Whether you are a resident of the Borough or a visitor, we hope you find this Events Guide helpful for planning your leisure time.

For the latest information on events, places to visit, things to see and do and other activities in the Borough contact:

**Ards Visitor Information Centre**

31 Regent Street BT23 4AD

T: 028 9182 6846

January - June & September - December
Mon-Fri 9.15am - 5pm  
Sat 9.30am - 5pm  
Sun Closed

July - August
Mon-Fri 9am - 5.15pm  
Saturday 9am - 5.30pm

**Bangor Visitor Information Centre**

Tower House, 34 Quay Street BT20 5ED

Located opposite Bangor Marina

T: 028 9127 0069

January - April & September - December
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am - 5pm  
Wed 10am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 4pm,  
Sun Closed

May - August
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am - 5pm  
Wed 10am - 5pm, Sat 10am - 5pm,  
Sun 1pm - 5pm

**Cockle Row Cottages** (Seasonal)

Main Street, Groomsport BT19 6GH

Located beside the Harbour

T: 028 9127 2269

Sun 5 April - Sun 31 May,  
Weekends 11am - 5pm

Mon 1 June - Sun 6 September  
Daily 11am - 5pm

**Portaferry Visitor Information Centre** (Seasonal)

The Stables, Castle Street BT22 1NZ

T: 028 4272 9882

Fri 3 April - Tues 30 June
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm,  
Sun 1pm - 5pm

July - August
Mon - Sat 10am - 5.30pm  
Sunday 12noon - 5pm

**Services Include:**

- Visitor & Event Information
- Accommodation Booking
- Bureau de Change (Bangor only)
- Ticket Sales
- Gift Shop

All of our advisors are WorldHost Recognised
Grant Aided Events

The Council run a grant aid programme that provides financial support to Tourism Events & Arts Events through an application process.

For information on the Grant Aid Programme please visit visitardsandnorthdown.com

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Text Info

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Guided Walks & Tours

Whether you are interested in culture, history or nature, we have a walk or tour to suit you.

Contact one of our Visitor Information Centres for more information. Note: All tours must be booked in advance. Subject to availability. Limited ticket supply per person.

Ards, 028 9182 6846 / Bangor, 028 9127 0069

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Note: Average tour length approx. 2 hours

Self-guided walking tours are also available. Contact your nearest Visitor Information Centre for more information or download your FREE guide now from visitardsandnorthdown.com

The full Experience Ards & North Down Tours brochure is available from Visitor Information Centres.
Exhibitions

Ards Crafts & Visitor Information Centre
31 Regent Street, Newtownards BT23 4AD
Mon - Sat  9.30am - 5pm
T: 028 9182 6846
Admission Free

The Space

Saturday 4 - Saturday 25 April
‘Mount Stewart’
National Trust Exhibition charting the restoration of Mount Stewart House

Saturday 2 - Saturday 30 May
Meet the Maker:
‘Green Wood Works’
Green Woodworker Alexey Janes

Saturday 4 - Saturday 25 July
Strangford Lough
The National Trust

Friday 31 July - Saturday 29 August
Meet the Maker:
‘Outside of Us’
Ceramicist Sharon Regan

Saturday 5 - Saturday 26 September
‘Avalon Pilgrimage’
Avalon Guitars

Saturday 3 - Saturday 31 October
Meet the Maker:
‘Essence of Nature’
Artists from Cula Ceramics at Studio E

Saturday 7 - Saturday 28 November
Meet the Maker:
‘Mi-NI (My Northern Ireland)’
An Exhibition by jewellery designer Ruth McEwan-Lyon

Saturday 5 - Thursday 24 December
Meet the Maker:
‘Don’t open ‘til Christmas’
Local, handcrafted & inspired gifts by Ards Crafts

Bangor Castle Walled Garden
Castle Park, located beside Bangor Aurora Aquatic & Leisure Complex BT20 4UT
Check website for seasonal opening hours
T: 028 9127 1200
Admission Free

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 August
Wood in the Walled Garden
Woodturning Demonstrations by the Irish Wood Turners Guild

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
North Down Museum, Bangor

Castle Park Avenue, located by Bangor Castle (Town Hall) BT20 4BT
Check website for seasonal opening hours
T: 028 9127 1200
Admission Free

Community Gallery

Tuesday 31 March - Thursday 30 April
Paintings: U3A Art Groups

Saturday 2 - Sunday 31 May
Historical Storyboard: Mining Heritage

Tuesday 2 - Sunday 28 June
Paintings: ‘A Walk around Portavoe Reservoir’

Tuesday 30 June - Thursday 30 July
Photographic: Mobile Artistry

Saturday 1 - Thursday 27 August
Paintings: The Greyabbey Art Group

Saturday 29 August - Sunday 27 September
Paintings: Bryansburn Artists

Tuesday 29 September - Sunday 1 November
Paintings: Artwork for Assisi

Tuesday 3 - Thursday 26 November
Photography & Poetry: Reflections

Tuesday 1 December - Sunday 10 January 2016
Oil Paintings: Colour on Canvas

Long Gallery

Until Sunday 17 May
Exhibit: En-gauge with the past, history of the railway

Wednesday 20 May - Sunday 28 June
Exhibit: Ninth Century Christian Bells

Wednesday 1 July - Sunday 2 August
Exhibit: Here Comes the Bride

Wednesday 5 August - Sunday 6 September
Craft & Visual Art: Creative Peninsula

Wednesday 9 September - Sunday 1 November
Paintings: Middleton & Music

Wednesday 4 November - Sunday 10 January 2016
Exhibit: ‘Remembering the Great War 1914-1916’ Project

