

EVENTS' LISTINGS STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

Activity Planning

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025



As part of this Listings document, you will note several different partners delivering for the S&DR celebrations. To denote the different partners, we have tried to keep it simple by adding logos where appropriate, however some events are regular events outside the festival but which will be of interest too. These events and activities range from large scale to intimate and there really is something for everyone. Have fun!

WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING?

The S&DR opened on the 27th September and nothing would ever be the same again. The railway was pioneering; it formed the prototype for the modern railway – a railway designed to carry goods, freight and passengers, a large scale piece of permanent public transport infrastructure powered by locomotive. It led to the expansion of the railway network across the world and helped to trigger the second phase of the industrial revolution. It invented railway police, railway towns, railway stations and pioneered locomotive refuelling, landsale depots, goods stations and much more. That is why the Stockton & Darlington Railway has been celebrated every 50 years since its opening 200 years ago.

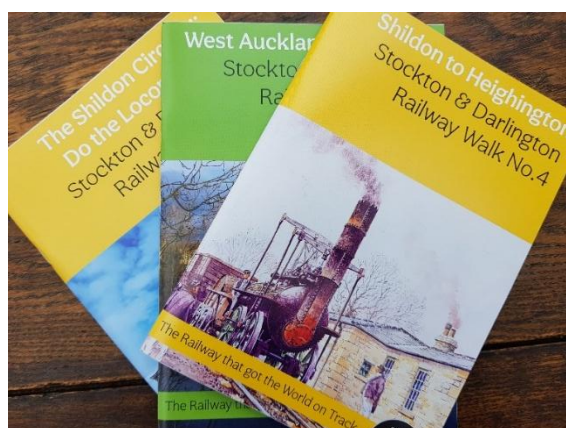
USING THIS LISTING

The listing is a brief guide to what is going on in 2025 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. It allows you to see at a glance what is happening on any day and so will help you plan your visit. It is not definitive so if you hear of other events, email the details to caroline@aenvironment.co.uk and info@sdr200.co.uk to ensure it is included on future listings and the official SDR200 web site.

If you are travelling a long way to get to an event, please double check with the website or event organiser. Things change. The main sources of events can be found in the following web sites:

<p>The SDR200 Main Festival- celebrations of 200 years of the modern railway. and beyond</p> <p>The S&DR200 Fringe Festival – part of S&DR200</p> <p>The S&DR1825 Community Fund.- Legacy programming until 2027 and part of S&DR200.</p>	<p>www.sdr200.co.uk</p> <p>info@sdr200.co.uk</p>
<p>For information about County Durham, Tees Valley, Hotels & restaurants and other things to do.</p>	<p>www.visitnortheastengland.com/places/tees-valley/</p> <p>www.thisisdurham.com</p> <p>www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/visit</p>
<p>Locomotion, Shildon.</p> <p>This museum is part of the National Railway Museum. They are located about 5 miles from the west end of the 1825 mainline. Shildon railway station is on the site.</p>	<p>www.locomotion.org.uk/home</p>
<p>Hopetown, Darlington</p> <p>This is a council run family friendly railway museum about half way along the line. It shares space with North Road railway station.</p>	<p>www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/</p>
<p>Preston Park Museum and Grounds</p> <p>This is just outside Stockton and is a museum that has displays featuring railways as well as other subjects. Part of the original 1825 line survives as earthworks through the grounds. The nearest railway station is Eaglescliffe which is within walking distance. It will be closed during August however (although the grounds will be open).</p>	<p>www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk/</p>
<p>The Story, Durham</p> <p>This is a new building housing the Durham Archives, which holds some of the original S&DR papers. The nearest railway station is Durham.</p>	<p>www.thestory.co.uk</p>
<p>For more national events as part of Railway200</p>	<p>railway200.co.uk/</p>
<p>You can also visit the Friends' temporary information point in the Dolphin Centre, Horse Market, Darlington DL1 5RP on Fridays and Saturday through summer 2025.</p>	

EXPLORE THE LINE



You can buy self-guided walk booklets to help you explore the line. These can be found on the Friends' web site www.sdr1825.org.uk or at Locomotion in Shildon or Stockton's Tourist Information Centre.

Check out the Friends' web site for new guided walks being added all the time, including a relay on the 27th September of the opening day route and a chance to walk the whole line between September 1st - 5th.

