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TO DARWEN TOWN CENTRE

Visitor's Guide October 2021



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An introduction to

DARWEN TOWN CENTRE



Darwen is a Lancashire market town and former textile mill town, nestled between a dramatic moorland valley, yet just 40 minutes from Manchester by direct train. The town gets its name from the River Darwen, which flows under the town centre and can be spotted in Shorey Bank Park. Today, Darwen Town Centre is a vibrant place to visit with independent shops, bars and restaurants, and a friendly, down-to-earth vibe.

Darwen Market Square is the central point in the town centre, and is where the majority of events take place. The square was extensively redeveloped in 2018 and 2019, and is now home to The Weaver Bird, a tribute to Darwen's major role in the North West's textile industry. The Weaver Bird is inspired by the peregrine falcons that nest in the iconic India Mill Chimney to the South of the town centre, and is made from woven sheet metal by artist, Liam Hopkins.

The market square is also home to Darwen Market Hall, an impressive Victorian building, opened in 1882.

Today, the market has a wide array of stalls, selling everything from homemade cakes and pies, to household goods.

In this guide, we will be taking you through Darwen Town Centre's main areas (chiefly Bolton Road, Bridge Street, Croft Street, Railway Road, Market Street and Duckworth Street), to give you a taste of what Darwen has to offer visitors. For a fairly small town, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised by the amount of places to visit, shop, eat and drink the night away. We'll also give you an overview of local green spaces to explore, and family things to do.

EAT & DRINK

in Darwen Town Centre

THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK IN DARWEN. WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A COSY LUNCHTIME CAFE, DINNER & DRINKS IN A STYLISH BAR, OR LATE NIGHT COCKTAILS, WE HAVE IT ALL. HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS, AND YOU'LL FIND FULL LISTINGS ON PAGES 5 & 6.



DELI CARLO : FOR A LUNCHTIME TREAT CROFT STREET

Deli Carlo is a popular Italian deli and café with a prime location on Darwen Market Square. They serve a fresh and delicious range of paninis, wraps, salads and coffees, plus soups and Mediterranean platters. The café is licensed, so you can enjoy a beer or glass of wine with your meal.

AKASH & ANAZ: FOR A TASTE OF INDIA BOTH ON DUCKWORTH STREET

Akash and Anaz are two of Darwen's most popular and longstanding Indian restaurants. Akash opened in 1983, and Anaz in 1981. Both restaurants serve fresh, authentic Indian dishes to delight your tastebuds.



THE BANK BAR & KITCHEN: FOR DINNER & DRINKS RAILWAY ROAD

The Bank Bar & Kitchen is a stylish, newly renovated venue serving everything from high quality breakfasts, and tasty burgers, to cocktails and refreshing lagers. They regularly have entertainment on weekend evenings, and even offer "Bottomless Brunch".

FREEDOM ORGANICS: FOR ORGANIC VEGAN FOOD DUCKWORTH STREET

Freedom Organics is an organic, vegan, wholefoods café serving innovative fresh food in a chilled environment. The menu changes regularly, depending on what is in season, but is always popular with vegans and non-vegans alike.



CIN CIN: FOR EVENING COCKTAILS CHURCH BANK STREET

Cin Cin is a modern bar specialising in cocktails and gin. A very popular weekend spot, Cin Cin is open late Thursday - Saturday, and does regular deals on cocktails. If you're planning a night out in Darwen, make sure it's on your list.

SPITFIRE SPORTS BAR: FOR SPORTS LOVERS BOROUGH ROAD

The Spitfire is a lively sports bar with multiple TV screens, plus pool/snooker tables and darts boards. They serve Eddie's authentic woodfired pizza, so you can enjoy a bite to eat with your drinks. Make sure you check out their downstairs neighbour, The Vault, too.