Nostalgia Room

Friday 1 May - Thursday 28 May
The Great War: Through the words of the County Down Spectator & Newtownards Chronicle

November
‘Their Bravery & Their Sacrifice: Victoria Cross winners of North Down & Ards’

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Ulster Folk & Transport Museum

135 Bangor Road, Cultra BT18 0EU
For opening hours and admission charges visit website
T: 028 9042 8428
W: nmni.com/uftm

Permanent Exhibition
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Until Saturday 9 January 2016
A Step in Time:
The Story of Irish Dance

Project 24

Queen’s Parade, Bangor BT20 3BJ
W: project24ni.com

Twelve artists’ studios located opposite Bangor Seafront in the Town Centre. View the artists at work & their displays (available to buy), 7 days a week. Throughout the year events will take place at Project 24 and within ‘The Hub’. The Hub is a versatile space that can be used for a wide range of activities and is available for hire. For more information please visit the website.
Portaferry Visitor Information Centre
The Stables, Castle Street BT22 1NZ
Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm,
Sun 1pm - 5pm
T: 028 4272 9882
Admission Free

The Loft Gallery

Saturday 2 - Saturday 30 May
Art in the Loft: ‘Follow the Thread - From Ewe to You’
Fibre art by the Ulster Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers

Saturday 6 - Saturday 27 June
Art in the Loft: ‘Ash Artefacts’
Ceramics by a collective of unique & diverse local artists & makers drawn together by their fascination for the ancient process of Pit Firing

Saturday 4 July - Saturday 25 July
Art in the Loft: ‘Portaferry Reflections’
Portaferry Art Society annual exhibition. Show includes free ‘En Plein Air’ painting days from 15 - 17 July & 21 - 23 July

Friday 31 July - Saturday 29 August
Art in the Loft: ‘Ocean - Reflections on the Creative Process’
Drawings, sketches & printing proofs by Seacourt Print Workshop Artists

The Saddlery

Friday 3 - Thursday 30 April
‘Needles & Natter’
Showcasing knitted, crocheted & cross-stitched items by Portaferry’s Needles & Natter group

Friday 1 - Wednesday 27 May
“Percy French”
North Down Museum

Saturday 30 May - Sunday 28 June
The Great War:
Through the words of the County Down Spectator & Newtownards Chronicle

Tuesday 30 June - Wednesday 29 July
Maritime Exhibition
Portaferry & Strangford Trust & Portaferry Townscape Heritage Initiative
### Weekly Markets:

**Wednesday: Bangor**  
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD  
**Saturday: Newtownards**  
Kennel Lane Car Park BT23 7HR

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### Until Sunday 12 April

**Giant Easter Bunny Hunt**  
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre,  
Comber BT23 6EA  
11am - 4pm  
T: 028 9187 4146  
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events  
**Cost:** WWT Members - Free  
Non-Members - Normal admission applies

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### Monthly Market: Thursday 2 April

**Comber Farmers’ Market**  
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park BT23 5DU

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### Thursday 2 April

**Easter Arts Scheme, 6yrs-12yrs**  
Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall,  
Conway Square BT23 4NP  
10am - 4pm  
T: 028 9181 0803  
**Cost:** £15

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### Thursday 2 April

**Circuit of Ireland Shakedown**  
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum,  
Cultra BT18 0EU  
10am - 5pm  
T: 028 9042 8428  
W: nmni.com/uftm  
**Cost:** Normal admission prices apply

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### Friday 3 April

**Good Friday Fun**  
Portaferry Visitor Information Centre  
The Stables, Castle Street BT22 1NZ  
12noon - 4pm  
Children’s crafts to celebrate the seasonal reopening of the Centre  
T: 028 4272 9882  
**FREE**

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**Friday 3 April**

**Ards Circuit of Ireland Superstage**  
Newtownards  
4pm - 9pm  
Ards Town Superstage of the Circuit of Ireland with a packed programme of family activities  
T: 028 9182 6846  
W: circuitofireland.net  
**FREE**

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**Friday 3 - Tuesday 7 April**

**Cadbury’s Easter Egg Trail**  
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD  
12noon - 4pm  
T: 028 4278 8387  
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart  
**Cost:** Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)  
Additional £1 charge per trail

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For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
Saturday 4 April - Friday 10 April

**Easter Bunny Hunt & Fancy Dress Competition**

The Ark Open Farm, Newtownards BT23 7PH
11am - 4pm, Daily throughout Easter week
T: 028 9182 0445
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk

Cost: Normal admission costs apply

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Sunday 5 April

**Easter Fun at Cockle Row Cottages**

Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm
Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Ark Open Farm, children’s crafts, Plant & Play Garden Workshop & balloon modelling