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ALL YEAR EVENTS

Until 30 January 2026 10-4pm

Exhibition

All Change



Venue: The Story, Durham Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham DH1 3TQ

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.thestorydurham.org/whats-on/all-change/>

Find out more: www.sdr200.co.uk

SEPTEMBER 2025

1st – 5th September

Walk

200th S&DR Anniversary Walk. Total distance 26 miles (the length of the opening day main line).

A 5 day walk starting from near to the coal fields of South West Durham to the coal staithes in Stockton following where possible the 1825 route of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. We are hoping to attract 30 people to walk the full distance over the 5 days.

Date and times – 1 September 2025 – for anyone travelling by train 10.20am Bishop Auckland Station. We will have to resolve transport arrangements to New Inn Crossroads

Venue (starting point) – New Inn Crossroads.

Date and times – 2 September 2025 – 10.30am.

Venue (starting point) – Shildon Station or Gaunless Bridge near Locomotion Museum.

Date and times – 3 September 2025 – 11.00am.

Venue (starting point) – North Road Station/Hopetown, Darlington.

Date and times – 4 September 2025 – 10.30am.

Venue (starting point) – Dinsdale Station.

Date and times – 5 September 2025 – 11.15am.

Venue (starting point) – Allen's West Station.

Find out more: www.sdr1825.org.uk or email membership.sdr1825@virginmedia.com or jraw2883@aol.com.

All September

Digital Game & App

The Trail of Discovery

Venue: 26 mile walking and cycling route and on line

FREE

Find out more: www.sdr200.co.uk



All September 10-4pm

Exhibition

Coal, Canals and Carriages: The Story of Raby and the Railways

Raby Castle, Staindrop, DL2 3AH

Normal admission applies to access castle and grounds (online prices (cheaper): Adult £21 | Concession (60+) £20 | Children (4–15yrs) £12 | Under 4s Free | Family (2 adults & 3 children) £62)

Find out more: <https://www.raby.co.uk/raby-castle/>



All September 10-4pm

Exhibition

STEAM to the future

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/STEAM-to-the-Future>



Mid September 10-4pm

Exhibition

Tracks of Change

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Details to come

Find out more: sdr200.co.uk



Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution



Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

4th September 10.30-4pm

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4th September 7-11pm

Music

Last Train Home Express 25 Festival

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

Find out more: <https://www.tracksdarlington.co.uk/news/lth-express-25>



5th September 10.30-4pm

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5th September 10-12 noon

Tour/collections handling

Focus on North Road Works

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/164>



6th September 1-11pm

Music/comedy

Last Train Home Festival 2025

Venue: The Forum Music Centre, The Hullbaloo Theatre and the Hippodrome – all Darlington

£20-30

Find out more: <https://www.tracksdarlington.co.uk/news/last-train-home-festival-2025>



6th September 10.30-4pm

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6th September 1.30 for 2pm

Film

A Passion for Steam by Maurice Burns

Venue: Sunday School, Locomotion, Shildon

FREE but book via Locomotion web site (<https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on>) link to bookings not currently available)



6th September 10-3pm

Open day

View the progress being made on the P2, No. 2007 Prince of Wales.

Venue: Darlington Locomotive Works, 9 Bonomi Way, DL3 0PY

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.a1steam.com/>



7th September 10.30-4pm

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6th September 10-1pm

Open day

G5 Locomotive Open Day (Recreating Wilson Worsdell's Class G5 Locomotive)

Venue: Hackworth Industrial Park, Shildon DL4 1HF

FREE but donations welcome

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/G5Loco>

8th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND



FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>

8th September 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

8th September 10am and all day

Excavation

Tees Archaeology run Community Excavation

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds, Yarm Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3RH

FREE

Find out more and book: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-excavation-at-preston-park-tickets-1654546044759?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

9th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

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10th September 10-5pm

Exhibition

The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some local displays.

Venue: Bank Top Station, Darlington DL1 4AA

Free. The train is accessible and to ensure a quality experience and time to enjoy the displays, visits are structured in 15-minute intervals. Please arrive at the station no earlier than 10 minutes before the time indicated on your ticket. Have your ticket in hand for check-in.

