# THIS CINIDARWEN

SHOPPING & EVENTS GUIDE

FESTIVE EVENTS FOOD & DRINK

SHOP LOCAL XMAS GIFTS







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his Christmas in Darwen support local traders, retailers, restaurants, cafes and bars and help our community thrive.

2019 has seen new retailers open, popular traders expand and some fantastic free events.

This Christmas Darwen has everything you need from locally sourced food to handmade gifts and delicious festive treats. Vintage clothing, ladies fashion and everything crafty. Plus parking is free in our town centre!

With a packed programme of festive events, you'll soon be in the Christmas spirit...

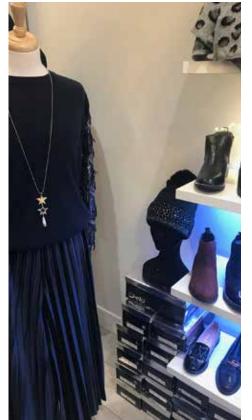
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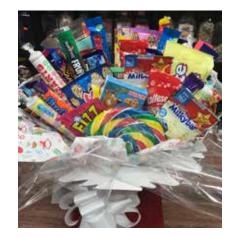


# SHOP LOCAL

arwen has an abundance of independent shops both in the town centre and spread around the town. Bridge Street in particular is now home to a range of unique gift, craft, food and beauty shops.

New store Corkee is just around the corner on Bolton Road and of course the traders of Darwen Market stock a fantastic range of handmade, home made and local specialities at Christmas.

Offering a fantastic range of gifts, foods and drinks you'll find that your local high street this year doesn't just offer you the best quality products but also the cheapest. Speaking with our retailers they share with us the tricks of the trade that help them offer the best prices to you. Just another reason to shop local this year and support our fantastic traders.







SHOP LOCAL AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO REAL PEOPLE THIS CHRISTMAS. FROM SECRET SANTA GIFTS TO A TURKEY FIT FOR A FESTIVE FEAST, DARWEN HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED AND MORE.





Passionate about independent shops, they themselves shop local in Darwen wherever they can and try to make sure what they offer in their store is unique and complimentary to others.

They began selling accessories, sourcing the best quality and keeping prices low. Shoes in particular brought women to the store looking for something fashionable and stylish. Since opening over 3 years ago they have expanded into clothing which is why they simply had to move to a bigger shop this year. A wonderful store and a must visit this Christmas!



















Perhaps one of the best known shops in Darwen, By Erin is well worth a visit this Christmas. You'll find something sentimental and all together gorgeous in this store.

And if you like getting crafty then By Erin also has a craft workshop next door where you can come along and make your own gifts. Children and adults alike are welcome to decorate baubles, santa plates and more.

Open every day except Tuesday and Sunday, if you've not yet been inside By Erin we encourage you to give it a try. You won't be disappointed.



















The store opened in June of this year and stocks a range of gift and home items from local makers. Think vintage toys, handmade trinkets and gorgeous home accessories. Stock changes regularly so this is a place you want to come back to again and again.

We particularly liked the amythest dream catcher and childrens light up bag. With Christmas on the way they have a great range of baubles, festive decorations and gifts. The first year in a new shop is always challenging and we'd love to see this one succeed so please do call in to see all they offer!





