

# Barnsley Garden Party

2026



Free Event!

Sat 23 May 2026, 11am-4pm  
Barnsley Town Centre

Outdoor arts, dance, music, circus & more!



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**The Glass Works Square, Library @ the Lightbox and The Seam  
11am-4pm Free Event!**

Join us for a packed day of amazing outdoor arts, dance, music, carnival and family shows.

Barnsley town centre will come alive with some of the UK's leading artists, with exciting performances and family-friendly activities.


## The Glass Works Square

### Up in the Sky by Autin Dance Theatre

**An awe-inspiring fusion of physical theatre, aerial dance and symbolic storytelling.**

Up in the Sky elevates outdoor performance to new heights as performers spin and soar through the air. Gather round, look up, and join us for a journey above the clouds.

Both shows begin with a short Mawimba dance performance featuring pupils from Joseph Locke Primary School in Barnsley.


 **12.30pm and 3.30pm (30 mins)**



### Go Grandad, Go! by Company DHW

**A heart-warming inter-generational family story embedded in love.**

Go Grandad, Go! uses hip-hop and dance to start conversations about upbringing, culture and redefining relationships between the generations.

 **12noon and 2.15pm (30mins)**

**A free Touch Tour accessible opportunity designed for blind or visually impaired audience members is available at 11.45am.**


Go Grandad Go! is supported by Without Walls and commissioned by FESTIVAL.ORG for Greenwich+Docklands International Festival and Brighton Festival.



### The Allotment by Let's Grow

**The Vegetable Nannies invite you to join them for a bit of gardening and childcare.**

They love nothing more than showing off their allotment cherubs. Get stuck into the daily duties of feeding, bathing and caring for all manner of earthen toddlers in this fun installation with a twist.

 **11.30am-12.15pm,  
1-1.45pm and 2.30-3.15pm**

Vegetable Nannies is supported by Without Walls.





## Familie by Bedlam Oz

Whirling and writhing in vast squirming slinkies, **Familie** is a compelling atmospheric performance that is both delightful and dynamic.

The slinkies journey through the highs and lows of being a family, crescendoing to a pulsating finale.

🕒 11am, 1.15pm and 3.15pm  
(15 mins)



## The Rig by Play the Rig

Come and play **The Rig** – an installation of musical curiosities built from upcycled and recycled objects.

Honk the golden tree, bang the metal teapots and chime the rainbow bells in this marvellous, musical playground for all the family.

🕒 11am to 4pm



## Barnsley Singers

Listen to a selection of joyful songs from **Barnsley Singers**.

This community choir is run by volunteers to improve the lives of people in Barnsley and provide a sense of belonging and lasting friendships.

🕒 1.30pm (30 mins)



## Library @ the Lightbox

### It Only Takes One Seed by Barnsley Libraries

Step into the Lightbox and take part in exciting nature-based activities.

Draw your own seed packet design and take part in the Seed Swap. Listen to nature recordings and try your hand at mindful sketching.

Explore nature placards made with artist Morag Myerscough, Creative Recovery and families from across Barnsley. See the giant garden flowers created by ArtWorks Barnsley.

🕒 11am to 3pm



## Frumptarn Guggenband

Mixing brass with punchy percussion, **Barnsley's very own Frumptarn Guggenband** play music guaranteed to get you on your feet and dancing in the Glass Works Square.

🕒 11.15am and 2.45pm (30 mins)



## The Glass Works Square timetable

Time	Activity
11am-3pm	It Only Takes One Seed @ the Lightbox
11am-4pm	The Rig
11am-11.15am	Familie
11.15am-11.45am	Frumptarn Guggenband
11.30am-12.15pm	The Allotment
11.45-12noon	Go Grandad, Go! Touch Tour
12noon-12.30pm	Go Grandad, Go!
12.30pm-1pm	Up in the Sky
1-1.45pm	The Allotment
1.15-1.30pm	Familie
1.30-2pm	Barnsley Singers
2.15pm-2.45pm	Go Grandad, Go!
2.30-3.15pm	The Allotment
2.45-3.15pm	Frumptarn Guggenband
3.15-3.30pm	Familie
3.30-4pm	Up in the Sky



## The Seam

### The Great Garden Carnival by Global Grooves and Cabasa

Discover a giant colourful carnival happening beneath the new Yorkshire Roses sculptures.

Look out for a towering Queen Bee and industrious Worker Bee, alongside super-speedy snails. Become a butterfly and wear your own lightweight wings with Small is Beautiful. And catch the Garden Carnival featuring a big brass and percussion band and colourful flower dancers.

🕒 11am to 4pm



### The Great Garden Carnival @ The Seam timetable

Time	Activity
11am-4pm	Small is Beautiful – Become a butterfly!
11-11.30am	Speedy Snails
11.30am-12noon	Garden Carnival
11.45am-12.15pm	Queen Bee and Worker Bee
12.15-1pm	Speedy Snails
1.15-2pm	Queen Bee and Worker Bee
1.30-2pm	Garden Carnival
2-2.45pm	Speedy Snails
2.45-3.15pm	Garden Carnival
3.15-3.45pm	Queen Bee and Worker Bee
3.15-3.45pm	Speedy Snails



Incredible events all year round in **Barnsley town centre**

# BIG EVENTS 2026

## Barnsley Folk Festival

Fri 29 to Sun 31 May

## NMTF Young Traders Market Regional Final

Saturday 1 August

## Armed Forces Day

Saturday 20 June

## International Market

Thurs 10 to Sun 13 September

## Barnsley 10k

Sunday 28 June

## AND Festival

Fri 25 to Sun 27 September

## Barnsley's Big Weekend

Sat 11 and Sun 12 July

## Barnsley Bright Nights

Fri 20 to Sat 21 November

**Plus lots more events to be announced throughout the year**

Dates and events subject to change.



**Barnsley Garden Party** is part of **Without Walls**, a network of organisations bringing innovative outdoor arts to towns and cities across England.

Find out more at [withoutwalls.uk.com](https://withoutwalls.uk.com)

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