<https://railway200.merlontickets.co.uk/product/EVENT00018>



10th September All day

Art installation

S&DR artwork by local primary schools

Venue: Stockton's Quayside, outside Quay Corner Café TS18 3BB

FREE (volunteers very welcome)

10th September 10am and all day

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11th September 7.30pm

Theatre/drama

Steam, Wheels n' Rails

Venue: The ARC Stockton Arts Centre

£15

Find out more and book: <https://arconline.co.uk/whats-on/steam-wheels-n-rails/>



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FREE

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12th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

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12th September 10-12 noon

Tour/collections handling

Focus on S&DR 1875 & 1925 Commemorative Collection

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/164>



12th September 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

12th September 10am and all day

Excavation

Tees Archaeology run Community Excavation

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds, Yarm Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3RH

FREE

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Exhibition

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Theatre/drama

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£15



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13th September 10-5pm

Heritage skills

Heritage Weekend at Hopetown

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.darlington.gov.uk/town-centre/events/whats-on/Heritage-Weekend-at-Hopetown>



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Exhibition

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FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

13th September 10-4pm

Exhibition

Middleton Railway Station - Working Model

Venue: The Masonic Hall, Middleton, DL12 0SH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

13th September 10-4pm

Model railway

Darlington Model Railway Exhibition

Venue: Oakleaf Sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QZ

Adults £8 under 16s FREE

14th September 10.30-4pm

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14th September 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Live steam (miniature)

Train rides

Venue: Thorpe Light Railway, south of the River Tees, next to Whorlton Bridge (bridge currently closed), about 3 miles from Barnard Castle in County Durham. [///dial.gripes.geese](http://dial.gripes.geese)

£3.50 (cash only)

Find out more: <https://thorpelightrailway.co.uk/events>

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16th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

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FREE

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16th September 7.30pm

Theatre/drama

Steam, Wheels n' Rails

Venue: Darlington Central Hall DL1 5RD

£16.96

Find out more and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sdr-community-players-fringe-festival-tickets-1291106286659?aff=oddtcreator>



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Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



17th September 7-9pm

Talk

The Stockton & Darlington Railway - Getting America on Track with Jonathan Ratcliffe

Venue: The Railway Institute, 78 Redworth Road, Shildon DL4 2JJ

Free, but book

Find out more: https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/_trashed-41_trashed/



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Venue: Darlington Central Hall DL1 5RD

£16.96

Find out more and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sdr-community-players-fringe-festival-tickets-1291106286659?aff=oddtcreator>



18th September 10am and all day

Excavation

Tees Archaeology run Community Excavation

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds, Yarm Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3RH

FREE

Find out more and book: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-excavation-at-preston-park-tickets-1654546044759?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

18th September 3pm

Guided walk

Walk along the trackbed of the S&DR with Emma Watson

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Find out more and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-along-the-sdr-trackbed-within-the-grounds-of-preston-park-tickets-1567052759989?aff=erelpanelorg>

19th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



19th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



19th September All day. Primary schools by appointment

Art installation and activities

S&DR artwork by local primary schools

Venue: Stockton's Quayside, outside Quay Corner café TS18 3BB

FREE (the day is aimed at primary schools, but the public are welcome).

19th September 10-12 noon

Tour/collections handling

Focus on S&DR Collections

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/164>



19th September 10am and all day

Excavation

Tees Archaeology run Community Excavation

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds, Yarm Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3RH

FREE

Find out more and book: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-excavation-at-preston-park-tickets-1654546044759?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

20th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



20th September 2pm onwards

Performance/ parade/ art/music

Ghost Train, Darlington

Venue :Darlington town centre Tubwell Row, DL1 1NU parading to Hopetown from 2pm.

Parade from 7.30pm



20th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



20th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>

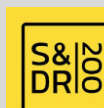


20th September 10.30-4.30pm

Footplate tours

Titans of Steam: footplate tours

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington (and A1 Trust Loco Works and 1861 Engine Shed)



From £3

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/167>

20th September August 1-5pm

Families/sport/open day

Quoits & the Railways in Durham

Venue: Darlington Quoit Club, Raby Terrace, Darlington DL3 7AB



20th September 2-4pm

Comedy/music/entertainment/show

Railway 200: The Show

Venue: St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington Market Place DL1 5QG

Free but book here: <https://wegottickets.com/event/662491>

Find out more: <https://gareththeatre.com/current-productions-2/>



20th September 2-3.30pm

Readings/discussions/Q&A

Bicentennial Pen Pals Book Launch

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17714/Bicentennial-Pen-Pals-Book-Launch-S-DR200-Fringe>



20th September

Exhibition

Coal & Railways in the Gaunless Valley

Venue: Butterknowle Village Hall



20th September 1.30 for 2pm

Film

A Passion for Steam by Maurice Burns

Venue: Stephenson Room, Hopetown, Darlington

FREE but book via Hopetown' web site <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/> (link to bookings not currently available)