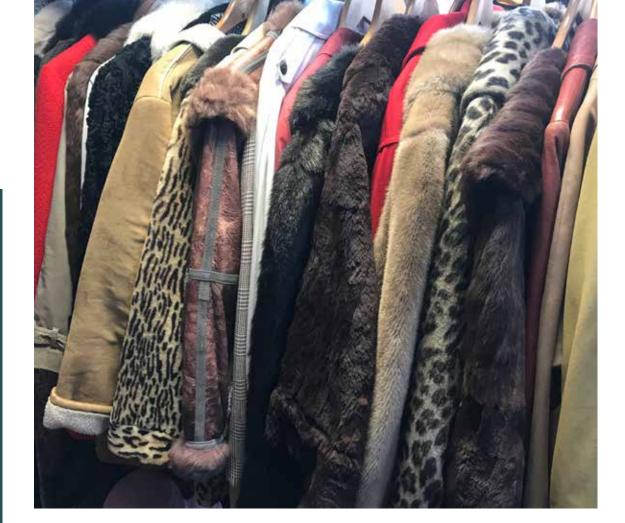


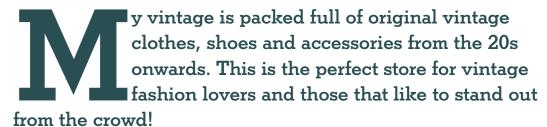












My Vintage also stock a large selection of designer vintage clothing from the likes of Hermes, Chanel, Christian Dior, YSL, Karl Lagerfeld, Versace, Armani, Pierre Balmain, Ossie Clark, Mary Quant, Biba and many, many more. Recycle, help the environment, be unique and look fabulous!

Plus this December My Vintage are offering a free gift with every purchase! Just tell them you saw the offer here in the Darwen Town Centre shopping guide to redeem the offer.















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# FOR EVERYTHING YOU NEED THIS CONTROL STATES





































# DARWEN MARKET

# PREPARE FOR A FESTIVE FEAST

Jams and chutney, cheese, sweet treats or a 10lb Turkey, whatever's on your shopping list we've got you covered.

**WOODS FRUIT AND VEG** 

TURNER'S BUTCHERS

LEEMING'S BUTCHERS

**RUSHTONS THE BACON STALL** 

**TEASE YOUR TASTEBUDS** 

**DELI CARLO** 

GILLY'S THE SANDWICH STALL

S PARR AND SON

# **GIFTS & STOCKING FILLERS**

Handmade gifts, do it yourself crafts and great value stocking fillers. And don't forget your pet! There's plenty for them too...

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**CANDY RUSH** 

STEFF'S PETS

SWEET VINTAGE

**BUTTERFLIES (CLOTHING)** 

PETALS

PERCIVAL PICTURES

**GOLD AND TIMES** 

MAKING MEMORIES HABERDASHERY

MOTHERGOOSE GIFTS. CARDS & BALLOONS

# **CHRISTMAS PARTY PREP**

Now is the time to book in for a beauty treat, invest in some statement jewellery or bring back your favourite footwear.

PERFECT NAILZ **GOLD AND TIMES** 

**SNIPZ HAIR** PERU2U

HAIRMARKET STITCH

THE COBBLERS

# **CHRISTMAS HOME DECOR**

Don't get your tinsel in a twist, we've got what you need to get your home looking festive and fabulous...

**JEAN'S BLINDS** 

PETALS

MAKING MEMORIES HABERDASHERY

THE CHRISTMAS STALL (MOTHERGOOSE)

PERCIVAL PICTURES

# **INDULGE IN SOME TASTY TREATS** WHILST YOU SHOP...

THE SWEET VINTAGE TEA ROOM

STEVE'S PLACE

**MEETING PLACE** 

**DELI CARLO** 

TEASE YOUR TASTEBUDS

**GILLY'S THE SANDWICH STALL** 

RUSHTON'S THE BACON STALL

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# FOODIE FAVOURITES

ood lovers will find everything they could dream of in Darwen this year at Darwen Market.

Deli Carlo has a fantastic range of unique nibbles, treats and deli items.

Sweet Vintage is already taking orders for their popular sweet boxes, tree decorations and Holden's festive ice cream flavours.

Plus inside the market hall you'll find everything from crumbly and creamy cheese to speciality pate and made to order hampers.





