

# DERBY:

## all the latest news, upcoming events and blogs

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### LATEST NEWS

#### A “Special Commendation” for one of the best museums in Europe

The city’s Museum of Making has recently been awarded a Special Commendation in the prestigious [European Museum of the Year Awards \(EMYA\)](#). Fifty museums across Europe were in the shortlist for the 2024 EMYA, which was won by The Sámi Museum Siida, the national museum of the Sámi people of Finland. Just three UK museums were included in the original shortlist: the Museum of the Home (London) - which took home the Meyvaert Museum Prize for Environmental Sustainability; The Burrell Collection (Glasgow); and the Museum of Making (Derby) - which was one of only six given a Special Commendations by the Jury.

#### The Nightingale Quarter: an alternative to mainstream hotel accommodation in the city centre

Starting from £75 per night for one-bedroom apartments and £90 per night for two-bedroom properties, the [Nightingale Quarter](#) is a new service-orientated alternative to mainstream hotel short breaks in Derby. The 42 one-bedroom and 10 two-bedroom apartments within the six-storey red brick Hardwick House have been fully furnished and styled by an interior design team. Guests also have access to a gymnasium and can make the most of the community garden and running track around the circumference of the 18.5-acre development.

#### Hotel named one of the Top 25 in the UK & Channel Islands

[Morley Hayes Hotel](#), which offers a convenient base for exploring Derby city centre, has recently been named one of the Top 25 hotels in the UK & Channel Islands by TripAdvisor. The hotel was ranked 16th in TripAdvisor’s annual Travellers’ Choice Awards and is the only hotel in the Midlands to earn a place in the prestigious Best of the Best Hotels listing. Morley Hayes Hotel also won the Best Hotel in Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire at the Muddy Stilettos Awards 2024.

#### Wanted: Dracbassadors

Dracula stepped onto the stage for the first time in Derby, at the Grand Theatre, in May 1924. ‘Dracula Returns to Derby’ aims to restore the city’s place in the story of the world’s most famous vampire. When the curtain went up, our Dracula was suave and charming, dressed in a dinner suit and opera cloak, a very different vampire to the monster found in Bram Stoker’s novel. Now, the city is seeking-out Dracbassadors, who will help to spread the word about the growing number of public workshops, events and activities that will help to seal the Dracula’s connection with Derby. Sign-up [here](#) for further information.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Beer that never loses its shine

21 June

Derby QUAD arts centre is the venue for the [Shiny Brewery Beer Tasting Evening](#). An evening at QUAD, which starts at 6pm, it will feature a Shiny Brewery beer tasting, canapés, music and an exclusive look at [FORMAT25](#). There will also be an opportunity to enjoy an exclusive presentation on the upcoming [Dancing Through Time project](#). Entry is £40 per person.

### **A wild camping experience on the dairy farm with an ice cream twist**

22/23 June, and 7/8 September

Just three miles from Derby city centre, there's a chance to discover the wildlife...as well as all the joys of wild camping. [Adults Only Camping](#) experiences within the grounds of Bluebell Dairy, are now available on the weekends of 22/23 June and 7/8 September. The £55 per adult cost includes the pitch, breakfast and dinner, access to park facilities and of course ice cream sundaes.

### **Comic-Con mania comes to Derby**

13 July

Get ready for an epic weekend of fun at [Comic-Con Mania, Derby](#). Staged at Derby Arena in the city centre, the event will bring together celebrity guests from film and TV, cosplay, console gaming, Anime, Manga, prop and set recreations, board gaming, trade stands, comics, workshops, and interactive Q&As. "Grab your cape, dust off your cosplay, and let the excitement begin". Prices start from £11 per adult.

### **A tasty Amuse-Bouche at QUAD Resource Area**

Until 31 July

At QUAD this year, the University of Derby's Level 5 BA (Hons) Fine Art students are currently presenting their exhibition [Amuse-Bouche](#). The exhibition serves as a welcoming gesture to QUAD visitors, providing them with additional artworks to enjoy while waiting for their film or meeting to start, as part of their general gallery visit, or whilst having a coffee break in the café.

### **Of Mice and Men**

6 February to 1 March in 2025

Of Mice and Men remains as powerful and relevant today as it did when originally written in 1937. Based on Steinbeck's classic novella, and with themes of friendship, migration and prejudice, this play continues to move and resonate with audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Tickets are now on sale for [a Derby Theatre production](#) being staged from 6 February to 1 March in 2025. Earlybird deals are available.

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## **BLOGS**

### **Dog friendly Derby**

Experience [the ultimate dog-friendly getaway in Derby](#), where four-legged friends are warmly welcomed. Explore our extensive range of dog-friendly accommodations, scenic parks, and charming cafes that cater to both you and your furry companion. From invigorating walks to bonding over delicious treats, Derby offers a tail-wagging adventure for dogs and their human friends.

### **Top 5 Derby Beer Gardens**

With summer approaching, this blog offers visitors to Derby the chance to discover the [Top 5 Beer Gardens in Derby](#): a curated selection of outdoor havens where you can unwind and enjoy refreshing drinks amidst scenic surroundings. From the vibrant ambiance of The Greyhound's beer garden to the enchanting oasis of The Flowerpot, each venue offers a unique experience perfect for socialising with friends and family.

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