

The logo for Barnsley Bright Nights is a circular emblem with a multi-colored, glowing border in shades of purple, blue, green, and yellow. The text "Barnsley BRIGHT NIGHTS" is centered within the circle in a white, sans-serif font.

Barnsley
**BRIGHT
NIGHTS**

Fri 24 and Sat 25 November
5–8.30pm

Including

Christmas Lights Switch-On,
Light Art Trail and Illuminated Parade



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The logo for Barnsley Arts & Events, featuring a stylized sunburst or starburst design.

**BARNSELY
ARTS &
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BARNSELEY BRIGHT NIGHTS

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Welcome to Barnsley town centre as Bright Nights returns. This year's theme is 'Connect' – using light and art to bring our communities together.

It all starts with the Christmas Lights Switch-On and festive projection in The Glass Works Square on Friday. Follow the light art trail across the town centre and enjoy the big illuminated parade finale on Saturday.

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

For updates follow @Barnsleytowncentre and please share your photos and experiences using #BarnsleyBrightNights



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Christmas Lights Switch-On

Join us as Barnsley Bright Nights launches with the traditional Christmas lights switch-on.

See the giant LED Christmas tree and lights in The Glass Works Square come to life, followed by a first showing of our special festive animation.

Look out for Santa's Air Force, Jacks of Frost, Barnsley Rock Choir and a very special guest!

Fri 24 Nov, 6pm The Glass Works Square, S70 1GW



Including

The Ballad of Barns and Lee

by Illuminos and Ian McMillan

Take a magical journey across the globe as Cineworld is transformed with a vivid giant projection mapping artwork by Illuminos.

Featuring an original poem by Barnsley's very own Ian McMillan, The Ballad of Barns and Lee will shine bright and warm hearts.

Fri 24 Nov, 6–8.30pm & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm The Glass Works Square, S70 1GW



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On the Curled Clouds

by idontloveyouanymore

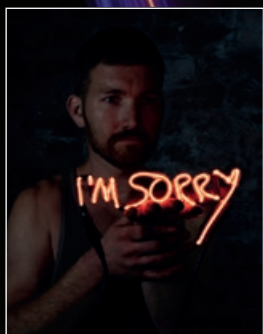
Immerse yourself in an interactive stormy sky and conjure lightning with your touch!

Inspired by the reality and fantasy of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest', On the Curled Clouds is a captivating fusion of art, technology, and gaming.

Co-commissioned by Barnsley Bright Nights and Light Up Lancaster.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Barnsley Civic, S70 2HZ

PLUS



I'm Sorry

by Annabel McCourt

Say it with neon. Discover the power of saying sorry and really meaning it in this deeply personal multi-sensory installation by artist Annabel McCourt.

Until 20 Jan | Barnsley Civic
Gallery, S70 2HZ

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The Glasshouse

by Wayne Sables

An innovative and immersive new light and sound experience built in Yorkshire.

The Glasshouse is a solar-powered sculpture that creates an ever-changing kaleidoscope of colour.

Create a 'Bright Eye' colour spinner and discover the winning entry from our new Student Light Artist Competition.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Cooper Gallery, S70 2AH



4

Christmas Tree Festival

See the splendid St. Mary's Church filled with twinkling Christmas trees.

Over 30 trees have been beautifully decorated by local schools, charities, and community groups from across Barnsley.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
St. Mary's Church, S70 2AH



Donations to Yorkshire Air Ambulance welcome. Hosted by Harris+Co Chartered Accountants.

LIGHT
UP THE
NORTH

Barnsley Bright Nights is a member of Light Up the North, a network of light festivals taking place across the North of England.
lightupthenorth.com



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Light Looper

by Kazimier Productions

Explore a towering audio-visual experience that unites four strangers in a giant deconstructed arcade game.

Players must work together to accelerate a particle of light on a journey from earth to sky, building up speed and sending the fully charged particle to the very top.

Upon completion of the game the whole installation erupts into a mesmerising, multicoloured display.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm

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



6

The Magic of Middle-Earth

Discover the fantastical Tolkien inspired exhibition 'The Magic of Middle-Earth' as Experience Barnsley, situated in Barnsley Town Hall, opens late for Bright Nights.

