

50:50 DERBY

WHAT'S ON GUIDE



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A vibrant celebration of culture and community as the city transforms into an inclusive festival of creativity.

Osnabruck Day in Derby is a key highlight of the city's 50:50 celebrations. 50:50 marks two major milestones in Derby's history: the 50th anniversary of the Derby-Osnabrück twinning partnership and the anniversary of Derby achieving its official city status.

Derby will be brought to life with a free programme celebrating local talent, community and friendship. You'll find live music stages, hands-on craft activities and workshops, dance performances, walkabout acts and much, much more. With fairground fun, fantastic food and activities for the whole family, it's a day you won't want to miss.

Derby City Council is working in partnership with a diverse network of cultural and community partners to present the event, turning key locations into performance hubs that showcase local talent and celebrate Derby's international connections.

Find out more about what's happening where on the day at visitderby.co.uk/5050derby.

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YOUR GUIDE TO ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AROUND THE CITY

OSNABRUCK SQUARE

- Ay-Up-Me-Duck hook-a-duck stall – Catch a duck to win a discount voucher or ride token; grab a souvenir duck
- Spiral Arts well dressing workshop & display
- Artcore activities, exhibitions, photo booth, pottery workshops & chalk mural at the Obelisk
- Walkabout performances: Deep Down Brass, Babbling Vagabonds (Lady of the Loom)
- Dhol drummers procession start (to Derby Market Hall)
- FOLK3D traditional dance & have-a-go maypole



DERBY MARKET HALL

- Surtal Arts presents silk painting, Dhol drumming and performances celebrating Bharatanatyam and Afro dance, plus, dance workshops
- Screen printing (People of Print / Dept Store Co) - From an open call, 50 poster designs will be selected for exhibition on Sadler Gate, and two chosen for you to print yourselves to take away
- Postcard making (SmallPrint Company) - Create a unique crafted postcard using collage, illustration, typing or letterpress. Based on the themes of friendship, peace, love and pride
- Derby Choral Union performance
- FOLK3D, dance displays & maypole
- Sid Bowfin street show
- Trinity Warriors performance and workshops
- Performances from Nadia Jane Performing Arts and Jamie Thompson

MARKET PLACE

- Stage Bus live music: Route 65, The Herron Brothers, Willow Bay, Lucille, Peashooter, Marseille
- Traditional fairground rides (carousel, chair-o-planes, Ferris wheel)
- Dhol drummers procession start (to Derby Market Hall)
- Down to Earth / Electric Daisy (Tree Avenue) – mobile greenhouse workshops, stories and nature sessions themed around friendship, peace, love, pride and sanctuary



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WATERFALL

- Performances: Nadia Jane Performing Arts, Sid Bowfin, Deep Down Brass

CATHEDRAL GREEN

- Stage Bus live music: Romy, Peashooter (acoustic), Jamie Thompson, Will Brown, The Herron Brothers (acoustic), Carl North
- Furthest From The Sea – craft workshops & activities
- Scott Walker – Derby–Osnabrück doodle art workshop
- Performances: Lady of the Loom, Deep Down Brass, traditional dance

THE SPOT

- Baby People music showcase (DJs, rap artists & more)
- Performance: Nadia Jane Performing Arts

STREET WALKABOUT PERFORMANCES

- Babbling Vagabonds (Lady of the Loom): Osnabrück Square, Cathedral Green, Sadler Gate
- Deep Down Brass: Osnabrück Square – Market Hall – Waterfall – Sadler Gate – Cathedral Green
- FOLK3D traditional dance: Osnabrück Square, Market Hall, Cathedral Green
- Rambling On: Cornmarket, Sadler Gate, St Peters Street
- A La Puppet Carte: St Peters Street, Sadler Gate
- Sid Bowfin: Market Hall, Waterfall

DON'T MISS PARTNER EVENTS



Derby – Osnabruck 50:50 at the Museum of Making 6 Jun 2026

📍 Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World He...

Celebrating 50 years of Derby-Osnabrück friendship - join us at the Museum of Making to create a zine or poster.



We are One (LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE)

6 Jun 2026

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derby DE1 1LA

Vaillant Live celebrates its first anniversary with We Are One, curated by BBC Introducing East Midlands.



Sinfonia Viva presents 'The Lark Ascending'

6 Jun 2026

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

Sinfonia Viva presents Vaughan Williams' The Lark Ascending, a beloved portrait of rural England.