FREE

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Sunday 5 - Tuesday 7 April

**Easter Train Rides**

Drumawhey Junction Railway, Four Road Ends BT21 0LZ
1pm - 5pm
E: info@bcdmrs.org.uk
W: bcdmrs.org.uk

Cost: £2.50 (Ad), £2 (Ch), concessions apply for multiple rides

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Sunday 5 April - Tuesday 7 April

**Easter Celebrations**

Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU
10am - 5pm
T: 028 9042 8428
W: nmni.com/uftm

Cost: Major event day prices apply

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Monday 6 April

**Woodland Trust ‘Young Explorers’ Nature Discovery Tour**

North Down Museum, Bangor BT20 4BT
11am & 12.30pm
T: 028 9127 1200

Cost: £1, pre-booking essential

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Monday 6 April

**Easter Parade & Funday**

Bangor, various
12noon - 6pm
Easter Parade 3pm
This year’s Parade will feature performers, music and dance. With Street Entertainment, Motorbike Trial action and lots more family fun.

FREE

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Every Saturday & Sunday, 11 April - 6 September

**Family Fun at Cockle Row Cottages**

Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm. Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Weekly Weekend entertainment for children & adults alike, from face painting to animal roadshows, children’s crafts to science shows & much more!

FREE
Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April
**Model Railway Exhibition**
Bangor Grammar School BT19 7QU
Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 1pm - 5pm
W: ndmrs.co.uk

Cost: Prices vary

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Sunday 12 April

**Greyabbey Bay Walk**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
12pm - 4pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: All visitors - £5 (Ad), £2 (Ch)

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Friday 17 April

**Friday Night Live - The White Mansions**
Ards Arts Centre,
Town Hall, Conway Square BT23 4NP
8pm
T: 028 9181 0803

Cost: £6

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Saturday 18 April

**North of Ireland Karting Association Summer Championship**
Kirkistown Racing Circuit, Kircubbin BT22 1AU
10am - 4pm
T: 028 9186 1429
W: kirkistown.com

FREE

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Sunday 19 April

**Pet Nose Day**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
11am - 5pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

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Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 April

**Bangor International Choral Festival**
St Comgall’s Parish Centre
Brunswick Road, Bangor BT20 3DS
W: bicf.co.uk

Cost: Visit website

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Saturday 25 April

**North of Ireland Karting Association Summer Championship**
Kirkistown Racing Circuit, Kircubbin BT22 1AU
10am - 5.30pm
T: 028 9186 1429
W: kirkistown.com

Cost: Spectators £10 (Ad)

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Saturday 25 April

**Meet the Maker: ’The Beauty of Clay - Get your hands dirty’**
Ards Crafts, Craft & Design Centre
31 Regent Street, Newtownards BT23 4AD
10.30am - 12.30pm
A ceramics workshop with Ellen Cunningham & Ashleigh Collim

Cost: £12 inc materials; Age 18+
Maximum 8 places

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Sunday 26 April

**Jazz in the Gardens**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
2pm - 4.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

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For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
May

**Weekly Markets:**
- **Wednesday:** Bangor
  ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD
- **Saturday:** Newtownards
  Kennel Lane Car Park BT23 7HR

**Every Saturday & Sunday**
**Family Fun at**
**Cockle Row Cottages**
Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm. Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Weekly Weekend entertainment for children & adults alike, from face painting to animal roadshows, children’s crafts to science shows & much more!
FREE

**Friday 1 May**
**Friday Night Live - Sarah McQuaid**
Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall, Conway Square BT23 4NP
8pm
T: 028 9181 0803
Cost: £8 in advance, £10 at the door

**Saturday 2 May**
**Be a Farmer or a Milkmaid for a Day**
The Ark Open Farm, Newtownards BT23 7PH
12noon - 4pm
T: 028 9182 0445
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk
Cost: Normal admission costs apply

**Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 May**
**Go Quackers**
**Bank Holiday Duck Hunt**
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber BT23 6EA
11am - 4pm
T: 028 9187 4146
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events

**Sunday 3 May**
**DeLorean Car Club**
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU
10am - 5pm
T: 028 9042 8428
W: nmni.com/uftm
Cost: Normal admission prices apply

**Monday 4 May**
**May Day**
Holywood Town Centre BT18 9AE
10am - 4pm
Traditional May Day Dancing by local school children, selection of market stalls & fantastic family friendly entertainment.
FREE

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
Monday 4 May

**May Day**
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU
10am - 5pm
T: 028 9042 8428
W: nmni.com/uftm

Cost: Major event day prices apply

Sunday 10 May

**Spring Garden Walk**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
11am
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: All visitors - £10 (Ad), £5 (Ch)

Monday 4 May

**Happy Bank Holiday - Fun children’s activities**
Portaferry Visitor Information Centre
The Stables, Castle Street BT22 1NZ
2pm - 4pm
T: 028 4272 9882

FREE

Thursday 14 May

**The Unremarkable**
**Death of Marilyn Monroe,**
by Dyad Productions
Web Theatre, Newtownards BT23 4DE
8pm
T: 028 9181 0803

Cost: £10

Thursday 14 – Tuesday 19 May

**Continental Market**
McKee Clock Arena, Bangor, BT20 5ED
A selection of stalls offering a wonderful range of foods & crafts from across Europe.

