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**What's New in the North of England
2016 and Beyond**

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1. Accommodation

January 2016: Pullman Hotel Liverpool

Opening on Kings Dock, the four-star Pullman Liverpool Hotel will be a 216-room Accor property, claiming to be 'one of the most stylish, upscale hotels in the city'. It will also include a restaurant, bar and gym, and has a fantastic location in the city centre, making it great for both leisure and business.

<http://www.pullmanhotels.com/>

Spring 2016: Dalmeny Resort Hotel, Lancashire

To celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2016, The Dalmeny Hotel will undergo a £2.5million refurbishment, with many of the hotel's bedrooms being given a facelift. A new restaurant will be created, as well as improvements made to the spa services. The hotel is set on St Anne's award-winning beach, offering romantic sea view rooms and spacious family suites.

www.dalmenyhotel.co.uk/

April 2016: Hilton Garden Hotel, Sunderland

Located at the entrance of the Stadium village site, adjacent to Sunderland AFC's Stadium of Light, the Hilton Garden Inn will be the perfect destination for a leisure break or a location for business. The hotel will be ideally situated to enjoy the sites of Sunderland such as Roker beach, National Glass Centre as well as surrounding North east destinations including NewcastleGateshead, Durham and Northumberland.

<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/>

2016: Ibis Styles, Leeds

Ibis Styles Leeds will be a 134 room new build hotel based in the city's Merrion Centre, located close to the shopping centre and within the Arena Quarter. It is part of the hotel operator Accor.

www.ibis.com/gb/united-kingdom/index.shtml

2016: Roomzzz Aparthotel, Manchester

Roomzzz Aparthotel, part of the Parklane Group will open its second Manchester site in the iconic Corn Exchange in the City Centre. The new hotel is part of a £30 million leisure redevelopment programme by Aviva Investors and Queensberry Real Estate, which also includes 13 new independent restaurants and four retained restaurants. The hotel, which is expected to open in early 2016, is a key part of the redevelopment of the Grade II listed building which, upon completion, will be Manchester's primary dining destination. The hotel will have its entrance fronting Exchange Square, with guest accommodation over the second, third, fourth, and fifth floors.

<http://www.roomzzz.com/>

2016: The Staycity Aparthotel, York

The Staycity complex will feature 197 serviced apartments with fully equipped kitchens and dining rooms/lounges, with two retail units on the ground floor. The six-storey building will be built next to York Barbican and overlooking the city's Bar Walls. It is set to provisionally open in 2016.

<http://www.staycity.com/>

2016: Oddfellows On The Park, Manchester

Based in the heart of beautiful Bruntwood Park, yet only minutes by car to both central Manchester and Manchester Airport, lies a boutique hotel with personality, character and just a little bit of odd. Housed in a Victorian mansion with an unforgettable history is Oddfellows On The Park, sister hotel to the award winning Oddfellows, Chester. Design-led and full of fun - with 22 individually designed and luxurious boutique bedrooms, an events space to dream of, restaurant, cocktail bar and spa.

<http://www.visitmanchester.com/>

Winter 2016: Woolsington Hall Hotel & Spa, Newcastle

Woolsington Hall is set to be renovated into a 34 bedroom Five Star hotel and leisure complex with restaurant, spa, cookery school and golf course. The proposed development seeks to create Newcastle's first Five Star luxury boutique Hotel – a first

class facility that will offer the very highest standards of service, accommodation, food and leisure facilities. Projected opening winter 2016 / spring 2017.

<http://www.woolsingtonhallhotel.co.uk>

2. Anniversaries

2016: 25 years of the National Forest

Since the National Forest was launched a quarter of a century ago, over eight and a half million trees have been planted, new cycle trails and accommodations have been established, as well as the National Forest Way, the 75 mile long distance walking trail.

www.nationalforest.org/

2016: 300th anniversary of Capability Brown

Arguably England's greatest landscape gardener, 2016 marks the 300th anniversary since the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. In 2016 visit any of the many properties and landscapes in Yorkshire including Roche Abbey, Burton Constable Hall, Sledmere House, Ripley Castle, Temple Newsam Wentworth Castle Gardens. Also Harewood House, where in 2016 will see a celebration of this eminent designer and landscape artist through guided walking tours and exhibitions in a new Art of Landscape series. Visit Kirkharle in Northumberland, where Brown was born in 1716 and worked as a gardener's boy.