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Food to go:

Bolton Road:

Top It, 01254 659265, pizzas & desserts

Bun It, 01254 707888, burgers, waffles & milkshakes

Chill N Grill, 01254 701786, burgers & desserts

Punjab Cuisine, 01254 485854, Indian food & pizzas

Bridge Street:

Friar Rugs, 01254 704714, traditional fish & chips

Big Bite's, 01254 707017, pizza, burgers and kebabs

Railway Road:

Crunchy Plus, 01254 776608, chicken & pizza bar

Curry Palace, 01254 471246, Indian food & kebabs

3Bz, 01254 707412, pizzas, burgers, wraps & kebabs

Darwen Market, Croft Street:

Tease Your Tastebuds, 07934 604217, pies, sandwiches, biscuits & cakes

Gilly's Salad & Sandwich Bar, 07894 657147, fresh pies, sandwiches & salad boxes

Market Street:

Greggs, 01254 701864, bakery chain selling pastries, sandwiches & snacks

Greenhalgh's, 01254 760653, craft bakery selling pies, sandwiches, soups & cakes

Golden Grill, 01254 773838, curries, pizzas, kebabs & burgers

No.39 Kebab & Pizza House, 01254 707075, kebabs & pizzas

Borough Road:

The Cousin's, 01254 932354, Mediterranean food

Roosters, 01254 702244, fried chicken & pizzas

Eddie's Pizza, 01254 776776, authentic wood fired pizzeria

Duckworth Street:

Subway, 01254 701209, sandwich bar

San Remo, 01254 873133, pizzas & kebabs

Alfresco, 01254 705524, pizzas & kebabs

Godfather Pizza House, 01254 702233, Italian pizza & pasta

Freddy's Chicken & Pizza, 01254 773300, fried chicken & pizza

The Cod Father Express, 01254 761600, fish & chips

Cavzon, 01254 771007, kebabs & pizzas

Cafes:

Bolton Road:

Candy Box Cafe, 07799 907246, coffee, sweets and savoury snacks

Bridge Street:

The Kettle Cafe & Bar, 07517 147573, traditional cafe serving breakfast & lunch

Railway Road:

Only Food & Sauces, 07935 064991, breakfast, lunch & hearty meals

Croft Street:

The Corner Caff, 01254 760719, breakfast, sandwiches & hot meals

Deli Carlo, 01254 873941, Italian café and delicatessen

Sweet Vintage, 07388 061474, sweets, ice cream, cakes & savoury snacks

Darwen Market, Croft Street:

The Meeting Place, friendly cafe serving fresh meals

Ste's Place, great value breakfast & lunch

Market Street:

CJ's Cafe & Milkbar, 01254 775891, breakfast, snacks & hot meals

Duckworth Street:

The Tea Shop, 01254 873816, breakfast, lunch & snacks

Freedom Organics, 07983 684993, organic vegan wholefoods cafe

The Black Olive Deli & Coffee, 01254 773925, breakfast, lunch & coffee

House of Health, 01254 760444, healthy salads, wraps & smoothies

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Bars & Pubs:

Bridge Street:

Number 39 Brewery Tap, 07926 331634, live music & real ale

Artisan Cafe & Wine Bar, 01254 916235, stylish venue offering food & drinks

The Millstone, 01254 702588, pub showing live sports (2:30am close on Fri & Sat)

Church Bank Street:

Cin Cin, 01254 703526, contemporary late night bar specialising in gin & cocktails

Railway Road:

The Bridgewater, 01254 775555, pub serving food & drinks (4am close on Fri & Sat)

The Bank Bar & Kitchen, 01254 761937, sophisticated venue offering food, drinks & entertainment (2am close on Fri & Sat)

The Old Chapel, 01254 778700, J D Wetherspoon pub offering food & drinks

The Taps Bar, bar, 01254 447241, bar, restaurant & live music (1am close on Fri & Sat)

The Circus:

Sunbird Records, 07854 248464, live music venue

Borough Road:

The Vault, 01254 777911, late night bar in a converted Victorian warehouse

Spitfire Sports Bar, late night sports bar with pool, snooker & darts (serves Eddie's Pizza)

Wellington Fold:

Big House Blues Bar, 01254 776550, live music bar

Duckworth Street:

Big House Rock Bar, 01254 776550, rock music bar

Bird in'th Hand, 07926 115292, craft beer & real ale bar (1am close on Fri & Sat)

The Cock, 01254 707622, friendly pub showing live sports (1am close on Fri & Sat)

Loom & Shuttle, 07379 243435, bespoke cocktail, craft & cask beer bar

The British Queen, 01254 706399, traditional pub (late close on Fri & Sat)

Restaurants:

Bolton Road:

Dolly's Tea Room & Restaurant, 01254 772033, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea, evening dining & drinks

Mangiamo Tapas, 01254 760770, Spanish & Italian cuisine

Flames Bar & Grill, 01254 773980, steakhouse restaurant

Railway Road:

Man Lee Chinese Restaurant, 01254 705506, fresh Chinese cuisine

The Green:

Essence Mediterranean Restaurant & Bar, 01254 772227, Mediterranean cuisine

Duckworth Street:

Papa's Smoke Hut, 01254 777977, American style restaurant

Amalfi Lounge Restaurant, 01254 701133, family run Italian lounge & pizzeria

Akash Indian Brasserie, 01254 706043, Indian restaurant established in 1983

Anaz Indian Restaurant, 01254 703357, Indian restaurant established in 1981

SHOP

in Darwen Market

DARWEN MARKET IS A MAIN SHOPPING DESTINATION IN DARWEN TOWN CENTRE AND HAS A LARGE VARIETY OF TRADERS OFFERING QUALITY GOODS AND SERVICES. GO TO WWW.DARWENTOWNCENTRE.CO.UK/MARKET FOR MORE INFO.



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MARKET**

BUBBLESSTAR ♦ TOYS & MOBILEPHONE ACCESSORIES
BUTTERFLIES ♦ LADIES & MENSWEAR
CANDY RUSH ♦ CONFECTIONARY & PICK AND MIX
DELI CARLO ♦ CAFÉ & ITALIAN DELICATESSEN
GILLY'S THE SANDWICH STALL ♦
SALADS, SANDWICHES AND FOOD TO GO GOLD &
TIMES ♦ JEWELLERY, CLOCKS AND WATCH REPAIRS
GREEN LEAF ♦ E-CIGARETTES AND CBD HEALTH
PRODUCTS **HAIRMARKET** ♦ UNISEX HAIR SALON
LUXI MELTZ ♦ WAX MELTS, BATH BOMBS AND
HOME FRAGRANCES **M. LEEMINGS** ♦ BUTCHERS
PERCIVAL PICTURES ♦ BESPOKE PICTURE FRAMING
PERFECT NAIL'Z ♦ HEALTH & BEAUTY TREATMENTS
PERU 2U ♦ HOMEMADE JEWELLERY & GIFTS
PETALS ♦ FLORIST RUSHTON'S THE
BACON STALL ♦ MEAT, PIES AND PUDDINGS
S. PARR & SON ♦ CHICKEN, CHEESE AND EGGS
SNIPZ ♦ HAIRDRESSERS STE'S PLACE ♦ CAFE
STEFF'S PETS ♦ PET ACCESSORIES & SUPPLIES
STITCH ♦ SEWING, ALTERATIONS & REPAIRS
SWEET VINTAGE ♦ SWEET SHOP, TEA ROOM & GIFT
TEASE YOUR TASTEBUDS ♦ BAKERY
TELEMAN ♦ ELECTRICAL GOODS & LIGHTING
THE COBBLERS ♦ SHOE REPAIR AND KEY CUTTING
THE MEETING PLACE ♦ CAFE
TURNERS BUTCHERS ♦ FRESH MEAT, COOKED
MEATS AND CHEESE **WOOD'S** ♦ FRUIT & VEG



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THE #SHOPDARWEN SCHEME AIMS TO ENCOURAGE SHOPPERS TO SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES AND PROUDLY HIGHLIGHT WHAT DARWEN TOWN CENTRE HAS TO OFFER. WHEN YOU SPEND £5 OR OVER IN A SHOP DARWEN BUSINESS, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ENTRY FORM FOR THE MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW. THE PRIZE IS £50 OF VOUCHERS TO SPEND AT SHOP DARWEN BUSINESSES. THE MORE YOU #SHOPDARWEN, THE MORE ENTRY FORMS YOU CAN GET, MEANING YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO WIN! THE MAJORITY OF DARWEN MARKET TRADERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE SCHEME, ALONG WITH THESE TOWN CENTRE BUSINESSES...



Gifts & Home:

By Erin, 16 Bridge Street, 01254 708066

High quality gift shop and stockists of Frenchic Furniture Paint, Jellycat and East of India.