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
Saturday 16 May
Ards & North Down
Pipe Band Championships
Castle Park, Bangor, BT20 4BT
11am - 6pm
The best Pipe Bands & Drum Majors will compete to become champions of the Borough.
FREE

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 May
Making Europe: Columbanus & his Legacy Conference
Various locations & times
Registration: Friday 23 May, North Down Museum
T: 028 9127 1200

Friday 29 - Monday 1 June
Ards & North Down
International Puppet Festival
Various locations, Newtownards
An exciting programme of all things puppetry including performances, workshops & street theatre. A unique, fun, festival suitable for children of all ages!
T: 028 9181 0803
FREE

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May
Go Quackers
Bank Holiday Duck Hunt
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber BT23 6EA
11am - 4pm
T: 028 9187 4146
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events
Cost: WWT Members Free. Non-Members normal admission applies

Sunday 31 May
Jazz in the Gardens
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
2pm - 4.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)
Weekly Markets:
Wednesday: Bangor
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD
Saturday: Newtownards
Conway Square BT23 4NP

Every Saturday & Sunday
Family Fun at
Cockle Row Cottages
Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm. Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Weekly Weekend entertainment for children & adults alike, from face painting to animal roadshows, children's crafts to science shows & much more!
FREE

Monthly Market: Thursday 4 June
Comber Farmers' Market
St Mary's Parish Church Car Park
BT23 5DU

Saturday 6 June
Meet the Maker:
Making a Folding Stool
Ards Crafts, Craft & Design Centre
31 Regent Street, Newtownards BT23 4AD
10.30am - 12.30pm
A workshop with green woodturner Alexey Janes
Cost: £12 inc materials; Age 18+
Maximum 6 places

Monday 8 - Saturday 20 June
Columbanus Cross
Community Folk Festival
Bangor, Holywood & Portaferry

Wednesday 10 - Sunday 14 June
Strangford Lough
Maritime Festival
Portaferry
T: 028 4272 8886
W: www.strangfordlough.org
Cost: Prices vary

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
**Friday 12 & Saturday 13 June**  
**Comber Potato Festival**  
Comber Square BT23 5DT  
Fri 7pm - 9pm, Sat 10am - 5pm  
Celebrate the harvest of the town’s famous Comber Early Potato. Sample the Comber Earlies at their best, straight from the field to the stalls of the potato producers & the ovens of the local celebrity chefs who will be demonstrating their culinary skills. The festival also features stalls carrying a delicious range of artisan foods, live music, a mobile farm, potato related children’s activities, workshops & a tractor run.  
**FREE**

**Saturday 13 June**  
**Pets win prizes day**  
The Ark Open Farm, Newtownards BT23 7PH  
2pm - 4pm  
T: 028 9182 0445  
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk  
**Cost: Normal admission costs apply**

**Saturday 13 June**  
**Cultra Hill Climb & Vintage Fair**  
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU  
10am - 5pm  
T: 028 9042 8428  
W: nmni.com/uftm  
**Cost: Major event day prices apply**

**Friday 26 June**  
**Ards Half Marathon & Walk**  
Ards Leisure Centre - start & finish, BT23 4EJ  
6.30pm  
T: 028 9182 4018  
W: ardshalffmarathon.info  
**Cost: Entry fees apply - see website**

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**Saturday 20 June**  
**Grandparents Day - A Grand Day Out**  
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU  
10am - 5pm  
T: 028 9042 8428  
W: nmni.com/uftm  
**Cost: Normal admission prices apply**

**Sunday 21 June**  
**Father’s Day**  
Mount Stewart, Newtownards, BT22 2AD  
11am - 5pm  
T: 028 4278 8387  
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart  
**Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)**

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**Friday 19 - Sunday 21 June**  
**Sigma Irish Championships**  
Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Bangor BT20 5HY  
T: 028 9127 0568  
W: ruyc.co.uk  
**Cost: tbc**
Saturday 27 June
North of Ireland
Karting Association
Summer Championship
Kirkistown Racing Circuit, Kircubbin BT22 1AU
10am - 5.30pm
T: 028 9186 1429
W: kirkistown.com
Cost: Spectators £10 per adult

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June
Sea Bangor Festival
Bangor Seafront, Bangor, BT20 5ED
Starts 12noon
A maritime themed event with children’s activities, food fayre & entertainment
FREE

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June
Summer Garden Fete
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
11am - 5pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

Sunday 28 June
Jazz in the Gardens
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
2pm - 4.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

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Weekly Markets:

**Wednesday:** Bangor
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD

**Saturday:** Newtownards
Conway Square BT23 4NP

Monthly Market: Thursday 2 July
**Comber Farmers’ Market**
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park
BT23 5DU

Every Saturday & Sunday
**Family Fun at Cockle Row Cottages**
Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm, Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Weekly Weekend entertainment for children & adults alike, from face painting to animal roadshows, children’s crafts to science shows & much more!

