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Hartlepool Events Guide 2019



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WELCOME

to our Hartlepool Events Guide 2019

We are delighted to be able to present a fantastic programme of exciting events running throughout the year.

There really is something for everyone, with events ranging from large festivals to charity fundraisers and sporting activities.

Key attractions include the Hartlepool Waterfront Festival which returns for a third time in July. We will be looking to build on the success of last year's festival which attracted over 15,000 visitors. The first ever Hartlepool Live, a multi-venue music festival featuring some of the very best local bands, will take place in June and later in the year we all have traditional favourites such as the annual Hartlepool Fireworks display and Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre's Christmas pantomime to look forward to.

We have also included some events taking place in neighbouring towns across the Tees Valley.

We hope you find this guide useful and are able to join in the fun by attending some of the events listed.

For the latest information visit destinationhartlepool.com/events

Some events may be subject to change.



The Northern Festival of Illustration

Hartlepool Art Gallery
1st June to 15th September

The award-winning Northern Festival of Illustration will celebrate the work of a range of world-renowned illustrators, cartoonists and comic artists.

Organised by The Northern School of Art and supported by Arts Council England, the biennial event will take place at Hartlepool Art Gallery and other venues across the Tees Valley.

Throughout the festival, a series of illustration workshops will take place in museums and other venues across the Tees Valley, with the created works forming part of a large-scale public artwork at the Hartlepool Waterfront Festival in July.

Free (Including Workshops)
festivalofillustration.com



Hartlepool Live

Town Hall Theatre/The Studio/The ConTemporary/Chilli Cake/
Hops & Cheese
15th June. From 1pm

This summer will see the debut of Hartlepool Live, the town's newest multi-venue music festival. Join us at the Town Hall Theatre, The Studio, The ConTemporary, Chilli Cake and Hops & Cheese to catch the very best local bands, young emerging artists and, of course, Maximo Park frontman Paul Smith!

Come and help us celebrate what Hartlepool has to offer in the world of music. Make sure to plan your day to ensure you get to see all your favourites as well as leaving time to find the next big thing.

First Wave £12, Second Wave £15, Third Wave £18.

[HartlepoolLive](#)

Colour Run

Old Coach Park, Seaton Carew
22nd June. From 10am

The Colour Run is an approximately 5K untimed run where runners are showered from head to toe in paint powder at colour stations along the Seaton Carew promenade, all in aid of Alice House Hospice.

Adult £15, Under 16 £10, Family £40 (2 x adults 2 x children)
alicehousehospice.co.uk





Race for Life

Seaton Carew
30th June. From 9.30am

A 5k for everyone! Come on down for a gorgeous summer run along the prom at Seaton Carew whilst raising valuable funds for life-saving research. There is also a 10k run available for those who want more of a challenge! This year will be a real family event, as for the first time men can take part too!

Sign up or to get more information on the Race for Life website

[raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/
find-an-event](http://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/find-an-event)



Peace Party

Heugh Battery Museum
30th June. 12pm - 4pm
£1 per person

Join the Heugh Battery Museum as they celebrate 100 years since the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, marking 100 years since war was officially brought to an end. Together with Fishburn Brass Band and other entertainment, they will throw their own Peace Party!

Only 100 tickets will be released, one for each year since WW1, so stay tuned to the Museum's facebook page to find out how to buy tickets.

 [HeughBatteryMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/HeughBatteryMuseum)



Golf Week

1st to 5th July

Golf Week is back at five of the Tees Valley's finest golf courses.

Whatever your level of experience, there is a course to suit you! There is also a resident professional on hand to provide any tuition needed.

Daily 4 BBB competitions will be taking place at Wilton, Hunley Hall, Saltburn, Cleveland and Seaton Carew.

Pricing available on website below
rshgolfweek.co.uk

Headland Heritage Day

Headland
6th July

Venture to the Headland for a fantastic array of activities for all the family, including depictions of activity from years gone by.

Free





Hartlepool Waterfront Festival 2019

Hartlepool Waterfront
Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July. 12pm - 7pm

Following the success of last year's Hartlepool Waterfront Festival, which welcomed over 15,000 visitors across the weekend, we are excited to announce another packed programme of open-air performances, immersive experiences, family-friendly activities and art installations.

This year's theme is 'Harbour of Refuge' – historically, this was the name of a safe haven for ships seeking free shelter from stormy seas. The founder of the town, Ralph Ward Jackson spent most of his life raising money to build a Harbour of Refuge here in Hartlepool. The Harbour of Refuge was never built due to a lack of funds.

The time has come to complete his vision and build the re-imagined Harbour of Refuge at this year's festival.

