

Barnsley
**BRIGHT
NIGHTS**

FREE EVENT

**Fri 21 & Sat
22 November**

5–8.30pm

**Venues across
Barnsley town centre**

**Including Supernova, Light Art Trail
and live performances**

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WELCOME TO BARNSELEY BRIGHT NIGHTS

Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm



Welcome to Barnsley town centre as Bright Nights returns. This year's theme is **Grow** – exploring the natural world and the collective growth of our vibrant communities.

Start the festive season in style with the spectacular Supernova in The Glass Works Square.

Follow the amazing Light Art Trail and catch the Northern Lights celestial performers across the town centre.

All events are free, family-friendly and accessible. Use the map on the back page to find venues and more.

Info and Accessibility

Visit our dedicated information point in The Glass Works Square. Sensory backpacks containing ear defenders and torches can be borrowed from here free of charge.

British Sign Language (BSL) Guided Tour

Join Martin Glover on Sat 22 November, 6pm for a free BSL guided tour of the artworks and installations. Places are limited and must be booked in advance through the website.

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SUPERNOVA

by Studio Vertigo

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov
5–8.30pm

Stars ignite as a constellation of large-scale illuminated sculptures land in The Glass Works Square.

Enjoy a UK premiere as four sparkling nova sculptures awaken with lights, smoke and a NASA soundtrack.

This stunning installation includes the huge 8m-high Supernova – based on the Star of the East – standing 8 metres tall.



See the Christmas lights and arch as they are illuminated for the start of the festive season in the square and across the town centre.

The Glass Works Square
May Day Green S70 1GW

NORTHERN LIGHTS

by Cabasa and Global Grooves

2

Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm | Pop-up performances in The Glass Works Square and across venues | Creative arts and crafts in Library @ the Lightbox

Marvel as celestial stiltwalkers, arctic fox puppets and more come together for a series of colourful performances.

Global Grooves have worked with young people from Barnsley Drummers and Art of PALM Dance Dojo to learn new music and moves, with carnival costumes created by Cabasa and HOPE in Community, The O-Zone and Penistone Youth Club.

Look out for pop-up 'Northern Lights' performances at venues across the town centre.

Drop-in to the Library @ the Lightbox to make a playful, glowing celestial spinner to twirl and shine around the light art trail.

Library @ the Lightbox
May Day Green S70 1GW



IN-ESSENCE

by Artin Light

3

Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov
4–8.30pm

Three new landmarks sit proudly in the Barnsley skyline – the Yorkshire Roses aren't just sculptures though, they also boast advanced audiovisual capabilities.

This installation is an opportunity for you to get involved, discover what's possible and imagine how they may be used in the future to reflect the past and present.

Barnsley Civic
Eldon Street S70 2JL

NEON GARDEN

by ArtWorks Barnsley

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov
4–8.30pm

Step into a world where nature glows.

ArtWorks presents a dazzling large-scale installation created by hundreds of local young people and adults, many of whom have learning disabilities or are autistic (or both).

Playful, vibrant and uplifting – take a walk through a surreal illuminated landscape where oversized blooms tower above you.

Barnsley Civic
Eldon Street S70 2JL



VOYAGE OF THE STORY SHELL

by The Colour Foundry

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Relaxed sessions: 4–5pm

Discover the illuminating tale of how The Story Shell arrived in Barnsley, many miles from the sea.

This unique art space by international artists Suzie Devey and Steve Messam has been transformed into a multi-artform experience featuring music, projections and animations co-created by The Colour Foundry

artists Fabric Lenny, Urban Projections and Nicolas Lewis, with young people from St Mary's C of E Primary School. There are relaxed sessions for anyone who would benefit from reduced noise levels and fewer number of visitors.

Commissioned by Barnsley Libraries and supported by Barnsley Civic for Barnsley Bright Nights.

Barnsley Civic
Eldon Street S70 2JL

AND... BREATHE

by Pif-Paf

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov
5–8.30pm

Pause and reconnect with the simple joy of breathing.

A tactile new sound and light installation from South Yorkshire artists Pif-Paf that explores breathing – mixing timber, sound, light, science and the raw joy of playing together.

Mandela Gardens
Hanson Street S70 2HZ



WILD LIGHTS LANTERNS

by RSPB Old Moor

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm

Marvel as wildlife sculptures and puppets light up the gardens!

Created by community volunteers and schools' workshops from across the Dearne Valley, these large-scale lanterns bring the magic of RSPB Old Moor to life.

Mandela Gardens
Hanson Street S70 2HZ



THE DANCING FOUNTAIN

by Alex Richter

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm

Take an immersive musical journey as water, light, and sound blend in a live liquid ballet.

This kinetic artwork features DJs curating mesmerising displays that make every performance unique and a breathtaking celebration of creativity and community.

Enjoy a range of family-friendly activities inside Barnsley College, with food and refreshments available from Street Eats. Quiet space available.

Barnsley College (Old Mill Lane Campus), Church Street S70 2AX

ETERNAL ENSEMBLE

by ONYVA Studio

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm

Step into a powerful, audio-immersive light projection by ONYVA Studio.

Experience the connection between cellist and listener – a moment of shared joy in the stunning surroundings of St Mary's Church.

A Light Up The North SHINE commission.