20th September 10-1pm

Open day

G5 Locomotive Open Day (Recreating Wilson Worsdell's Class G5 Locomotive)

Venue: Hackworth Industrial Park, Shildon DL4 1HF

FREE but donations welcome

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/G5Loco>

20th September All day (outside S&DR area)

Train rides/ day out/ walks

Diesel Pioneers Gala

Venue: Tanfield Railway, Gateshead NE16 5ET

£20

Find out more: <https://tanfield-railway.co.uk/train-rides/diesel-pioneers-gala/>

20th September 10-5pm

Exhibition

RAILWAY
MUSEUM



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

21st September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



21st September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



21st September 10.30-4.30pm

Footplate tours

Titans of Steam: footplate tours

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington (and A1 Trust Loco Works and 1861 Engine Shed)

From £3

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/167>



21st September

Exhibition

Coal & Railways in the Gaunless Valley

Venue: Butterknowle Village Hall



21st September 7.30pm

Theatre/drama

Steam, Wheels n' Rails

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

£15.00

Find out more and book: <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on>) booking link not currently available)



21st September All day (outside S&DR area)

Train rides/ day out/ walks

Diesel Pioneers Gala

Venue: Tanfield Railway, Gateshead NE16 5ET

£21

Find out more: <https://tanfield-railway.co.uk/train-rides/diesel-pioneers-gala/>

21st September 10-5pm

Exhibition

RAILWAY
MUSEUM



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

22nd September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



22nd September 7.30pm

Theatre/drama

Steam, Wheels n' Rails

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

£15.00

Find out more and to book: <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/steam-wheels-n-rails>



22nd September 10-5pm

Exhibition

RAILWAY
MUSEUM



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

22nd September 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

23rd September 10-5pm

Exhibition

RAILWAY
MUSEUM



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

23rd September 7.30pm

Theatre/drama

Steam, Wheels n' Rails

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

£15.00

Find out more and book: <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/steam-wheels-n-rails>



23rd September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



23rd September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



23rd September evening

Talk/conference

Early Railways Conference

Venue: Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Horse Market, Darlington, DL1 5RP

£170 for three days, £70 for individual days, online options available)

Find out more: <https://rchs.org.uk/early-railways-conference-combined/>



23rd September 7.30-9pm

Talk/ wine reception/ public lecture

Not Just a Coal Railway; Re-evaluating the S&DR, part of the Early Railway Conference

Find out more and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/not-just-a-coal-railway-re-evaluating-the-sdr-tickets-1489341954879?aff=oddtcreator>

23rd September 7pm

Talk/book signing

The Stockton & Darlington Railway: A Pictorial Journey - Caroline Hardie & Chris Lloyd

Venue: The Station, Richmond, DL10 4LD

£10

Disabled access

Find out more: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/pyooynmwxnze>



23rd September (7pm)

Street theatre/ real ale

Beer and Bread. The story of the navvies who built the S&DR and how they celebrated on the opening night.

Venue: Market Cross, Stockton

COST: Free

For your FREE tickets, e-mail johnharris@interacting.info

23rd September 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

23rd September 10.30am

Guided walk

Walk along the trackbed of the S&DR with Emma Watson

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Find out more and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-along-the-sdr-trackbed-within-the-grounds-of-preston-park-tickets-1567052759989?aff=erelpanelorg>

24th September 9-5pm

Talk/conference

Early Railways Conference

Venue: Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Horse Market, Darlington, DL1 5RP

£170 for three days, £70 for individual days, online options available)

Find out more: <https://rchs.org.uk/early-railways-conference-combined/>



24th September 10-5pm

Exhibition

RAILWAY
MUSEUM



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

24th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



24th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



24th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



24th September 2.30pm

Readings/discussions/Q&A

Bicentennial Pen Pals Book Launch

Venue: Local Studies Library, Crown Street, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/17714/Bicentennial-Pen-Pals-Book-Launch-S-DR200-Fringe>



24th September 10-11am

Theatre/ musical/ children

The Railway Children

Venue: Theatre Hullabaloo, Borough Road, Darlington DL1 1SG

£8

Find out more: <https://www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk/shows/aw25-the-railway-children/>



24th September (7pm)

Street theatre/ real ale

Beer and Bread. The story of the navvies who built the S&DR and how they celebrated on the opening night.

