

DERBY: all the latest news, upcoming events and blogs

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LATEST NEWS

No more chocolate, but Bustler Market's back with its street food

One of Derby's best-loved street food markets is set to reopen in a new city centre location, as its former factory site is set to be demolished to make way for a housing development. [Bustler Market](#), which has operated from The Chocolate Factory since 2020, will open a "hub of independent street food, micro-restaurants, lifestyle and retail units" in St James' Yard. It will be constructed from more than 20 shipping containers across two levels, with gallery walkways and large seating areas. The move will bring new life and footfall to the city's Cathedral Quarter. Andy Darke, operations manager of Bustler said: "St James' Yard is an incredible opportunity to use our experience and bring a neglected space back into use and create another reason for people to visit and stay in the city centre". The new site should be open by late spring 2026.

New galleries reveal millions of years of Derbyshire's archaeology and nature

A new gallery has been opened at the Derby's Museum and Art Gallery. [Unearthed](#) marks a major re-display of its archaeology and natural history collections and is a significant refresh of some of the most popular spaces within the museum made possible thanks to a grant of £249,795 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Unearthed combines objects from the museums' archaeology and natural sciences collections which together span millions of years of history. Visitors can see some of the most remarkable objects in the Museums' collection here, including many never displayed previously. Highlights include Bronze Age finds from the wetlands of the River Trent; Ice Age material from Creswell Crags; Roman finds in Derby; and internationally significant Viking material from Repton.

Lara Croft - 30 Years On

One of Derby's most famous 'daughters', Lara Croft turned 30 on 14 February - at around the same time it was announced actress Sophie Turner (*Game of Thrones*) will play Crystal Dynamics' Lara Croft in Phoebe Waller-Bridge's new Amazon/MGM studios *Tomb Raider* live-action TV series. Shooting for the movie is already under way, and Visit Derby is currently preparing for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will strike a set-jetting chord vibrating throughout the UK tourism industry. The Tomb Raider Trail in Derby is being updated; an exhibition entitled *Lara Croft - 30 Years On* will include making one or two areas of Pickford House look similar to the interior of Croft Manor; plans are in place to raise funds for a Lara statue in the city; and, while the annual *Tomb Raider* event in October has already sold out, there are plenty of other ideas to transform Derby into the place to be for all Tomb Raider fans in 2026 - and beyond. Watch this space for further details. The series is expected to hit the screens in 2027.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

"We Are WHSE"

4 April, 2026

Hybrid Minds join forces with We Are WHSE on Easter Saturday to host [the second DnB show of the season](#). The duo, who are at the forefront of the Drum & Bass scene and have previously sold out London's iconic Alexandra Palace in just 24 hours. The event at Derby's Ultra Warehouse [on Easter Sunday](#), meanwhile, *has* sold out.

Derby Market Hall - brick by brick

7 to 9 April, 2026

Derby Market Hall & [BrickLab Academy](#) is bringing a series of family-friendly LEGO® building workshops to Derby Market Hall. They will offer children and families the chance

to work together on a single, exclusive LEGO® workshop designed especially for this event, focusing on Derby itself.

Easter Mess

9 April, 2026

Derby city centre's Electric Daisy is set to host an [Easter Messy Play Party](#) for young families. Kids (and adults) can cook up a storm in the mud kitchen, and join-in with activities at a variety of stations with natural, sensory activities set up for the children while the grown-ups enjoy a drink.

QUAD Essentials - James Dean

12 to 26 April, 2026

East of Eden, Rebel Without a Cause and Giant: three of the most iconic movies ever made will be the highlight of another [QUAD Essentials](#) season in Derby. James Dean's tragically short career will come under the spotlight, as these movies are screened alongside an introduction and post-screening discussion for each. Another QUAD Essentials scheduled for later in the year will feature [Marilyn Monroe](#).

260 years of The Orrery

18 April, 2026

This April marks the 260th anniversary of the public unveiling of Joseph Wright's *A Philosopher giving a lecture on the Orrery*. It was an event which undoubtedly raised Wright of Derby's artist career to another level. Bob Moulder's recent graphic novel tells a story of how this painting might have come about; and [in his talk](#), Moulder will look at the similarities and differences he found in the struggles faced by an 18th century artist like Wright to achieve a sustainable career, compared to artists of recent times.

St George's Day in Derby

26 April, 2026

Dragons, medieval knights and St George himself are all set to be a part of a free, family event in Derby's city centre. [Derby's annual St George's Day celebrations](#) highlight English heritage and culture in all its eccentricities - with a thrilling St. George and Dragon battle from *The Lost Boys* at its heart. There will also be medieval crafts, shield making workshops and plenty of nightly sparring.

Save the Date

9 May, 2026

[The Sadler Gate Spring Market](#) will once again be bringing together a host of talented artisans to showcase their creations on Sadler Gate in Derby city centre. Locals and visitors alike are invited to come and explore the stalls and shops, support this street's independent retailers, and indulge in the delicious food and drink from our local cafes, bars, and restaurants. A full programme of entertainment has also been planned.

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BLOGS & FEATURES

Easter made simple - and special - in Derby

Celebrate Easter in Derby with Visit Derby's guide to the events and activities happening throughout the city centre and further afield. This [Easter in Derby](#) blog is a go-to resource for family-friendly Easter adventures, showcasing a range of fun-filled experiences for all ages.

The writing's on the wall

Taking a stroll around Derby these days is to discover some of the in-your-face, Ultra HD luminous street art that reaches out and grabs you every time you cross the road, turn a corner or step into another freshly named area of the city centre. The fronts and backs of otherwise neglected or reclaimed buildings, street corners and cool quarters, 70s architecture and areas of urban neglect... the messages may vary, but the overall message is the same: ["Say it loud, spray it proud"?](#)

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