**FREE**

Wednesday 1 July - Monday 31 August
**Nature Explorers**
WTW Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber BT23 6EA
11am - 4pm
T: 028 9187 4146
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events

**Cost:** WWT Members Free. Non-Members - Normal admission applies

Saturday 4 July
**Irish Moiled Cattle**
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU
10am - 5pm
T: 028 9042 8428
W: nmni.com/uftm

**Cost:** Normal admission prices apply

Sunday 5 July
**Live Music at the Bandstand**
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
**FREE**

Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 July
**Heartbreak Productions presents ‘Mr Stink’**
Bangor Castle Walled Garden, BT20 4UT
2pm & 6pm
We are delighted to bring the first open air tour of David Walliams’ uplifting novel, ‘Mr Stink’. This funny & moving story is suitable for all ages & will guarantee an entertaining & thought provoking evening

**Cost:** Tickets £7 (Ad), £5 (Ch), pre-booking essential

Friday 10 - Friday 17 July
**71st Bangor Open Bowls Tournament**
Ward Park & Pickie Bowling Greens, Bangor BT20 4LG
W: bangoropenbowls.blogspot.com

**Cost:** Free to spectators

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
### Sunday 12 July
#### Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

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### Sunday 12 – Monday 13 July
#### Holiday Train Rides
Drumawhey Junction Railway, Four Road Ends BT21 0LZ
1pm - 5pm
E: info@bcdmrs.org.uk
W: bcdmrs.org.uk
Cost: £2.50 (Ad), £2 (Ch), concessions apply for multiple rides

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### Monday 13 July
#### Annual Twelfth of July Demonstration
Holywood

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### Wednesday 15 July
#### Bug Detectives
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
1.30pm - 3.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: £6 (Ch)

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### Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 July
#### The Narrows Regatta Series
Portaferry Sailing Club BT22 1JZ
T: 028 9182 6119
Cost: tbc

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### Friday 17 July
#### Teddy Bears Picnic
The Ark Open Farm, Newtownards BT23 7PH
2pm - 4pm
T: 028 9182 0445
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk
Cost: Normal admission costs apply

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### Saturday 18 - Friday 24 July
#### Portaferry Gala Week
Portaferry
T: 028 4279 8181
W: portaferrygala.co.uk

#### Sunday 19 July
##### Summer Band Concert - Ards Silver Band
Conway Square, Newtownards BT23 4NP
3pm - 4pm
FREE

#### Sunday 19 July
##### Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

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### Wednesday 22 July
#### Woodland Warriors, 11yrs-14yrs
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
10am - 4pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: £20, pre-booking essential
Wednesday 22 - Sunday 26 July
Donaghadee Ulster Scots Festival
Various times
Various locations, Donaghadee
Celebrate the town’s strong Ulster-Scots heritage with an extensive programme of themed entertainment, including the re-enactment of Montgomery’s arrival at Donaghadee Harbour, historical displays, live music and dance performances, Ulster-Scots culinary fayre, craft demonstrations & children’s activities.

Cost: Prices vary

Sunday 26 July
Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

Friday 24 July & Saturday 25 July
RSPB Big Wild Sleepout
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU
T: 028 9049 1547
W: nmni.com/uftm

Cost: Price: £20 (Ad), £15 (Ch), includes breakfast. RSPB members get a 10% discount!
Tickets available from Easter, eventbrite.co.uk or 028 9049 1547

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<td>North Down Museum, Bangor BT20 4BT</td>
<td>Tues - Fri 10am - 12.30pm</td>
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<td>1.30pm - 3.30pm</td>
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<td>W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart</td>
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August

Weekly Markets:
Wednesday: Bangor
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD
Saturday: Newtownards
Conway Square BT23 4NP

Throughout August
Open House Festival 2015
Bangor, various
T: 028 9127 0069
W: openhousefestival.com
Cost: Prices vary

Every Saturday & Sunday
Family Fun at
Cockle Row Cottages
Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm. Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Weekly Weekend entertainment for children & adults alike, from face painting to animal roadshows, children's crafts to science shows & much more!
FREE

Until Sunday 9 August
Creative Peninsula
Open Studio Events
Various locations throughout the Borough
T: 028 9182 6846 / 028 9127 0069
Cost: Prices vary

Until Monday 31 August
Nature Explorers
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber BT23 6EA
11am - 4pm
T: 028 9187 4146
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events
Cost: WWT Members Free. Non-Members - Normal admission applies

Saturday 1 - Saturday 15 August
Donaghadee
Festival Fortnight
Donaghadee
T: 028 9188 8667
W: visitdonaghadee.com
FREE

Sunday 2 August
Summer Band Concert - Laganvale Silver Band
Lemon’s Wharf, Donaghadee BT21 0HE
3pm - 4pm
FREE

Sunday 2 August
Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor, BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
Wednesday 5 August

Woodland Warriors, 11yrs-14yrs
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
10am - 4pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: £20, pre-booking essential

Monthly Market: Thursday 6 August
Comber Farmers’ Market
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park
BT23 5DU

Friday 7 & Saturday 8 August
Working Vintage Festival
Rosemount Estate, Greyabbey BT22 2QA
T: 028 9754 1334
W: countydowntractionengineclub.com
Cost: tbc