<http://www.capabilitybrown.org/>

2016: Durham Cathedral and Castle 30 Year Anniversary as World Heritage Site

Durham World Heritage Site was inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 1986, one of the first to be designated alongside the Taj Mahal and Stonehenge. Durham Cathedral and Castle were inscribed because of the site's exceptional architecture and visual drama; its archaeological importance; as well as the political (Norman Conquest) spiritual (medieval Prince Bishops) powers and religious traditions (Cuthbert, Bede and Oswald); and continued use as a place of worship, learning and residence for over 1000 years.

durhamworldheritagesite.com

March 2016: Turning 20, Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds

In 2016 The Royal Armouries celebrates its 20th anniversary since it opened to the public on 30th March 1996. The multi-million pound museum was built to house a large part of the national collection of arms and armour, and displays over 8500 objects throughout its six themed galleries: War, Tournament, Oriental, Self-Defence, Hunting, and Peace. It is one of the largest collections of historic arms and armour, comprising the National Collection of Arms and Armour at Leeds, National Artillery Collection at Fort Nelson, and National Firearms Collection. It is also the Keeper of the Tower of London history. There is also an impressive Hall of Steel and the outside Tiltyard is where live shows such as jousting take place during school holidays.

<https://www.royalarmouries.org/visit-us/leeds/>

May 2016: 90th anniversary of Eric Morecambe's birth

Born in Morecambe in Lancashire on 14 May 1926, Eric Morecambe (born John Eric Bartholomew) is one of England's most-loved comedians. He is best known for his double act with Ernie Wise. 2016 will mark the 90th anniversary since his birth.

April 2016: 200th anniversary of Charlotte Brontë's birth

Charlotte Brontë (21 April 1816 – 31 March 1855) was an English novelist and poet, the eldest of the three Brontë sisters who survived into adulthood and whose novels have become classics of English literature. Visitors to the village of Haworth, where the sisters grew up, can discover more about the authors at the Brontë Parsonage Museum. The 'Brontë' programme will comprise exhibitions, artistic commissions, publications, musical performances, educational projects and numerous other special initiatives to celebrate the life and work of Charlotte Brontë (1816-1855). Highlights include 'Celebrating Charlotte' – an exhibition of treasures from our collection touring to the National Portrait Gallery in London and the Morgan Library and Museum in New York. Tracy Chevalier, author of *The Girl With The Pearl Earring*, will be guest curator for 'I Shall Go Off Like A Bombshell: Charlotte Brontë, Great And Small' – an exhibition of artefacts, oddities and specially-commissioned contemporary art. The first ever Victorian Summer Fairs will also launch – a free festival of performances, revelry and fun for all.

<https://www.bronte.org.uk/>

July 2016: 150th anniversary of the birth of author Beatrix Potter

Born in London in 1866, Helen Beatrix Potter was best known for her imaginative children's books such as *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Potter spent the majority of her adult life on her farm near Sawrey in Lancashire. Special events will take place at various Beatrix Potter National Trust venues, which will include a children's literary festival at Wray Castle, the first place Beatrix visited in the Lake District, with a brand new guide to tell the story of her life, story telling events and of course a special birthday party on the 28th July.

www.golakes.co.uk/beatrixpotter

October 2016: 100th anniversary of the birth of Alf Wight (James Herriot)

In 2016 marks 100 years since the birth of the Thirsk Vet Alf Wight whom many know as author James Herriot, the country vet whose country vet adventures inspired the much beloved TV adaptation *All Creatures Great and Small* (which is on the cards to be remade by HBO). A Visit to James Herriot World in Thirsk allows visitors to immerse themselves in the life and times of James Herriot. Visit the original home of the Veterinary practice at 23 Kirkgate, lovingly restored to its 1940's glory, see the Alf Wight statue, wartime bunker, farriers workshop, memorabilia and instruments on display and go behind the scenes on the BBC adaptation of *Creatures Great and Small*.

<http://www.worldofjamesherriot.com/>

3. Attractions/ Exhibitions/Restaurants

Spring 2016: York Theatre Royal

After a £4.1 million redevelopment project, the historic York Theatre Royal is re-opening in spring 2016. This beautiful theatre was built in 1744 on, and among, the site of the medieval St. Leonard's Hospital. The Redevelopment Project started in March 2015 and this will be the biggest change to the theatre since the 1967 extension. This project will see extended foyer spaces, a revamped 1,000 seat auditorium and improved access around the building.

www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/

March 2016: Re-opening of Hastings Pier

Following repeated fire devastation, Hastings Pier was finally closed in 2008 due to structural concerns. Now, after an £11.4 million donation from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Hastings Pier is set to be completely transformed into "one of the coolest-looking piers in the world". Reopening this summer, the pier will host circuses, plays, concerts, film festivals, farmers' markets, urban sports, a restaurant and more.

