

# DERBY:

## all the latest news, upcoming events and blogs

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### LATEST NEWS

#### **Painting the town purple on a night out –**

Did you know that Derby is a [Purple Flag City](#)? For 10 years, Derby has proudly held the Purple Flag accreditation, recognizing it as a safe, vibrant, and welcoming city for a great night out. The Purple Flag recognises towns and cities that provide a safe, welcoming, and well-managed night-time economy, similar to the Blue Flag for beaches and the Green Flag for parks. The Purple Flag is only accredited to towns and cities that are welcoming to everyone, offer safe ways for visitors to travel home, provide a good mix of venues, and are appealing after dark.

#### **Winter's turning to Spring**

This is an attraction that brings every cliché in the book into sharp focus. A “piece of living history”, a “time warp”, a “hidden gem” and “unique”, [Winter's Photography Studio](#) in Derby is aiming to boost its visitor figures from Spring of this year, as they work towards a regeneration scheme that is likely to take up to two and a half years to complete. Winter's - believed to be the oldest uninterrupted photography business *in the world* - is keen to let visitors have one last look behind-the-scenes of the property before restoration starts. The studio and business which was created by French photographer Emmanuel Nicolas Charles at 2 Midland Road in 1852, was taken over by Walter William Winter in 1864, and moved to its current premises at 45 Midland Road in 1867. Boasting an archive of one million images, guided tours start at £10 per person (minimum 5 people). Booking is essential.

#### **New micro- pub joins the city's acclaimed Real Ale Trail**

While Derby already offers one of the best Real Ale Trails in Britain, [The Little Darley](#) is the latest micro-pub from Derby Brewing. Based in the former Papermill site, in the heart of Darley Abbey, it's a perfectly cosy spot, with a vast array of ales, including 6 hand-pulled beers on offer and 14 keg lines. The newcomer also showcases an extensive selection of UK craft beers and ciders from its own, award-winning Derby Brewing beers. And if beer isn't your thing, there is also fresh bean coffee, a fine array of world wines, artisan spirits and a range of flavoursome soft drinks and non-alcoholic beers.

#### **'An unprecedented event'...is now 'SOLD OUT'**

The clearest indication of Derby's position in the nationwide Railway200 celebrations taking place this year, comes with the news that Alstom, the UK's leading supplier of new trains and train services, has announced that tickets for [The Greatest Gathering](#) taking place at the vast estate of Derby Litchurch Lane Works in the city this August have sold out. Several other events and activities linked to Railway200 are also being staged in Derby through 2025, and Visit Derby is currently compiling a list of accommodation joining a [Railway200 Special Hotel Offers](#).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Heads and Myths**

14 March to 4 May, 2025

Alison Lambert's [Human Exploration: Heads and Myths](#) at Derby Museum and Art Gallery is a collection of large charcoal drawings and monotypes exploring human emotions and mythological themes produced over the past five years by one of Britain's foremost figurative artists. Lambert's work features in public collections including the V&A, British Museum and the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Entry is free.

### Looking forward to a Spring Weekender at Bustler Market

29 and 30 March, 2025

A combination of warmer weather, longer nights, mouth-watering street food, refreshing drinks, live music, and a buzzing atmosphere always helps to make the [Spring Weekender](#) one of Derby's favourite foodie events. Located in Bustler Market, tickets start from £5.50.

### Love at first bite

6 April, 2025

As part of the ongoing [Dracula Returns To Derby](#) celebrations, which mark the way in which Dracula first came to life in 1924 on a stage in Derby, visitors to the Museum of Making are being offered the chance to make beautiful vampire-inspired ceramics with Sarah Lillian Ceramics. Two sessions are planned for the day, the first from 10.30 to 12.30; and the second from 13.00 to 15.00. Tickets cost £15 per person.

### Derby plans a laugh a minute

29 May to 8 June, 2025

The new, independent [Ram Comedy Festival](#), taking place in Derby this Spring, is 'promising' a laugh a minutes with the news that it will feature 100 in multiple venues across the city centre. From big main comedy club touring comedians, alternative, grassroots and cabaret the festival is a pure celebration of Derby's live comedy, which has become a thriving little corner for audiences and comedians alike.

### Take to the wing

16 to 18 May, 2025

Derby's annual three-day Wing Fest is a celebration of the mighty chicken wing, and is part of the world's largest chicken wing festivals. Tickets includes a Wing Fest signature trucker hat, all games and live entertainment. The event will feature the UK's biggest names on the wing-slinging-scene as well as live music, eating competitions, arcade games, axe throwing and bourbon masterclasses. Entry prices start from £19.50.

### Becketwell Live takes it to a different level

17 November, 2025

Level 42 will embark upon their [World Machine 40th Anniversary Tour](#) in 2025, visiting 28 venues across the UK. *World Machine* was the album that changed everything for Level 42, and set them on the path to true super-stardom. Released in 1985, it was a hit both here and in the States, and has now been certified double Platinum. Derby's new entertainment venue, Becketwell Live - opening this Spring - has announced it will host the show on 17 November. Tickets from £42.95.

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## BLOGS & FEATURES

### #ADayInDerby: Culture & Heritage

Updated just a little over one month ago, VisitDerby has created [a one-day "itinerary"](#) for anyone wanting to discover more about the culture and heritage of this rapidly changing city.

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