Alvaston Parkrun

6 Jun 2026

📍 Alvaston Park, Meadow Lane, Derby DE24 8QQ

Join us at Alvaston Park on Saturday June 6th for a 5k run or walk to celebrate 50 years of friendship between Osnabruck and Derby!

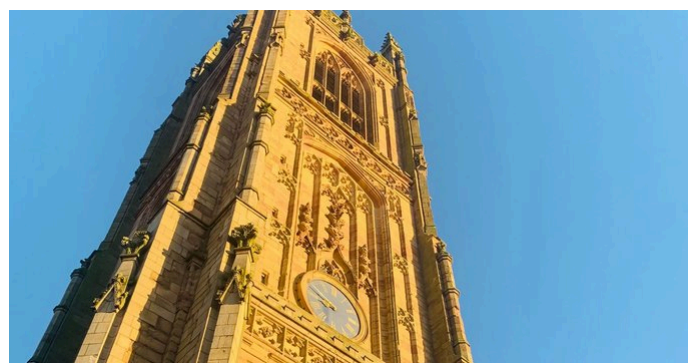


50Fifty Singing Day and Performance

6 Jun 2026

📍 Derby Market Hall, Market Place, Derby DE1 2DB

Come and sing with us on 6th June. To celebrate 50 years of Derby's twinning with Osnabruck, we are giving a free performance in Derby Market Hall



Evensong – Derby & Osnabrück Friendship Celebration

7 Jun 2026

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

You are warmly invited by the Mayor of Derby City and the Dean of Derby Cathedral to attend a Civic Evensong celebrating the enduring friendship between the cities of Derby and...



Through the day...

Artcore Pottery Workshops, Photo Booth, Artwork Exhibition 11am-4pm, Osnabrück Square
Chalk Mural 11am-1pm, Osnabrück Square
Spiral Arts Well Dressing Display / Workshops Osnabrück Square, 11am-4pm
Hook A Ay-Up-Me Duck 11am-5:30pm, Osnabrück Square
People of Print: Poster Printing 11am-5pm, Derby Market Hall
Surtal Arts: Silk Painting 12noon-4pm, Derby Market Hall
Smallprint Company: Postcard Making 11am-5pm, Derby Market Hall
Down To Earth Derby Growing Together: Seed Bomb Workshop 11am-5pm, Market Place
Tales From Two Cities: Storytelling Between stage performances, Market Place
Traditional Fairground Rides Carousel / Chair O Planes / Ferris Wheel 10am-6pm, Market Place
Furthest From The Sea Craft Activities and Workshops 11am-5pm, Cathedral Green
Scott Walker: Doodle Art Help to create a special piece of artwork Celebrating Derby and Osnabrück 11am-4pm, Cathedral Green



For more information on each artist check out the website: visitderby.co.uk

All details correct at time of publication.

Plan your day - see what's on where...

	Osnabrück Square	Derby Market Hall Centre	Market Place Stage	Market Place Waterfall	Cathedral Green Stage	Cathedral Green	Commmarket	Sadler Gate	St Peter's Street	The Spot
10:45am		Speeches								
11am	Deep Down Brass	Deep Down Brass	Route 65							
11:15am		Sid Bowfin					Deep Down Brass			
11:30am	Dhol Drumming				Romy		Rambling On			
11:45am										
12noon	FOLK3D Dance Display	Surtal Arts Dance Performance and Workshops	Herron Brothers			Lady Of The Loom			A La Puppet Carte	
12:15pm						FOLK3D Dance Display				
12:30pm										
12:45pm		FOLK3D Dance Display		Deep Down Brass	Peashooter			Deep Down Brass		
1pm	Lady Of The Loom	Trinity Warriors	Willow Bay							
1:15pm										
1:30pm	FOLK3D Dance Display	Nadla Jane		Sid Bowfin	Jamie Thompson			A La Puppet Carte		
1:45pm										
2pm			Lucille			FOLK3D Dance Display				Baby People
2:15pm										
2:30pm			Dhol Drumming							
2:45pm				Deep Down Brass	Will Brown			Rambling On		
3pm		Surtal Arts Dance Performance and Workshops	Peashooter			FOLK3D Dance Display		Deep Down Brass		Nadla Jane
3:15pm										
3:30pm	FOLK3D Maypole Display and Have A Go			Sid Bowfin	Herron Brothers				A La Puppet Carte	
3:45pm		Trinity Warriors								
4pm			Marseille							
4:15pm									Lady Of The Loom	
4:30pm		Jamie Thompson (Balcony)			Carl North					
4:45pm										
5pm										
5:15-6pm		Derby Choral Union								



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