<http://www.hpcharity.co.uk/>

March 2016: British Music Experience, Liverpool

Following a five year run at London's O2, the British Music Experience will now make its new home in the iconic Cunard Building in Liverpool. The BME is an unrivalled collection of music artefacts and memorabilia including some of David Bowie's, Ziggy Stardust costumes. The museum will also pay homage to the impact British music has had on the culture, fashion, art and politics of the time.

www.britishmusicexperience.com/

May 2016: Rievaulx Abbey, North York Moors National Park

A major restoration project is taking place at the English Heritage site, near Helmsley in the North York Moors National Park, with a brand new museum, tearoom, shop and an expanded visitor centre set to open by May 2016. Visitors will be able to enjoy a new Museum displaying objects that shed light on the uniqueness of Rievaulx and the fascinating people who founded and developed the Abbey.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/rievaulx-abbey/>

July 2016: Eleven Arches at Auckland Castle, Durham

From July 2016 an open air night spectacular at Auckland Castle in Durham, will bring to life 2,000 years of Britain's History through the eyes of the North East, from the Roman times to post World War II. Eleven Arches will entertain up to 8,000 visitors

per show across a 7½ acre stage with a cast and crew made up of 1,000 professionally trained volunteers. Taking inspiration from its artistic partner, Eleven Arches is modelled on Puy du Fou's own night show in France.

elevenarches.org

2016: Alpamare waterpark, Scarborough

A waterpark unlike any other is coming to the seaside town of Scarborough in 2016. Alpamare will bring a new kind of water experience to the UK, a day of fun, relaxation and togetherness. Get set for a memorable day out as a family on the exhilarating waterslides, and in the water playground. Dive into the waves with your friends and relax in the heated outdoor pool. Indulge yourself in the Spa and get re-energized in the Iodine outdoor pool, overlooking the sea at North Bay. And if water is not enough, there is great Alpine food on offer as Alpamare brings the Alps to the sea.

www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com/scarborough/attraction/theme-parks-activity-centres

2016: Piece Hall, Halifax

In 2016 one of the most extraordinary buildings in Britain will reopen following a £19 million restoration, it will herald the most dynamic new era for Halifax for generations. This unique, Grade 1 Listed building dates from 1779 and was originally built to support the trading of "pieces" of cloth; it is one of Europe's great public squares and will be home to shops, creative businesses, a heritage centre, and will host a variety of special events throughout the year.

www.thepiecehall.co.uk/

2016: Sunbridge Wells retail complex, Bradford

Bradford's first ever underground retail complex is due to open right in the heart of Bradford's historic trading quarter. This vibrant and exciting development will transform the Victorian tunnels under the city centre incorporating Victorian and contemporary shop units together with trading streets barrows, restaurants and bars. The venture will not just attract the well-known brands but will be encouraging both independent and young entrepreneurs to trade in the heart of the city.

www.sunbridgewells.com/

2016: Refurbishment of Kirkgate Market, Leeds

The Grade I-listed Kirkgate Market in Leeds will undergo a full refurbishment in 2016, which will primarily modernise the building during the year-long works. It will include a new event space and café area, replacement roofs in both halls, and the introduction of a covered daily market within the 1976 hall. The market started in 1822 and is famously where Marks & Spencer had its first stall, a fact commemorated since 2013 by the retailer with a modern-day market stall.

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmarkets/Pages/Kirkgate-market.aspx>

2016: Selby Leisure Village, Yorkshire

A £5million investment into a new Leisure Village is due to open in Selby in 2016. The family orientated attractions will feature an indoor ski simulator, ten pin bowling, an adventure climbing facility, aerial trekking ropes, adventure play zone plus an indoor and outdoor skate and BMX park.

www.selby.gov.uk

2016: Open Treasure at Durham Cathedral, Durham City

Durham Cathedral will open world-class exhibition spaces in 2016. Open Treasure will open the doors to previously hidden spaces within the Cathedral Cloister, representing some of the most intact surviving medieval monastery buildings in England. It is also home to the best preserved monastic library in the British Isles. The story of these remarkable buildings will reveal their historical and architectural significance through the creation of a new exhibition route, beginning in the 14th-century Monks' Dormitory and ending in the Great Kitchen - one of only two surviving monastic kitchens in the UK.

durhamcathedral.co.uk/open-treasure

4. Films/ Novels/ Theatre

2016: Swallows and Amazons film

A remake of the classic Arthur Ransome novel 'Swallows and Amazons' is set to be released in 2016. The cast includes Andrew Scott, Rafe Spall and Gwendoline Christie, and filming took place in the Lake District and Yorkshire.