SWEET BOXES, SWEET VINTAGE





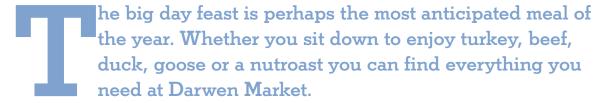




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Woods Fruit and Veg is famous for it's fresh, tasty, long lasting produce perfect for the Christmas holidays when all you want to do is hybernate and eat.

S Parr & Son and Gilly's the Sandwich Stall have a fantastic range of cooked produce, cheese, pate and chutneys. Local and regional specialities of the highest quality bring customers from across the county.

Tease your Tastebuds, Rushton's the Bacon Stall, Leemings Butchers and Turners Butchers are perhaps some of the most popular stalls on the market and for good reason. If a full stomach is the way to happiness then these traders will make you very happy this festive season.

























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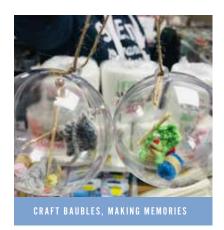
# arwen market has so many gift ideas it's hard to pick out just a few. The food stalls rival the best farmers markets in the North West with locally sourced, hand selected produce and regional specialities. As well as everything you need for the big feast, these stalls have some lovely gift sets perfect for the foodie in your family.

Whilst food is always an attraction, Darwen Market also brings customers in for the top quality services at Stitch, The Cobblers, Perfect Nailz and Hairmarket. A beauty treatment or reinvention of a favourite pair of shoes or item of clothing could be the perfect gift for you or a friend.

Of course there is also a fantastic range of affordable gifts at the market from festive homeware and novelties to sentimental gifts, sweets galore and even something for your pet.







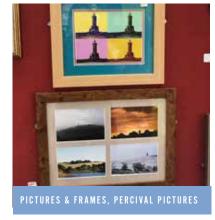














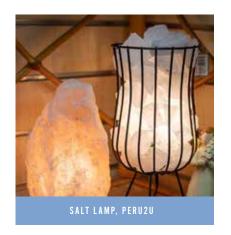












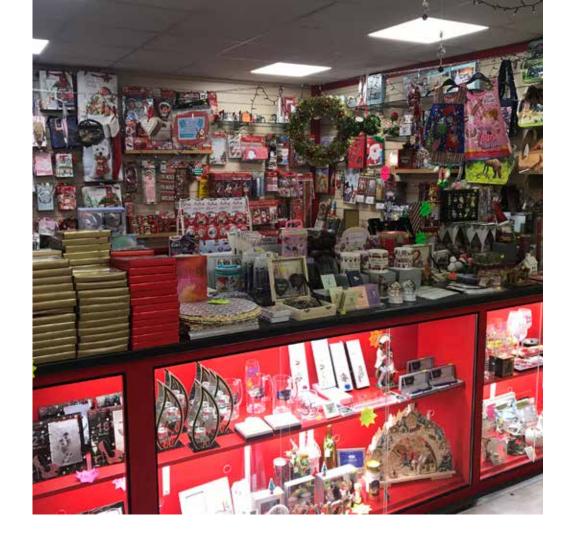
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# THE CHRISTMAS STALL

nside Darwen Market is a Christmas Stall packed with everything you could possibly need from wrapping paper and cards to decorations, Elf on the Shelf and plenty of great gifts.

The stall operated by Mothergoose Cards, Gifts and Balloons is a fantastic festive addition to the market. In true Mothergoose fashion you can find a wide range of cards and gifts from the humorous to heartwarming.

This is a must visit stall this Christmas!





FESTIVE DECORATIONS, CARDS, WRAPPING PAPER, GIFT BAGS, GIFT TAGS, FESTIVE MUGS, PLUS A HUGE RANGE OF GIFTS FROM THE HUMOROUS TO THE SENTIMENTAL.

YOU'LL FIND IT ALL ON THE CHRISTMAS STALL











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aura had an amazing job that saw her travelling the world and working for a company she loved, so why give that up to take on this sweet shop and tea room?