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August
Bangor’s Muscle Beach
Irish Expo
Bangor Seafront
W: irishstrongman.com
Cost: Free

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August
Drumawhey Anniversary Weekend Train Rides
Drumawhey Junction Railway, Four Road Ends BT21 0LZ
1pm - 5pm
E: info@bcdmrs.org.uk
W: bcdmrs.org.uk
Cost: £2.50 (Ad), £2 (Ch), concessions apply for multiple rides

Sunday 9 August
Summer Band Concert - Lord Londonderry’s Own CLB Flute Band
Conway Square, Newtownards BT23 4NP
3pm - 4pm
FREE

Sunday 9 August
Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

Sunday 9 - Sunday 16 August
Bangor Golf Club
Tourism Week
Bangor Golf Club BT20 4RH
T: 028 9127 0922
W: bangorgolfclubni.co.uk
Cost: Competition entry fees apply
Monday 10 August
25th Anniversary Family Fun Day
The Ark Open Farm, Newtownards BT23 7PH
11am - 4pm
T: 028 9182 0445
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk
Cost: Normal admission costs apply

Wednesday 12 August
Bug Detectives
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
1.30pm - 3.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: £6 (Ch)

Sunday 16 August
Family Fun & Activity Day
Londonderry Park, Newtownards, BT23 8SG
2pm - 5pm
An afternoon of adventure, fun and creative activities for the whole family
T: 028 9181 2837
FREE

Sunday 16 August
Summer Band Concert - Ards Silver Band
Comber Square, Comber BT23 5DT
3pm - 4pm
FREE

Sunday 16 August
Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
Friday 21 - Saturday 29 August
Worldwide Missionary Convention 2015
Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor BT20 4LN
W: worldwidemission.org
FREE

Sunday 23 August
Summer Band Concert - Ballywalter Flute Band
Lemons Wharf, Donaghadee BT21 0HE
3pm - 4pm
FREE

Sunday 30 August
Summer Band Concert - Ballygowan Flute Band
Conway Square, Newtownards BT23 4NP
3pm - 4pm
FREE

Sunday 23 August
Live Music at the Bandstand
Ward Park, Bangor BT20 4LG
3pm - 5pm
FREE

Sunday 30 August
Jazz in the Gardens
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
2pm - 4.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

August, Dates tbc
Family Music Festival
Venue TBC
11am - 10pm
A music festival for all the family with live bands, children’s entertainment & activities.
Cost: tbc

August, Dates tbc
Family Open Day
North Down Museum, Bangor BT20 4BT
12pm - 4.30pm
T: 028 9127 1200
FREE

August, Dates tbc
Groomsport Event
Groomsport Harbour, BT19 6GH
7pm - 11pm
Music and Fireworks
FREE
Weekly Markets:
Wednesday: Bangor
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD
Saturday: Newtownards
Conway Square BT23 4NP

Monthly Market: Thursday 3 September
Comber Farmers’ Market
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park
BT23 5DU

Saturday 5 September
Meet the Maker:
‘Warp & Weft’
Ards Crafts, Craft & Design Centre
31 Regent Street, Newtownards BT23 4AD
10.30am - 12.30pm
A workshop with spinner & weaver
Rosemary McCartney
Cost: £12 inc materials age 18+
(Max 8 places)

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September
Family Fun at
Cockle Row Cottages
Groomsport BT19 6GH
2pm - 4pm. Cottages open 11am - 5pm
Sat: Party Animals NI; Sun: Clay-razy, children’s crafts & glitter tattoos, with Ulster-Scots Agency entertainment
FREE

Saturday 12 September
Comber Show
2nd Comber Presbyterian Church Halls
BT23 5AP
T: 028 9187 2868
W: growcomber.com

Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 September
RS 400 Nationals, Eurocup
RS200/Feva Northern
Ballyholme Yacht Club,
Bangor BT20 5HT
T: 028 9127 1467
W: ballyholme.com
Free to Spectators

Wednesday 23 - Sunday 27 September
Aspects Irish Literature
Festival
Bangor, various
T: 028 9127 1200
W: aspectsfestival.com
Cost: Prices vary

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
Saturday 26 September
Bangor Aurora 10K
Race commences at Castle Park, BT20 4UT
Starts 11am
Registration details available through the council website

Saturday 26 September
Red Squirrel Day
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
10am - 12 noon
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September
RYA Youth Championships 2015
Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Holywood BT18 0BB
T: 028 9042 8041
W: rniyc.org

Sunday 27 September
Jazz in the Gardens
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
2pm - 4.30pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: Members Free. Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)
October

**Weekly Markets:**

**Wednesday:** Bangor  
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD

**Saturday:** Newtownards  
Conway Square BT23 4NP

**Monthly Market:** Thursday 1 October  
Comber Farmers’ Market  
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park, BT23 5DU

**Thursday 1 - Saturday 3 October**  
**The Martin Donnelly Trophy**
Kirkistown Race Circuit,  
Kircubbin BT22 1AU  
T: 028 9186 1429  
W: kirkistown.com  

Cost: £10 (Ad)