Venue: Market Cross, Stockton

COST: Free

For your FREE tickets, e-mail johnharris@interacting.info



24th September 10-1pm

Cycle ride

CYCLE TO THE LINE – A SERIES OF 3 BIKE RIDES TO VISIT THE WORLD FAMOUS STOCKTON TO DARLINGTON RAILWAY WITH KEN BRADSHAW

Start: Bishop Auckland Station. Finish: Bishop Auckland Station

£7

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockton-and-darlington-railway-bike-ride-1-to-the-start-tickets-1597727268269?aff=oddtcreator>

24th September 2 – 5pm

Cycle ride

CYCLE TO THE LINE – A SERIES OF 3 BIKE RIDES TO VISIT THE WORLD FAMOUS STOCKTON TO DARLINGTON RAILWAY WITH KEN BRADSHAW

Start and finish: Skerne Bridge car park.

£7

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockton-and-darlington-railway-bike-ride-1-to-the-start-tickets-1597727268269?aff=oddtcreator>

25th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



25th September, noon Friends' members only

One off event

The opening of the 1925 Waynman Dixon Package

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

Find out more: [Tickets for the Opening of the Waynman Dixon Package - Friends Of The Stockton & Darlington Railway](#)



25th September 9-5

Talk/conference

Early Railways Conference

Venue: Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Horse Market, Darlington, DL1 5RP

£170 for three days, £70 for individual days, online options available)

Find out more: <https://rchs.org.uk/early-railways-conference-combined/>



25th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



25th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



25th September 10-5pm

Exhibition



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

25th September (7pm)

Street theatre/ real ale



Beer and Bread. The story of the navvies who built the S&DR and how they celebrated on the opening night.

Venue: Market Cross, Stockton

COST: Free

For your FREE tickets, e-mail johnharris@interacting.info

25th September 10-1pm

Cycle ride

Cycle to the line – a series of 3 bike rides to visit the world famous Stockton & Darlington railway with Ken Bradshaw

Start: Shildon Station Finish: Shildon Station

£7

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockton-and-darlington-railway-bike-ride-1-to-the-start-tickets-1597727268269?aff=oddtcreator>

25th September 2 – 5pm

Cycle ride

Cycle to the line – a series of 3 bike rides to visit the world famous Stockton & Darlington railway with Ken Bradshaw

Start and finish: Skerne Bridge car park.

£7

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockton-and-darlington-railway-bike-ride-1-to-the-start-tickets-1597727268269?aff=oddtcreator>

26th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



26th September August 1-5pm

Families/sport/open day

Quoits & the Railways in Durham

Venue: Darlington Quoit Club, Raby Terrace, Darlington DL3 7AB



26th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



26th September

One off event

Plaque unveiling for IMechE

Venue: Masons Arms Crossing, Shildon

Details tbc



26th September 9am

One off event



The Anniversary Journey of Locomotion No.1 Celebrations

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

Ticketed (including parking), FREE but with donations

Find out more: <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/sdr-bicentenary-weekend>

26th September

One off event/ food and drink

Hackworth the Big picnic with performances and theatre mass participation piece STEAM.



Venue: Information to come Ticketed, Hackworth Park.

26th September 9-5pm

Talk/conference

Early Railways Conference



Venue: Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Horse Market, Darlington, DL1 5RP

£170 for three days, £70 for individual days, online options available)

Find out more: <https://rchs.org.uk/early-railways-conference-combined/>

26th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution



Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

26th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/ theatre



Inspiration Train and Mad Alice Theatre

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

FREE but booking required

Find out more : <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>

26th September late morning

Heighington Station Anniversary Train Viewing

26th September 10-12 noon

Tour/collections handling

Focus on S&DR Commemorative Collections

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/164>



26th September 11am

One off event

The Anniversary Journey of Locomotion No.1 Celebrations

Venue: Heighington Station (beware of road closures)

FREE but limited to 50 members of the Friends of the S&DR

Find out more: at jonathan.ratcliffe@sdr1825.org.uk



27th September (Open each Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 4pm (Closed Sunday)).