"I always had the plan to do this in 10 years but when I saw Becky was selling I decided to have a conversation with her and things went from there. I thought there was real potential now the market square work has completed and new businesses are opening up in Darwen.

The customers here are lovely, the genuinely care about me and the shop. Also I live in Darwen and see much more of my family now that they can nip into the shop to see me during the day."

Laura gave the shop a mini makeover before reopening and has introduced many new items including hot beef or turkey sandwiches for winter. You will find a great range catering for those with Coeliac Disease, something close to Laura's heart given her own struggles with it.

Fans of Holdon's Ice Cream will be delighted to learn you can now order your ice cream from the sweet shop as they have become the only stockist in town.





























Recently changing hands, the new owners Jackie and Steven have maintained the fantastic offer we all know and love whilst adding some wonderful new ranges. The deli looks better than ever and this Christmas you will find a huge range of food related gifts.

The balsamic oil range is perfect for parties or as a great gift in the box set. Choose the three flavours you love to personalise the set. Steven recommends trying the sweet flavours over ice cream.

If you're looking for the ultimate food lovers gift then have your very own hamper made up full of all your favourites. A personal and delicious gift!



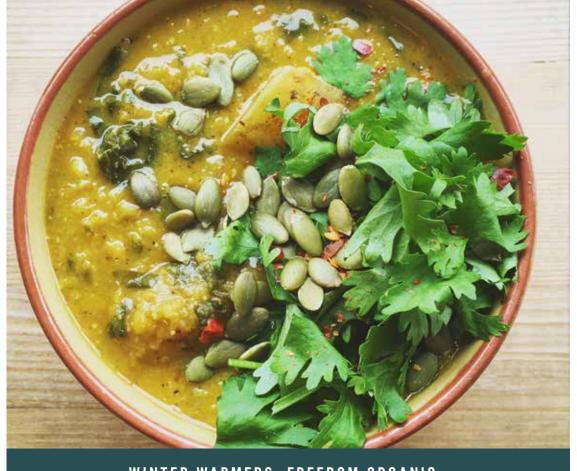






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arwen has an abundance of eateries bringing people from across the county. Outside of the town centre you'll find everything from Indian to Chinese, Italian and traditional pub grub. But inside our town centre are some popular independents that really shine when it comes to cuisine and of course they all have that Darwen friendly service.

Freedom Organic is the perfect pit stop whilst festive shopping for some heartwarming, belly filling food that's as delicious as it is healthy. A popular place for Vegans and food lovers alike.

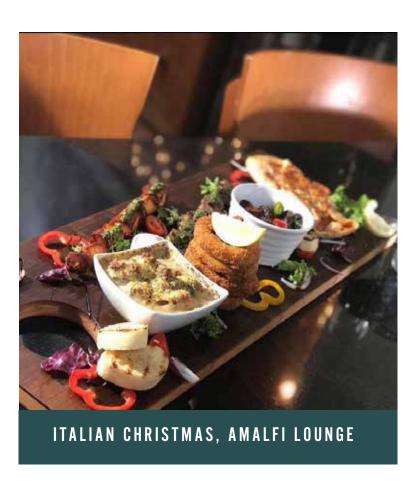
Taps Bar on Railway Road is well known for it's food and the Christmas menu is now available with options for kids too.

Artisan cafe and wine bar you'll find on Bridge Street and Deli Carlo you'll find at Darwen Market.



CHRISTMAS PLATTERS, TAPS BAR







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# EVENTS GUIDE









# FRI 29 NOV

ST JAMES' LOWER DARWEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR DARWEN MARKET, 10-11AM

ST. JOSEPH'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR DARWEN MARKET, 1-2PM

# SAT 30 NOV

MAGICAL STORY JARS -SUPER ELF

DARWEN MARKET, 12-3PM

Design your very own 'Super Elf' to help Santa make toys for you and all the other children across the world. What superpower would your elf have? How would it look and what would his or her job in Santa's'

# **EVERY SATURDAY FROM 30 NOV,**

SANTA'S GROTTO WITH DARWEN ROTARY

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Visit Santa at his Grotto inside Darwen Market on the 30th Nov, 7th, 14th, 21st & 24th December. Children get the chance to meet Santa, have their picture taken and receive a Christmas gift. (Charges apply.)