**Friday 2 - Sunday 4 October**  
**Big Brent Event**
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre,  
Comber BT23 6EA  
See website for times  
T: 028 9187 4146  
W: wwt.org.uk/castlespie/events  

Cost: WWT Members Free  
Non-Members - Normal admission applies

**Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October**  
**Autumn Fair**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD  
11am - 5pm  
T: 028 4278 8387  
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart  

Cost: Members Free, Non-Members £8 (Ad), £4 (Ch), £20 (Family Ticket)

**Saturday 24 October**  
**Seapark Fireworks**
Recreation Grounds, Holywood  
4pm - 8pm  
Food, Fun & a Fireworks Finale  
FREE

**Saturday 24 - Saturday 31 October**  
**Spellbound Festival**
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre,  
Comber BT23 6EA  
11am - 4pm  
T: 028 9187 4146  
W: wwt.org.uk/castlespie/events  

Cost: WWT Members Free.  
Non-Members - Normal admission applies

**Sunday 25 October**  
**Halloween Fun at Cockle Row Cottages**
Groomsport BT19 6GH  
1pm - 4pm.  
Cottages open 11am - 5pm  
Creepy crafts, glitter tattoos,  
Party Animals NI & live music  
FREE

For all event information visit visitardsandnorthdown.com or call 028 9127 0069 / 028 9182 6846
**Sunday 25 October**

**Halloween Train Rides**
Drumawhey Junction Railway, Four Road Ends BT21 0LZ
1pm - 5pm
E: info@bcdmrs.org.uk
W: bcdmrs.org.uk

Cost: £2.50 (Ad), £2 (Ch), concessions apply for multiple rides

**Wednesday 28 - Saturday 31 October**

**Spooky Halloween Event**
The Ark Open Farm, Newtownards BT23 7PH
11am - 4pm, Daily
T: 028 9182 0445
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk

Cost: TBC

**Saturday 31 October**

**Halloween at Mount Stewart**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
6pm - 10pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: All visitors - £10 (Ad), £7.50 (Ch), £30 (Family Ticket)

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**Saturday 31 October**

**Halloween Event**
North Down Museum, Bangor BT20 4BT
T: 028 9127 1200

**Saturday 31 October**

**Halloween Family Festival**
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra BT18 0EU
11am - 4pm
T: 028 9042 8428
W: nmni.com/uftm

Cost: Major event day prices apply

**Saturday 31 October**

**Galaween in Portaferry**
Walter Meadow, Shore Road, Portaferry
Bonfire 7.30pm, Fireworks 8.15pm
W: portaferrygala.co.uk

FREE
Weekly Markets:
Wednesday: Bangor
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD
Saturday: Newtownards
Conway Square BT23 4NP

Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Festival of Light
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
6pm - 10pm
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: All visitors - £10 (Ad), £7.50 (Ch), £30 (Family Ticket)

Monthly Market: Thursday 5 November
Comber Farmer’s Market
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park
BT23 5DU

Saturday 7 November
Meet the Maker:
‘Silver Jewellery Workshop’
Ards Crafts, Craft & Design Centre
31 Regent Street,
Newtownards BT23 4AD
10.30am - 12.30pm
A workshop with jewellery designer Ruth McEwan-Lyon
Cost: £12 inc materials age 18+ (Max 6 places)

Thursday 12 - Saturday 21 November
Holywood Music Festival
Various, Holywood
E: john.young8@ntlworld.com
Cost: Tickets £3 per session, £1 conc, £5 Festival pass

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 November
Columbanus 1400 Festival
Bangor, various
T: 028 9145 5189
W: friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

Saturday 21 November
Ulster Siamese & All Breed Cat Club 36th Championship Show
Bangor Aurora Aquatic & Leisure Complex BT20 4UT
T: 028 9185 2404 / 078 0193 2300
W: juneferguson.cats@virgin.net
Cost: £1

Saturday 21 November
Bangor Christmas Lights Switch On
Bangor Town Hall BT20 4BT
5.30pm
Watch the skies above Bangor come alive with a spectacular fireworks display before the Christmas lights are switched on.
FREE

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Saturday 21 November
**Murder Mystery Evening: Captain Craig’s Final Order**
Somme Centre,
Newtownards BT23 7PH
7.30pm - 10pm
November 1917, Captain Alexander Craig informs his troops that at daybreak he would issue an order to go over the top, but before the order could be issued he was shot dead in his bunk.
Who committed this treacherous crime?
Cost: £15 (Ad), £8 (Ch). Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 26 November
**Christmas Fair in the Square**
The Square, Comber, BT23 5DT
4pm - 8pm
Shop for gifts & tasty treats at local stalls. Bring the kids to Santa’s grotto & get into the festive spirit at Comber’s official Christmas lights switch on.
Free.

Friday 27 November
**Ards Christmas Lights Switch On**
Conway Square,
Newtownards BT23 4NP
7pm
Join the Cool FM Roadshow for a host of festive fun & entertainment, with live music, dancers, circus performers & Santa all set to help the Mayor switch on the Town’s Christmas lights.
FREE.