Exhibition

On Track Exhibition (embroidery and textiles)

Venue: Darlington Crown Street Library, DL1 1ND

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/event/on-track/>



27th September 12.40-1.30pm

One off event

The Anniversary Journey of Locomotion No.1 Celebrations

Venue: Hopetown carpark

Ticketed FREE (bookings essential)

Find out more: <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16707/Anniversary-Journey-1825-2025-Shildon-Darlington-and-Stockton>



27th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



27th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE



Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>

27th September 10-5pm and until January 2026

Exhibition

Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>



27th September 10-5pm

Exhibition

Inspiration Train

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

FREE but booking required

Find out more : <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>



27th September

Exhibition

Coal & Railways in the Gaunless Valley

Venue: Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood



27th September 6.25pm (18.25)

Walk

The terminus of a 26 mile walk over several days by the Friends of the S&DR

Venue: Stockton's Quayside

Details tbc

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/events/>



27th September 7pm

Meet the Author/readings

Travel writer and self-confessed “train nut” Tom Chesshyre as he celebrates 200 years of passenger railways on a zigzagging tour around the UK and Nige Tassell sets out to ride Britain’s railway network all the way to its lesser-travelled-to corners.

Venue: Drake the Book Shop, Stockton. TS181SX

£5

Find out more: <https://www.drakethebookshop.co.uk/events/>

28th September 10-5pm and until January 2026

Exhibition



Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>

28th September

One off event

The Anniversary Journey of Locomotion No.1 celebrations



Venue: Stockton, details to come

Find out more: <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16707/Anniversary-Journey-1825-2025-Shildon-Darlington-and-Stockton>

28th September evening

Outdoor show

Ghost Train The arrival



Venue: Stockton Riverside

FREE evening show

Find out more: <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16708/Ghost-Train-Stockton>

28th September 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution



Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

28th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala



Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>

28th September 10-5pm

Exhibition



Inspiration Train and Mad Science

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon

FREE but booking required

Find out more : <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>

28th September

Exhibition

Coal & Railways in the Gaunless Valley

Venue: Randolph Community Centre, Evenwood



28th September 3-6pm.

Poetry/creative writing readings

Readings from the Write On Track S&DR Bicentenary Writing Competition

inspired by the S&DR, written by people who live along the S&DR

Venue: The Waiting Room Restaurant-Bar Eaglescliffe TS16 0BU

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.tracksdarlington.co.uk/wot-home>



28th September 12.30-5pm

Exhibition/ refreshments/activities

S&DR the railway that got the world on track 1825-2025

Venue: Witton Park Methodist Church

FREE

Find out more: www.sdr1825.org.uk or jraw2883@aol.com



28th September 10.30-4.30pm

Footplate tours

Titans of Steam: footplate tours

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington (and A1 Trust Loco Works and 1861 Engine Shed)

From £3

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/167>



29th September 10-5pm and until January 2026

Exhibition

Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>



29th September 10-5pm

Exhibition



RAILWAY
MUSEUM



The Inspiration Train. Coaches featuring Railway Firsts, Wonderlab on Wheels, Your Railway Future and some Locomotion displays.

Venue: Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE

Free. Ticket holders will have access to the exhibition train for 45 minutes. All carriage doors will be open. There are clear walkways between each carriage but wheelchair users will need to gain access through each carriage door <https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/exhibition-train>.

29th September 10.30-12.30pm (outside the immediate S&DR area)

Guided walk

Walk the Line - Wylam and George Stephenson's Birthplace

Meet at Old Station carpark, Wylam. NE41 8AB

£5 (children free)

Find out more and book: : <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/george-stephensons-birthplace/events>

29th September 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

29th September 1pm

Guided walk

Walk along the trackbed of the S&DR with Emma Watson

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Find out more and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-along-the-sdr-trackbed-within-the-grounds-of-preston-park-tickets-1567052759989?aff=erelpanelorg>

30th September 10-5pm and until January 2026

Exhibition

Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>



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30th September 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



30th September (7pm)

Street theatre/ real ale

Beer and Boots. The story of George Stephenson and Nicholas Wood coming to visit Edward Pease in 1821 to discuss locomotives.

Venue: Market Cross, Darlington

COST: Free

For your FREE tickets, e-mail johnharris@interacting.info



30th September 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

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OCTOBER 2025

All October (until 29th) 10-4pm

Exhibition

Coal, Canals and Carriages: The Story of Raby and the Railways

Raby Castle, Staindrop, DL2 3AH

Normal admission applies to access castle and grounds (online prices (cheaper): Adult £21 | Concession (60+) £20 | Children (4–15yrs) £12 | Under 4s Free | Family (2 adults & 3 children) £62)



Find out more: <https://www.raby.co.uk/raby-castle/>

All of OCTOBER 10-4pm

Exhibition

Tracks of Change

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Details to come

Find out more: sdr200.co.uk



All October

Digital Game & App

The Trail of Discovery

Venue: 26 mile walking and cycling route and on line

FREE

Find out more: www.sdr200.co.uk



All October 10-5pm

Exhibition

Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>



1st October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



1st October 10-5 pm

Exhibition

STEAM to the future

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/STEAM-to-the-Future>



1st October 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

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COST: Free

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2nd October 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