# DARWEN MARKET GALLERY

Darwen Market is hosting its first exhibition packed with artwork from local artists. There is a variety of mediums on display and everyone is welcome to come and view the artwork. For those looking for a different gift this Christmas or a new piece of artwork for your own home, look no further the artwork is also for sale. Please visit darwentowncentre.co.uk for more information.

# FRI 6 DEC

**AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL** CHOIR DARWEN MARKET, 1,30-2PM

# SAT 7 DEC

**CHRISTMAS MAGIC SHOW &** CHRISTMAS CRAFTY CORNER

DARWEN MARKET, 12-3PM

Brian our fabulous magician returns for a spectacular end of the season show! Prepare to be dazzled by the show and unleash your creativity in our Christmas themed Crafty Corner.

# MON 9 — TUE 24 DEC **PINOCCHIO**

DARWEN LIBRARY THEATRE (VARIOUS TIMES)

Presented by George Critchley for PMA Productions in association with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. Supported by Zoe Taylor Dance Academy (Blackburn) and ENCORE Dance Academy (Colne).

Pinocchio - a fun-filled family pantomime for the festive season. Join us this Christmas as this muchloved classic tale comes to Darwen Library Theatre in this ultimate Christmas Comedy Musical.

**AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL** CHOIR DARWEN MARKET, 1,30-2PM

# FRI 13 DEC

SUDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR DARWEN MARKET, 10-11AM

HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR DARWEN MARKET, 1-1.30PM

EVERYTHING CHRISTMASSY AT DARWEN MARKET

DARWEN MARKET, 8-5PM

It's time for some festive shopping and it doesn't get more ful than this! A packed market full of pop up gift stalls, christmas carols, crafts and festive food.

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL INTERACTIVE THEATRE

DARWEN MARKET, 12-3PM

Join Madame Scrooge for a full immersive Drama Workshop as you learn a short scene from The Christmas Carol to perform to your audience at the end of the class.

BLACKBURN PEOPLE'S CHOIR DARWEN MARKET. 2PM & 3PM

## LET'S MAKE CHRISTMAS **WREATHS**

DARWEN MARKET, 12-3PM

Get creative and come along and make your own

**BRAMBLES EAST BAND CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE** 

DARWEN MARKET, 11-11.30AM

Following the success of their previous showcases, students from Brambles East will be showcasing their talents with a live performance in Darwen Market. They will be performing for half an hour and are inviting people to come along to watch!

## LATE NIGHT OPENING DARWEN MARKET, 8AM-8PM

Join us for a mulled wine, a glass of fizz, cheese & mince pies and be entertained as you shop until vou drop.

**MAGICAL STORY JARS -SNOWBOW SPECTACULAR** DARWEN MARKET, 12-3PM

Design a Christmas Snowbow. What would your Christmas Snowbow look like? What conditions would you need for the rainbow to appear over the skies of Darwen? How would it smell and what colours would it be made up of? Most importantly, what would you find at the end of it!?

SALVATION ARMY BAND DARWEN MARKET, 1—3PM

# SUN 22 DEC

**SUNDAY OPENING** DARWEN MARKET, 10AM-3PM

# TUE 24 DEC

CHRISTMAS EVE OPENING DARWEN MARKET, 8AM-3PM

# TUE 31 DEC

**NEW YEAR'S EVE OPENING** DARWEN MARKET. 8AM-3PM

In addition to the programme above there will be choirs and brass bands performing on each Saturday in December at **Darwen Market.** 

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