St. Mary's Church
St. Mary's Gate S70 2AH

THE COLLECTORS

by Bethan Maddocks

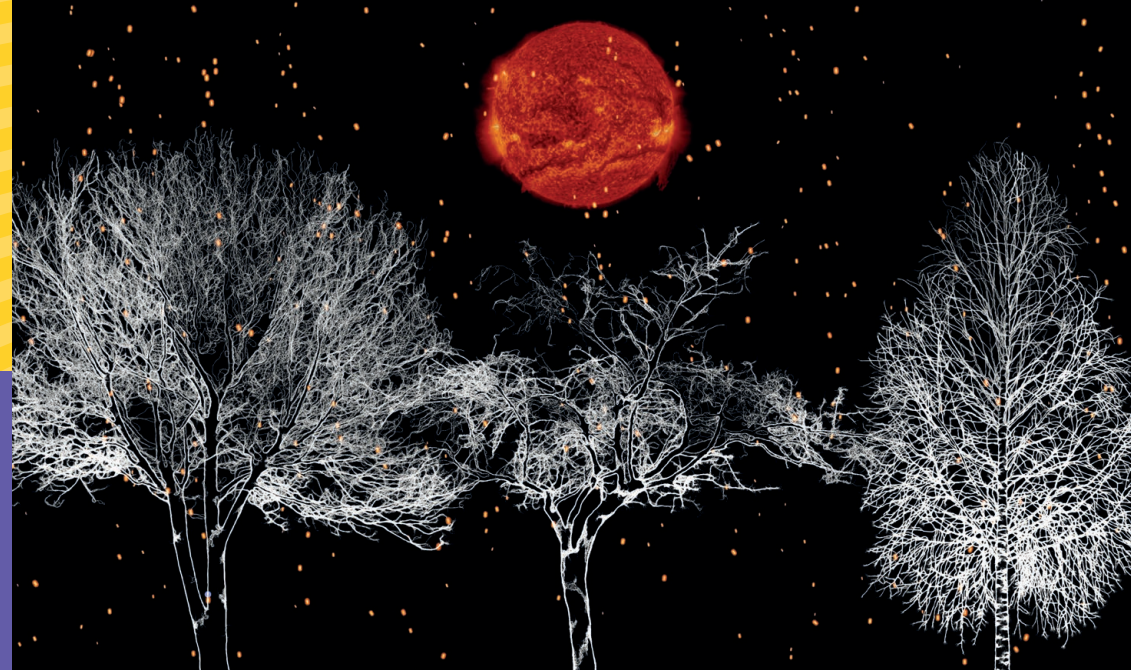
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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov
5–8.30pm

Shadow sculptures transform the Cooper Gallery gardens.

Explore the unseen life of our green spaces, perfect for 'collectors'; tiny pollinators such as moths and ladybirds. Discover delicate artworks created by Feels Like Home, Culture Companions and Butterflies community groups and young people from Queens Road Academy.

Cooper Gallery
Church Street S70 2AH



MOLECULAR CLOUDS

by Daksha Patel

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm

This interactive projection uses mesmerising imagery to explore themes of climate change.

Greenhouse gases, invisible to the naked eye, are revealed as colourful molecular forms with audiences invited to reach out and 'touch' them, removing them from the atmosphere.

Molecular Clouds gives us a sense of agency as we engage playfully and collectively with the natural world.

Explore the brand new BASE71 Barnsley Youth Zone and take part in neon dodgeball and lantern making activities. Sensory space available.

A Light Up The North project commissioned by Barnsley Bright Nights, Light Night Leeds, Light Up Lancaster and Lightwaves Salford.

Base71 Barnsley Youth Zone
Schwäbisch Gmünd Way S71 1DS

SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY SNOWFLAKES AT THE ALHAMBRA SHOPPING CENTRE



The Alhambra Shopping Centre is once again set to sparkle this festive season, as part of Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity's much-loved snowflakes campaign.

Since 2020, the Alhambra has proudly displayed dozens of giant, twinkling snowflakes on its building each Christmas, raising vital funds to support

the hospital – one of only three dedicated specialist children's hospital trusts in the UK.

By hosting the snowflakes campaign for the fifth year running, the centre is proud to give the local community the opportunity to make a difference for young patients and their families.



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IGNITE

by Limit Zero

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov:
Performances at 6pm,
7pm & 8pm

Step into Ignite... a burst of sound, light, dance and movement bringing Barnsley's community spirit to life.

Barnsley-based collective Limit Zero collaborate with parkour dancers from Nova Arts for an immersive outdoor show lighting the way toward a hopeful future.

Tommy Taylor Memorial Bridge
Kendray Street S70 1SE

MAPP

by AlexP

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Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov
5–8.30pm

MAPP is a vibrant and enticing interactive light show by Dutch duo AlexP where you create the art.

Step into the light, throw some shapes and be scanned from an old-fashioned stroller. Then, within seconds you become part of a colourful projection and picture-perfect moment.

Alhambra Shopping Centre
Cheapside S70 1SB



ARTQUEST

by Patrick Murphy
and Ian McMillan

Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov, 5–8.30pm

Embark on an interactive art trail launching for Bright Nights.

Use your mobile to discover amazing AR characters representing the rich cultural tapestry of Barnsley's six Principal Towns.



Scan the unique AR code at each location to bring the characters to life!

Across the town centre
See map on back page

LIGHT
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NORTH

Barnsley Bright Nights is a member of Light Up the North – a network of light festivals taking place across the North of England who share knowledge and nurture artistic ambition across the cultural sector. lightupthenorth.com

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THE
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Barnsley Christmas Market

29 Nov – 21 Dec



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christmasmarket2025](http://visitbarnsley.co.uk/christmasmarket2025)

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