2nd October 10-5pm

Exhibition

STEAM to the future

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3rd October 10.30-4pm

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Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



3rd October 12.30pm

Talk

Women of the S&DR by Caroline Hardie



Venue: Bannatynes, Darlington

Darlington Inner Wheel members

3rd October 10-5pm

Exhibition

STEAM to the future

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

FREE

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3rd October 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington



FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>

3rd October 10-12 noon

Tour/collections handling

Steam Line-Up Collection

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/164>



4th October 10-5pm

Exhibition/steam/

Titans of Steam Gala

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/Titans-of-Steam-Gala>



4th October 10.30-4.30pm

Footplate tours

Titans of Steam: footplate tours

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington (and A1 Trust Loco Works and 1861 Engine Shed)

From £3

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/167>



4th October

Open day/exhibition

Hitachi Open Day and Inspiration Train

Venue: Aycliffe Business Park, Millennium Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6UG



4th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



4th October 10-5pm

Exhibition

STEAM to the future



Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/STEAM-to-the-Future>

All Autum and Winter

Exhibitions

On Track – a series of major exhibitions at Preston Park

Venue: Preston Park Museum, and Grounds

Details to come



5th October 10-5pm

Exhibition

STEAM to the future

Venue: Hopetown, Darlington DL3 6SW

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.hopetowndarlington.co.uk/whats-on/STEAM-to-the-Future>



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6th October 10.30-2.30pm



Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

6th October 5-6pm

Guided walk

Lantern-lit walk along the line of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

FREE

Find out more/book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lantern-lit-walk-along-the-line-of-the-stockton-and-darlington-railway-tickets-1567112829659?aff=oddtcreator>

7th October 10.15-12 noon

Talk

The Railway that got the World on Track, talk by Caroline Hardie



Venue: Stockton on Tees Probus Club, West End Bowling Club, Darlington Road, Stockton TS18 5BE

Members only?

7th October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

8th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

9th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG



Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

10th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



11th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

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12th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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13th October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

14th October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

15th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



16th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



17th October 10.30-onwards

Exhibition/ talks/ workshops.

WOW NE Schools day

Venue: The Gala, Durham City

WOW foundation and S&DR200 come together for this special celebration

Find out more: www.sdr200.co.uk



17th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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18th October (times tbc)

Talks/ Market/Activities/installations WOW NE

A look at women in the North East and celebrations connected to S&DR and the future.

Find out more: www.sdr200.co.uk



18th October 9-5pm

Talk/conference

Tees Archaeology Day (includes talk on S&DR excavations at Preston Park)

Venue: Stockton Library



18th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition



Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

18th October 7.30pm

Film premiere

The First Pub

Venue: The Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe

FREE (numbers may be limited)

Find out more: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/events/>



18th October 5.30

Guided walk

Lantern-lit walk along the line of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

FREE

Find out more/book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lantern-lit-walk-along-the-line-of-the-stockton-and-darlington-railway-tickets-1567112829659?aff=oddtcreator>

19th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



20th October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

21st October 1.15pm

Talk

Women of the S&DR by Caroline Hardie

Venue: Willow Road Community Centre



South Durham U3A members

21st October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

22nd October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



23rd October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



24th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



25th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



25th October 1.30-3.30pm

Poetry/creative writing readings

Readings from the Write On Track S&DR Bicentenary Writing Competition inspired by the S&DR, written by people who live along the S&DR

Venue: The Waiting Room Restaurant-Bar Eaglescliffe TS16 0BU

FREE

Find out more: <https://www.tracksdarlington.co.uk/wot-home>



26th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



26th October 10.30-12.30pm (outside the immediate S&DR area)

Guided walk

Walk the Line - Wylam and George Stephenson's Birthplace

Meet at Old Station carpark, Wylam. NE41 8AB

£5 (children free)

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27th October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

28th October 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

28th October 10.30am

Children/ families

Little Loco Workshop

Venue: Richmond Library



FREE

Find out more:

29th October 11am

Children/ families

Storytime with Little Loco

Venue: The Witham, Barnard Castle

FREE

Find out more: richmond@craccl.org T: 01609 534580



29th October 7.30pm

Talk

The S&DR. The Railway that got the World on Track

Venue: The Witham, Barnard Castle



29th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

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30th October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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31st October 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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NOVEMBER 2025