Friday 27 November
**Groomsport Christmas Lights Switch On**
Presbyterian Church, Main Street, BT19 6JR
From 6.30pm
W: groomsport.info
FREE.

Friday 27 November
**Portaferry Christmas Lights Switch On & Country Market**
The Square, Portaferry, BT22 1LN
From 6pm
W: portaferrygala.co.uk
FREE.

Saturday 28 November
**A Magical Christmas Time Special Event**
The Ark Open Farm,
Newtownards BT23 7PH
11am - 4pm. Hourly visits from Santa
T: 028 9182 0445
W: thearkopenfarm.co.uk
Cost: Tbc

Saturday 28 November
**Holywood Christmas Lights Switch On & Funday**
Holywood Town Centre BT18 9AE
11am-6pm
Enjoy an action packed programme of entertainment for all the family.
FREE.

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November
**Christmas Market**
North Down Museum,
Bangor BT20 4BT
Sat 10am - 4.30pm, Sun 12noon - 4.30pm
T: 028 9127 1200
FREE.
December

Weekly Markets:
Wednesday: Bangor
ASDA Car Park BT20 4SD
Saturday: Newtownards
Conway Square BT23 4NP

Monthly Market: Thursday 3 December
Comber Farmers’ Market
St Mary’s Parish Church Car Park
BT23 5DU

Thursday 3 - Saturday 5 December
The Creative Peninsula
Christmas Craft Fayre
Ards Arts Centre, Town Hall, Conway Square, Newtownards BT23 4NP
Thurs 4pm - 7pm, Fri 10am - 7pm & Sat 10am - 4pm
FREE

Friday 4 December
Donaghadee Christmas Lights Switch On & Santa Parade
Donaghadee, BT21 0HF
7pm
T: 028 9188 8667
W: visitdonaghadee.com
FREE

Friday 4 - Sunday 6 December
The Santa Experience
Various time slots
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD
T: 028 4278 8387
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart
Cost: All visitors - £15 (Ad), £7 (Ch)

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December
Here Comes Santa!
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre, Comber BT23 6EA
10am - 4.30pm
T: 028 9187 4146
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events
Cost: £7.50 (Ad), £13.50 (Ch)

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December
Santa’s Red Letter Days
Crawfordsburn County Park / Ards Shopping Centre
T: 028 9073 0195
W: santasredletterdays.co.uk
Cost: Charge tbc

Sunday 6 December
Santa Fun Run & Community Carol Service
Donaghadee
T: 028 9188 8667
W: visitdonaghadee.com
FREE

Sunday 6 December
Santa Train Rides
Drumawhey Junction Railway,
Four Road Ends BT21 0LZ
12pm - 4pm
E: info@bcdmrs.org.uk
W: bcdmrs.org.uk
Cost: Charge tbc

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Thursday 10 - Saturday 12 December
**The Carol Ship on Strangford Lough**
Portaferry/Strangford  
T: 028 4272 9598  
W: portaferrythi.com

Cost: Free event; Normal ferry charges apply

Thursday 10 - Sunday 13 December
**The Santa Experience**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD  
Various time slots  
T: 028 4278 8387  
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: All visitors - £15 (Ad), £7 (Ch)

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 December
**Here Comes Santa!**
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre,  
Comber BT23 6EA  
10am - 4.30pm  
T: 028 9187 4146  
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events

Cost: £7.50 (Ad), £13.50 (Ch)

Sunday 13 December
**The Spirit of Christmas Past**
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum,  
Cultra BT18 0EU  
11am - 4pm  
T: 028 9042 8428  
W: nmni.com/uftm

Cost: Major event day prices apply

Sunday 13 December
**Santa Train Rides**
Drumawhey Junction Railway,  
Four Road Ends BT21 0LZ  
12pm - 4pm  
E: info@bcdmrs.org.uk  
W: bcdmrs.org.uk

Cost: Charge tbc

Thursday 17 December
**Christmas Night at the Movies with Elluna**
Ards Arts Centre Town Hall, Conway Square, Newtownards, BT23 4NP  
8pm  
T: 028 9181 0803

Cost: £12 including mulled wine & mince pies

Thursday 17 - Tuesday 22 December
**The Santa Experience**
Mount Stewart, Newtownards BT22 2AD  
Various time slots  
T: 028 4278 8387  
W: nationaltrust.org.uk/mount-stewart

Cost: All visitors - £15 (Ad), £7 (Ch)

Saturday 19, Sunday 20 & Monday 21 December
**Here Comes Santa!**
WWT Castle Espie Wetland Centre,  
Comber BT23 6EA  
10am - 4.30pm  
T: 028 9187 4146  
W: wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events

Cost: £7.50 (Ad), £13.50 (Ch)

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Ards Visitor Information Centre
31 Regent Street
BT23 4AD
T: 028 9182 6846

Bangor Visitor Information Centre
Tower House,
34 Quay Street
BT20 5ED
Located opposite Bangor Marina
T: 028 9127 0069

Cockle Row Cottages (Seasonal)
Main Street, Groomsport
BT19 6GH
T: 028 9127 2269

Portaferry Visitor Information Centre (Seasonal)
The Stables, Castle Street
BT22 1NZ
T: 028 4272 9882

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