2016: Mystery Plays at York Minster, York

26 May – 30 June

The 800 year-old Gothic cathedral of York Minster will undergo a spectacular transformation to become a monumental auditorium for a much anticipated month-long staging of the York Minster Mystery Plays 2016. The Mystery Plays will return to the Minster for the first time since the acclaimed Millennium production in 2000 when over 28,000 people attended the sell-out performances which had an ensemble cast of more than 200 local amateur actors and, in keeping with the tradition of the Mystery Plays, just one professional actor.

www.yorkminster.org

February 2016: 'Dad's Army' remake

A remake of the classic comedy 'Dad's Army' is set to be released next February. It will feature a star-studded cast including Bill Nighy, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Gambon. Filming took place in East Yorkshire, in Bridlington and Beverly.

5. Events

Flying Scotsman Season, National Railway Museum

February – July 2016

A season of events and activities are planned to celebrate Flying Scotsman's anticipated return to steam. As well as spotting the steam icon out and about on Britain's railways, why not take the chance to get up close and personal with this diva of the tracks? Highlights include an exhibition exploring Flying Scotsman's rollercoaster career, and a display of the locomotive in the Great Hall (March – May). Immerse yourself in the rich history of luxury travel on board the Flying Scotsman route by standing on the footplate of the steam giant and stepping inside the carriages that tell the tale of the locomotive's hey-day.

www.nrm.org.uk/flyingscotsman/scotsman-season.aspx

The Grand Tour, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

March – June 2016

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www.thegrandtour.uk.com/

The National Gallery Masterpiece Tour, Kendal

19 March - 15 May 2016

A much-loved work from the National Gallery Collection is on tour and travelling the UK. It, a true masterpiece, will be on display at Abbot Hall Art Gallery in Kendal.

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/the-national-gallery-masterpiece-tour>

2016 ITU World Triathlon, Leeds

11-12 June 2016

The inaugural World Triathlon in Leeds is guaranteed to deliver a thrilling showcase of endurance and strategy as thousands of spectator's line the course to cheer on both the recreational and professional athletes - including home heroes Ali and Jonny Brownlee who will be competing in their last event on home soil before the Rio 2016 Olympics. On Sunday over 5,000 triathletes of all levels of ability will compete starting with an open water swim in the glorious Roundhay Park, the bike leg will see participant's complete laps in and around Leeds city centre before completing a testing run course and crossing the finish line in the city centre. It's then the turn of the world's best triathletes to take to the stage.

<http://leeds.triathlon.org/>

Marking the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, York Early Music Festival

8-16 July 2016

Widely regarded as the jewel in the crown of city's many festivals, York Early Music Festival welcomes visitors and musicians from across the world to the UK's premier festival of early music. The 2016 Festival takes the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare as its starting point, with music from the Elizabethan Theatre and pieces inspired by the Shakespearean themes of magic, mystery and the supernatural. Guest artists include: The City Musick directed by William Lyons, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and lutenist Elizabeth Kenny, who will perform in many of the City's exquisite historical buildings.

<http://www.ncem.co.uk/yemf>

Tall Ships Regatta, Blyth, Northumberland

26 – 29 August 2016

Blyth is to host the prestigious North Sea Tall Ships Regatta 2016, an event involving some of the largest and most spectacular Tall Ships in the world. Sailing into the port at Blyth over the weekend of 26-29 August 2016, the event will give residents and tourists a chance to see some of the finest Tall Ships in the world. The weekend will be a festival of celebration with all kinds of events being organised including concerts, a sea battle, sporting competitions and a crew parade.

www.visitnorthumberland.com/blythtallships2016

2016: Manchester is European City of Science

The prestigious badge of honour will be held by the city for the next two years. In summer 2016 the city will host the largest general scientific conference; EuroScience Open Forum, with 4,500 delegates expected to attend.