Join us to re-interpret this concept and celebrate the good old Hartlepool welcome given to those from different communities seeking a better life, through an imaginative line-up of music, theatre, community arts and creative activities as we throw a giant two-day welcome party for a 25 foot tall puppet!

hartlepoolwaterfrontfestival.com  HartlepoolWaterfrontFestival



Free Summer Swimming

Mill House Leisure Centre
Monday to Friday 22nd July to 30th August.
10am - 1.30pm (Excluding Bank Holiday)

The Free Summer Swimming programme for under 16s is the perfect way to have fun and keep active this summer!

Having previously seen over 10,000 juniors accessing the programme and being nominated for a UK Active award in the Kids Awards, Specialist Impact category, the programme is back for its seventh year at Mill House Leisure Centre!

There is also a free bus service for those attending the programme.

Free
gethartlepoolactive.co.uk



Miles for Men Race Day

Seaton Carew
28th July. Registration from 10am / Race 1pm

The Miles for Men & Walk for Women 5k Fun Run is back again for its 7th year at Seaton Carew Clock Tower and along the scenic seafront. Entrants can be of all ages, all abilities and from all walks of life. You can walk, jog or take the dog, wear something funny, your Sunday best or put your fitness to the test! The day also features live music, food stalls, entertainment and a fun fair, all designed to make it an amazing family fun day out.

This year's event is dedicated to the loving memory of Demi Leigh Day.
Under 5s Free, 5 - 17 £7.50, 18 - 64 £10, Over 65s Free
milesformen.co.uk



Hartlepool Headland Carnival

Headland Town Moor
1st to 11th August

Roll up, roll up and experience all the fun of the carnival at this year's Hartlepool Headland Carnival. Don't forget to come along on Saturday 10th August for the famous parade.

Free

 [HartlepoolCarnival](#)



National Play Day

Summerhill Country Park and Visitor Centre
7th August. 1pm - 4pm

Come along to Summerhill Country Park for an action-packed afternoon where a huge variety of family-friendly activities will be available. So if you want to try your hand at archery, climbing, arts and crafts, KMX Karts or photography then Summerhill is the place to visit this summer! The event will also see a number of local and national businesses coming along, with even more exciting activities available for you to try. Stay tuned to Summerhill's Facebook page as more information will be released closer to the time.

Free

 [SummerhillCountryPark](#)



Big Lime Weekend

Hartlepool Marina and Seaton Promenade
16th to 18th August

Challenge yourself at the Big Lime Weekend, or start your triathlon journey with just one event. The Friday evening Predictor Swim sets your time for the Saturday Aquathlon, and to finish your weekend, the Sprint Triathlon will take place on the Sunday. There will be medals and a comprehensive goody bag for all finishers. An action-packed weekend for the whole family, opportunities to try local watersports and entertainments await.

Pricing available on website below

gethartlepoolactive.co.uk



The Hartlepool Show & Horticultural Festival

Rift House Recreation Ground
17th & 18th August. From 11am

There's a blooming marvellous time in store for all the family at this year's Hartlepool Show and Horticultural Festival.

You are invited to the Rift House Rec for this colourful outdoor party filled with music, surprise, wonder and nostalgia!

Come and see some of the finest flowers in the North East, including champion carnations, dahlias and fuchsias.

Free



Hartlepool Steampunk Festival

Borough Hall
5th & 6th October. Times Vary

Get set for more weird, whimsical and wonderful shenanigans when Hartlepool Steampunk Festival returns to the historic Headland for the second year running.

This two-day festival is overflowing with fun and frolics and features a specialist steampunk market selling fashions, art and accessories, followed by a Saturday night Steampunk Cabaret with a splendid line-up centred on the Borough Hall.



Photograph: Andrew Dorian

Hartlepool Folk Festival

Various Venues
18th to 20th October. Times Vary

The annual festival returns again with so much to see and do! From contemporary folk and acoustic music through to a wealth of traditional singers and musicians, there really is something for everyone. Special concerts and events celebrate the rich music, heritage and traditions of the Tees Valley and the North-East.

Early bird weekend tickets £80 - Full weekend £90
hartlepoolfolkfest.co.uk

Halloween

Secret Venue
31st October

This year, Hartlepool Borough Council is launching an annual Halloween event.

Whilst we're currently keeping the details of this close to our chest, be sure to look out for further exciting information in due course.



Hartlepool Fireworks

Seaton Carew
5th November. 4pm - 7pm.

The theme for this year's display is 'Space Exploration'. So get ready to make a small step or a giant leap over to Seaton Carew this bonfire night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing.