All November

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All November 10-5pm

Exhibition

Tracks of Change

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Details to come

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Exhibition

Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>



1st November 10.30-4pm

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1st November

Talks

Friends of the S&DR AGM (details tbc)

Venue: The Railway Institute, Shildon



2nd November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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3rd November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

4th November 7pm

Talk

Evolution of the Railway Station by Caroline Hardie

Venue: Morrison's supermarket, Redcar

Tees Valley Line Rail Users Group



4th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

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5th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



6th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



7th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG



Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>

8th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

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9th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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10th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

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FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

11th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

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FREE

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12th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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13th November 10.30-4pm

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Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



13th November 11am

Talk

The S&DR. The Railway that got the World on Track by Caroline Hardie

Venue: Hartlepool People Centre, Raby Road TS24 8AH

Hartlepool U3A Members



14th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

Fuelling the Railway Revolution

Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

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15th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

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16th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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Venue: The Auckland Project, Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7PG

Discovery day ticket: £8 (adult, child £5, carers and under 5s free)

Find out more: <https://aucklandproject.org/attraction/mining-art-gallery/>



17th November 7-8.30pm

Talk

The S&DR. The Railway that got the World on Track, by Caroline Hardie

Venue: Hutton Henry Village Hall



17th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

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18th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

19th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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21st November 2-4pm

Guided walk

Middlesbrough Branch Line



Branch Line Society only

22nd November 2-7pm

Talk

AGM, Rail Tour and Talk on why the S&DR is so important

Venue A.V. Dawson

Branch Line Society members only



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22nd November from 7pm

Concert

Rail Bicentenary Variety Concert

Venue: The Railway Institute, 78 Redworth Road, Shildon DL4 2JJ

Ticket prices tbc

Find out more: <https://shildonrailway.institute/whatson>



23rd November 10.30-4pm

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24th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH

FREE

Find out more: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com

25th November 10.30-2.30pm

Exhibition

The Tees Valley Railway Line

Venue: The Fitzhugh Library, 1st Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, DL12 0QH
FREE

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26th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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27th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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28th November 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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29th November 10.30-4pm

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30th November 10.30-4pm

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DECEMBER 2025

All December

Digital Game & App

The Trail of Discovery

Venue: 26 mile walking and cycling route and on line

FREE

Find out more: www.sdr200.co.uk



All December 10-4pm

Exhibition

Tracks of Change

Venue: Preston Park Museum and Grounds

Details to come

Find out more: sdr200.co.uk



All December 10-5pm

Exhibition

Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail

Venue: Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle DL12 8NP

Normal admission applies.

Find out more: <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/dressed-for-departure-fashion-in-the-age-of-rail/>



1st December 10.30-2.30pm

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2nd December 10.30-2.30pm

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3rd December 10.30-4pm

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4th December 7pm

Meeting

FoSDR Christmas meeting

Venue: The Railway Tavern, Darlington

FREE



5th December 10.30-4pm

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6th December 10.30-4pm

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7th December 10.30-4pm

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8th December 10.30-2.30pm

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9th December 10.30-2.30pm

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10th December 10.30-4pm

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11th December 10.30-4pm

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11th December

Book signing

Chris Lloyd and Caroline Hardie book readings and signings (details to be confirmed)

Venue: Waterstones, Darlington

12th December 10.30-4pm

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15th December 10.30-2.30pm

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16th December 10.30-2.30pm

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17th December 10.30-4pm

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18th December 10.30-4pm

Exhibition

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19th December 10.30-4pm

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Funders: members, National Heritage Lottery Fund and partners



Official Activity in S&DR200 and delivered by S&DR200 and official partners.

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Official activity but delivered by third party partners

Funders: Various.



Delivered by third party as part of the Community 1825 programme

Funder: National Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

We are a charity and a community interest company. We work with local councils and partners to conserve and protect the original 1825 main and branch lines and associated structures. We seek international recognition for the Stockton & Darlington Railway as the birthplace of the modern railway. Our members also undertake research and fieldwork to make historic documents more accessible and we record surviving remains.

The work doesn't finish at the end of 2025. We will still be working hard to rescue the world's earliest railway station at Heighington, Edward Pease's house in Darlington and many more special places. We won't wait another 50 years to celebrate the S&DR. We are planning a mini S&DR Festival every September. Do join us for the next leg of our journey!



Friends of the S&DR at Brusselton. Photo: Elaine Vizor