2016: Stoke-on-Trent is European Capital of Sport

Stoke-on-Trent has been named the European Capital of Sport for 2016. It is three years since a city in Great Britain was awarded this title and previous recipients include Gateshead and Leicester. This destination presents a huge opportunity for the city to raise its profile, as well as make a significant impact on levels of participation in sport, public health and the city's ongoing regeneration.

www.visitstoke.co.uk/

6. And Beyond...

2017: Hull to host Turner Prize

Hull will host Europe's most prestigious contemporary arts prize as part of its year as UK City of Culture 2017. The Turner Prize is awarded each year to a British artist under 50 for an outstanding work of contemporary visual art. In 2017, the prize will leave Tate Britain in London for Hull's Ferens Art Gallery, where it will be the cornerstone of a 365-day festival of world-class culture.

<http://www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com/>

June 2017: RHS Flower Show, Chatsworth

From 7-11 June 2017, The RHS Flower Show will be hosted in partnership with Chatsworth House in Derbyshire on its breathtaking grounds. It will join the current portfolio of shows at Malvern, Chelsea, Hampton Court Palace, Tatton Park, and London. This incredible new show will be bursting with fresh ideas, held on the banks of the River Derwent and providing magnificent views of the countryside amid the landscape of Capability Brown.

rhs.org.uk/chatsworth-show

20 – 23 July 2017: The Open Championship, Liverpool

This major golfing event will be held at the Royal Birkdale in Merseyside.

<http://www.theopen.com/>

2017: Newcastle Brown Ale's 90th birthday

The city's popular ale was first launched in 1927.

<http://m.newcastlebrown.com/>

2017: Hull UK City of Culture

Hull is set to be the UK City of Culture in 2017. It has set out ambitious plans for a unique and thrilling programme of cultural activity which would excite communities across the city and far beyond. Rooted in place but global in ambition, this glorious city's streets, buildings, rivers, parks, bridges and sky will play host to the imagination of the world's finest artists. That means over 1500 events in just 365 days that are anywhere and everywhere with ballet on the mudbanks, bards on a bombsite, divas in the dry dock, fly dancers on the tidal barrier, and a host of acts that blend Hull's distinctive character, culture and creativity with world-class performance.

<http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/2017hull>

2017: The Grand Hotel & Spa, York

York's renowned luxury five-star hotel has embarked on a major re-branding that will see it transformed into The Grand Hotel & Spa, York. If the two year redevelopment goes ahead, it will see the York venue double its number of guest rooms, as well as create a new restaurant space on what is currently an outside terrace area.

www.thegrandyork.co.uk

2018: Blackpool Heritage Museum

Housed inside the Pavilion Theatre at the Winter Gardens, the £21 million museum will use film, photos, music and artefacts to show how Blackpool became one of the world's largest tourist resorts.

<http://www.visitblackpool.com/>

2020: England Coast Path

The England Coast Path will be a new National Trail all around England's coast. It is due to open in sections and will be complete in 2020. When it is complete it will be one of the longest coastal walking routes in the world.

<http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path>

2020: Coast to coast canoe trail, Leeds & Liverpool Canal

The first-ever coast to coast canoe trail is currently in its early stages of development, and plans to be completed by 2020. The new trail will link Mersey to Humberside, and will connect towns and cities along the way including Wigan, Liverpool, Blackburn, Burnley, Leeds, Skipton, and Goole.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk>

7. From 2015

The Grand Tour, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

July – September 2015 and March – June 2016

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<http://www.thegrandtour.uk.com/>

Islands, Chester Zoo

13 July

Islands is the biggest and most ambitious development in UK zoo history and plans to immerse visitors, transporting them thousands of miles away to experience the splendour of the animals, plants and cultural aspects of far-flung places. Islands will showcase the zoo's Act for Wildlife conservation activities as visitors navigate their way through mangroves, swamps, bamboo and tropical forests. It will also include Monsoon Forest, the largest indoor zoo exhibit in the UK and home to Sumatran orangutans, Sulawesi macaques and a new species for the zoo, the Sunda gharial crocodile.

www.chesterzoo.org/islands

Centre of Ceramic Art, York Art Gallery, York

1 August

A new national centre dedicated to exhibiting and promoting ceramic art, the Centre of Ceramic Art (CoCA) is due to open in August. It will showcase works from the York Museum Trust's world class collections of ceramics, one of the largest in the world. There will be new works and installations by contemporary artists, and the centre will also act as a ceramics hub. It will be housed within York Art Gallery.