Enter the illuminated Doors of Durin and make a light-up wizard wand or create your own dragon eggs inspired by the magic of Lord of the Rings.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Experience Barnsley, S70 2TA

**7**

CinéVelo: The Swinging '60s by Polite Light Collective

Take a trip back to Barnsley in the swinging '60s as a remarkable digital model by Dextra Visual is projected onto the walls of Eldon Street.

Peek inside the old Odeon Cinema, now the Parkway, and revisit the

old library via the original entrance to the Barnsley Civic, which is now being restored as part of the Eldon Street High Street Heritage Action Zone project.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Eldon Street/Parkway Cinema,
S70 2JL

7

The Usherette

by Fettle & Fable Theatre

Come and find The Usherette and her shadow theatre show 'Eek'.

This captivating performance features mice, mischief, and mayhem as we follow our dreams and reach for the moon!

Walkabout performances around Eldon Street/Parkway Cinema:
Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov at 5.15pm, 6.30pm & 7.45pm



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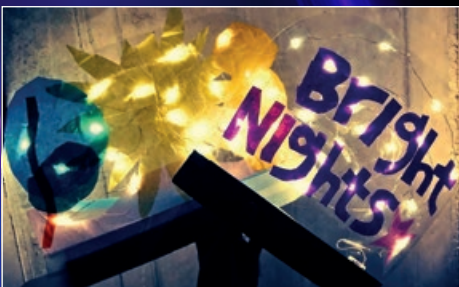
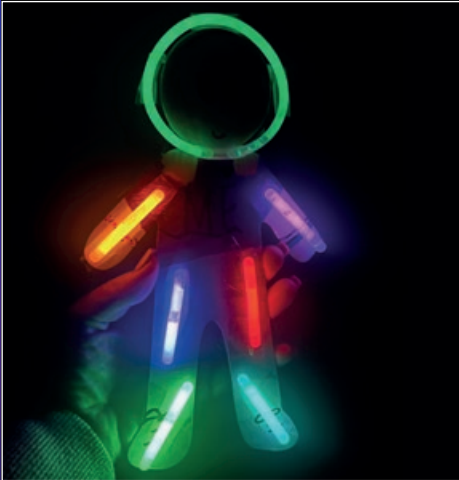
Bright Nights @ the Lightbox

Join Amazelab on Friday to discover the science behind chemical reactions and create a story with your own handmade glow people.

Make an amazing Crown of Light from upcycled materials and LED lights on Saturday – perfect to wear while watching the Illuminated Parade.

And meet the Disco Divas as WE Great Ladies get you dancing amongst the bookshelves!

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Library @ the Lightbox, S70 1GW



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Sunshine on the Fallen Tree by Pif-Paf Theatre

A unique light and sound sculpture which takes the form of a life-sized fallen Ash tree, creating a beautiful immersive environment.

Connect with the energy from its branches and reflect on our stewardship of the earth.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
The Glass Works, S70 1GW

**10**

Blackpool Illuminations

by Lightworks

The world-famous Blackpool Illuminations come to Barnsley.

Get up-close to replicas of the TARDIS and Dalek, marking the 60th anniversary of Doctor Who, and see a vintage Spaceman made in 1970 to mark the Apollo 11 moon landing.

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Nov, 5–8.30pm
Alhambra Shopping Centre, S70 1SB



BRIGHT NIGHTS ILLUMINATED PARADE

Catch the colourful parade as it weaves through the town centre for the Bright Nights finale.

Experience the mystical Spirit of Barnsley, connecting six groups from across the borough. Look out for the Eldon Beast, Victorian time travellers, musical Santas, swans from RSPB Old Moor and out-of-this-world music from Frumptarn Guggenband to mark their 20th anniversary.

Sat 25 Nov, 6pm | Mandela Gardens to
The Glass Works Square | See back page
for parade route



GET INVOLVED

Lantern Making

Free family lantern sessions in The Glass Works on Sat 11, Sun 12 & Sun 19 November. Limited places. Visit barnsley.gov.uk/brightnights for details.





- 1** **The Glass Works Square**
Switch-On (Fri)/The Ballad of Barns and Lee/Illuminated Parade (Sat)
- 2** **Barnsley Civic**
On the Curled Clouds/I'm Sorry
- 3** **Cooper Gallery**
The Glasshouse/Student Light Artist Competition
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