takes, demos, and much more to the Doncaster racecourse in the summer.

## Jurassic Earth: 29th July at The Dome

Jurassic Earth features roaming, state-of-the-art animatronic life-like Dinosaurs in an interactive and exciting story-telling show, creating a unique, immersive experience for all audiences!

## AUGUST

## Doncaster Pride: 12th August at Elmfield Park

After the success of the first ever Doncaster Pride at award-winning Elmfield Park, Pride will return in 2023 for an even bigger and better celebration of Doncaster's LGBTQ+ community.



## Wild Live: Every Saturday in August at Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Bringing together an incredible day out plus an evening of live headline music. Live entertainment starts in the early evening before the headliners hit the stage. The first act signed up for the summer is Olly Murs! Further announcements for forthcoming acts will be announced on our website.



**Doncaster Racecourse Live!**  
Look out for exciting live music acts performing after racing during the summer and throughout the year

## SEPTEMBER

## DN One Live: 1st- 3rd September at Sir Nigel Gresley Square

Doncaster is set to come alive with three days of partying and live music this September in Sir Nigel Gresley Square as the city centre plays host to DN One Live.

## Cast's 10th Birthday: 6th September

Cast will be celebrating its 10th birthday in September so stay-tuned for news of all the celebration events!



**SEPTEMBER**

**St Leger Festival: 14th - 17th September at Doncaster Racecourse**

Doncaster's classic St Leger Festival is the highlight of the flat racing season. Each year, jubilant crowds watch on to see a little piece of horse racing history being made. The St Leger Festival is one of the most prestigious race weeks of the British horse racing calendar and an experience not to be missed!



**DN Festival of Light**

The DN Festival of Light is Right Up Our Street's winter festival. It celebrates the diversity of our city by bringing different communities together in one space to engage in the arts and culture.

**Countdown to Christmas: November - December**

It's time to get festive in Doncaster! We have lots of fun and exciting events and activities for you to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. Keep a look out on our website and social media for more details closer to the time.

**OCTOBER**

**Run for Wildlife Autumn 5K: 8th October at Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

A 5k running safari in support of the YWP Foundation! A fantastic and unique opportunity to challenge yourself over 5k amongst the amazing animals at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park!

**Sarah Millican - Late Bloomer: 27th October at The Dome**

In Late Bloomer, Sarah's brand-new stand-up show, she explores how one became the other.



Plus, lots of stuff about dinners and lady gardens. Come along, laugh at her, with her, beside her.

**NOVEMBER**

**Yorkshire Wildlife Park Winter Illuminations: November - January at Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

The annual winter Illuminations feature over 2,400 metres of illuminated trails, filled with giant, awe-inspiring hand-crafted lanterns. Explore the illuminated lands of Fairy-tale Kingdom, Animal Adventures, Under the Sea and much more.

**DECEMBER**

**Beauty and the Beast, Christmas Pantomime: 1st - 31st December at Cast**

Book early to secure the best seat in the house for this year's Christmas panto.

**Aladdin Christmas Pantomime: 9th - 31st December at Doncaster Little Theatre**

Release your inner genie and join Doncaster Little Theatre for their annual family friendly pantomime production of Aladdin. Check out our website for dates and ticketing information.

**Santa Dash: 2nd December at Sandall Park**

A one-mile Christmas themed family fun run that raises money for Sandall Park. Each entry includes a full Santa suit for adult entrants, antlers for the juniors and a medal for everyone! So, gather the troops and get ready to book as soon as we announce online that bookings are open.

# Treat yourself

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