www.yorkartgallery.org.uk

Ramside Hall, Durham City

1 August

Ramside Hall is set to open a luxury spa and 47 new deluxe rooms this summer. The multi-million pound spa will have a range of facilities including a 25metre swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, saunas and a range of steam rooms, as well as an infinity pool spa, a caldarium – a hot plunge pool – and a Rasul mud chamber. Its spa forms part of significant expansion at the four star country house hotel, with the additional bedrooms bringing the total up to 128. The development follows the opening of an 18-hole championship golf course earlier this year at the hotel.

www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/

Hobbit House, Yorkshire

August

Lord of the Rings fans are now able to experience a little bit of The Shire, at Golden Hill Farm in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Potts Corner features a green round porthole-like door, stained glass windows and even a grass roof. The cosy retreat sleeps six, and contains all amenities such as cooking facilities, a log burner and a roll-top free-standing bath. It is available to rent from £650 for three nights.

www.northshire.co.uk/

Shankly Hotel, Liverpool

15 August

The football themed hotel, Hotel Shankly, is due to open in Liverpool, named after former Liverpool FC manager and club icon, Bill Shankly. It will be opened by the developers that opened the Titanic-themed 30 James Street property in August last year. It will transform the Millennium House building, with both the 250-room hotel, as well as a Bill Shankly museum full of previously unseen memorabilia. The hotel's promotional opening offers means that rooms start from £35 per head per night.

<http://shanklyhotel.com/>

York Art Gallery reopens

Summer

Following an £8 million redevelopment, the new-look York Art Gallery will reopen in summer 2015 with a brand new ceramic collection. CoCA – The Centre of Ceramic Art will showcase works from York Museums Trust's world-class collections of ceramics, including more than 5,000 pieces from British Studio Ceramics, the largest collection in the world.

www.yorkartgallery.org.uk

Laurent-Perrier Chatsworth Garden, Derbyshire

Autumn

Following on from the success of the Laurent-Perrier garden at the Chelsea Flower Show in May, designer Dan Pearson will continue to work with Chatsworth in order to create a lasting legacy for the award-winning garden. Many of the plants, rocks and decorative features from the show garden at Chelsea will be returning to Chatsworth in the autumn, and will be used in the regeneration of the Trout stream area of the garden. The results of the project will start to be seen from spring 2016.

www.chatsworth.org/

Rockliffe Hall, Durham

Autumn

Rockliffe Hall in the Vale of Durham is set to unveil its newly expanded spa this autumn. It will include a new 200-metre square 'Spa Garden' which will be the only one of its kind in the North East. Placed next to the current spa, it will have two outdoor hot pools including an infinity edge hydrotherapy pool with massage features and a warm jacuzzi, under-floor heated decking and lounging areas, a garden room with a traditional glass-fronted sauna cabin, fire pit, water feature, landscaped gardens with views across Rockliffe Hall's grounds and heated relaxation loungers.

www.rockliffehall.com/

Bar Convent refurbishment, York

October

The Bar Convent in York, England's oldest working convent, is set to benefit from a £2 million pound Living Heritage Project funding. It is set to make the Bar Convent more accessible for the 21st century, visitors' expectations and needs. There will be a new two floor state-of-the-art exhibition created, telling the inspiring histories of Mary Ward and her followers, education for girls and the history of the Catholic church in England. There will be a phased opening of the new facilities in the late summer, with an official launch in October.

www.bar-convent.org.uk

Forest Side Hotel, Grasmere, Cumbria

November

Set to launch in mid-November 2015 after a four million pound renovation and refurbishment, Forest Side will open as a 20 bedroom, 50 cover restaurant, set in a 19th-century Victorian hotel minutes from Grasmere in the Lake District, Cumbria.

Heading up the kitchen will be Kevin Tickle, former chef and head forager at Simon Rogan's L'Enclume. Kevin's menu will change daily according to produce available within the abundant 46 acres of forageable ground and the extensive Victorian walled kitchen garden.

www.golakes.co.uk

LiveWorks Launch, Quayside, Newcastle

Late 2015

LiveWorks is a new £10 million capital scheme by Live Theatre to develop Quayside frontage and land and buildings adjacent to the theatre, creating a new landscaped public park and a children and young people's writing centre. A launch event and a programme of public events are also in the pipeline.

<http://www.live.org.uk/liveworks>