Free



Wintertide Festival

Headland Town Square
22nd - 24th November. Times Vary

Wintertide Festival is back to start the festive season off with a bang - literally! Join thousands of others as the Headland celebrates the beginning of winter, with arts, performances and a fireworks display to close the show!

Free (Workshops ticketed)
wintertidefestuk.com



Christmas Lights Switch-On

Church Square
29th November. 4pm - 7pm

This year, we'll once again be turning on the lights at the recently revamped Church Square. Stay tuned to find out who will be hitting the button at the big switch-on!

Free



Pantomime Beauty and the Beast

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre
6th - 29th December

Following the huge success of last year's production 'Cinderella', Elite Pantomimes are back this year with a brand new production of 'Beauty and the Beast' - bringing traditional family pantomime back to Hartlepool. Tickets are now on sale at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre. hartlepooltownhalltheatre.co.uk.



Beauty
and
the **BEAST**

Hartlepool's Biggest Christmas Carol Concert

Borough Hall

17th December. From 6pm

Surround yourself with the Christmas spirit and join in the carolling fun at the Borough Hall on Hartlepool's historic Headland. Ranging from traditional carols to festive favourites, this carol concert is one for the diary! Don't forget to wrap up in your cosiest Christmas jumper and enjoy the sensational choirs and sing-a-longs in one of Hartlepool's most beautiful buildings. Free tickets must be reserved in advance



Photograph Christine Matthews



The National Museum of the Royal Navy



We have a full programme of events that will be taking place throughout 2019, so stay tuned to our website.

From an exciting celebration of Armed Forces Day for the whole family (see page 4) to a varied calendar of school holiday activities to delight little ones and big kids alike. There's something for everyone this year at NMRN Hartlepool. We will also be introducing our brand new playship!

nmrn.org.uk/Hartlepool



A look at other exciting events happening across the Tees Valley

The Mighty Weekend

Redcar, Saltburn & Guisborough
26th to 28th July

Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough will host seven magnificent events over one MIGHTY weekend. Whether you are looking for food, fitness or fun there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Kicking off the weekend on the golden sands of Redcar's Majuba beach is Clubland on the Beach 3.0 but if dance music isn't your thing then head over to Guisborough for the return of the Summer Sound 70s & 80s Disco Party.

Saturday sees the biggest beach party of the summer at Majuba beach with We Love the 90s and Summer Sound Tribute Festival at Guisborough Priory.

On Sunday head down to Redcar and cheer on the competitors in the Redcar Sprint Triathlon before visiting the picturesque town of Saltburn for the Saltburn Food Festival. End the perfect day by heading over to Guisborough for Proms in the Priory.

enjoyredcarcleveland.co.uk



Stockton International Riverside Festival (SIRF)



Stockton Town Centre
1st to 4th August

Get set for a jam-packed programme for the 32nd edition of the Stockton International Riverside Festival (SIRF) as it returns from 1st - 4th of August. Join us for a dazzling line up of circus, dance, music and outdoor spectacles performed by artists from across the globe.

And don't miss the colourful SIRF Community Carnival on Saturday 3rd August as we celebrate the 'Tales of the Tees Valley' with our annual high street parade, a spectacle not to be missed!

sirf.co.uk

Festival Of Ingenuity

Darlington Town Centre
Saturday 13th July

Darlington Town Centre will once again explode with fun, activity and all that is ingenious about the area!

You and your family will have the opportunity to try a wide range of fun interactive activities and meet Darlington's most innovative companies. All this for FREE! There will also be street entertainment, live music and delicious food and drinks.

Last year's Festival of Ingenuity featured many of our big name companies including Cummins, Cleveland Bridge, Modus, EE, Hooba Foods and many more.

Free
festivalofingenuity.co.uk



Middlesbrough Mela

Albert Park
17th - 18th August 2019

Middlesbrough Mela is back for its 29th year. This free event aims to bring communities together to celebrate and promote the diverse cultures within the region, reaching audiences of 50,000 over the two day festival. The festival plays host to a high quality programme of events, including a vibrant celebration of world class music covering a rich mix of hip hop, Bhangra and traditional Asian sounds, the Global Arts Village, food court, Bazaar, street theatre and family fun entertainment.

Free
f MelaBoro



Hartlepool Waterfront Festival
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Take That
1st June 2019
Riverside Stadium,
Middlesbrough



Jess Glynne
2nd August 2019
Darlington Arena

A BIG SUMMER OF EVENTS



Festival of Thrift
14th – 15th September 2019
Kirkleatham Museum &
Grounds, Redcar



Great North City Games
7th September 2019
Stockton High Street



Stockton International
Riverside Festival (SIRF)
1st – 4th August 2019
Stockton