Darwen Furniture & Gifts, Bolton Road, 01254 77203

Bespoke furniture and gifts. Mirrors, candles, art, lamps and more.

SoyAmazinScentz, Blackburn Road, 07931 185222

Home grown Darwen company manufacturing and selling vegan friendly and cruelty free home fragrance products including wax melts.

This & That Gift Emporium, Market Street, 07732 507105

Gifts, bath bombs and ladies clothing and accessories.

Corkee, Bolton Road, 01254 701758

Gifts, homeware, handmade home fragrance & bath products.

Other:

Earth Evolution Ltd, Duckworth Street, 01254 761171

Eco refill shop on a mission to reduce waste. Huge range of dried foods, beauty and home essentials. All products are kind to the planet and sustainable.



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Clothes & Accessories:

Belgrave Bootique, Railway Road, 07974 211216

Ladies clothing, footwear, bags, scarves, fascinators and accessories at affordable prices. New stock on a weekly basis.

My Vintage, The Circus, 01254 774701

An eclectic shop selling unique & vintage clothing, jewellery, shoes, accessories, homeware & gifts. They also offer personal styling help.

Age Uk Blackburn with Darwen Charity Shop, Market Street, 01254 773446

Wide range of donated items, clothing for all ages, books, household items and children's nursery items and toys.

Health & Beauty:

Darwen Aesthetics, Duckworth Street, 07745304858

An aesthetic experience to keep you looking young and fresh, delivered by qualified, registered professionals.

The Brookside Hair & Beauty Salon, Duckworth Street, 01254 706161

Luxury hair and beauty salon offering a large variety of hair and beauty treatments, undertaken by expertly trained professionals.



ENJOY

Darwen Town Centre & beyond

DARWEN IS LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF THE WEST PENNINE MOORS AND IS SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACES, MEANING FANTASTIC WALKS AND VIEWS A-PLENTY. WE ALSO HAVE LOTS TO SEE AND DO IN THE TOWN CENTRE. HERE YOU'LL FIND SOME HIGHLIGHTS...



DARWEN LIBRARY THEATRE KNOTT STREET, 01254 706006

Darwen Library Theatre is an arts centre that aims to host a quality and diverse programme of theatre, film, comedy, literature and music in an intimate setting.

DARWEN HERITAGE CENTRE RAILWAY ROAD, 01254 433140

Darwen Heritage Centre is a fantastic free resource for everyone. It is located within the handsome Holker House on Railway Road, in a prime position between Darwen Market Square and St Peter's Church. It's valuable for anyone who wants to find out more about Darwen's past and understand the industrial history that wove the threads that make the Darwen of today.



BOLD VENTURE PARK MANOR ROAD

Bold Venture Park opened in 1889 and is both a historic and picturesque park. Lying in the valley of Bold Venture Brook, it acts as a bridge connecting Darwen town to the countryside of Darwen Tower, Jubilee Tower and beyond.

SUNNYHURST WOOD OFF EARNSDALE ROAD

Sunnyhurst Wood is a 85 acre wooded valley, with seven miles of footpaths leading onto Darwen moor up to Darwen Tower. Sunnyhurst Brook flows through the wood. Attractions include a visitor centre and a series of wooden animal sculptures.



DARWEN TOWER

A highly noticeable and iconic, local landmark, Darwen Jubilee Tower stands proudly on Darwen Hill, in the midst of the West Pennine Moors by Sunnyhurst woods. Restoration work is currently being undertaken on the tower and access is currently off-limits until the work is done. The improvements will ensure that the tower's lifespan increases, and that it will continue to be enjoyed by many future generations.

DARWEN TOWER WALKS

Walk 1: Approaching from Darwen town centre, this route takes you through the calm, picturesque Bold Venture Park, before the steep ascent to the iconic landmark of the West Pennine Moors. This is a 2 mile walk with a steep ascent and decent, it takes approximately 1.5 hours.

Walk 2: Starting at Sunnyhurst Wood, this circular 2 mile walk takes in some fantastic views of the surrounding countryside from Darwen Moors. There is one, short, steep ascent and it takes approximately 1.5 hour in total.

W: www.visitblackburn.co.uk/outdoors/walking

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DARWEN LEISURE CENTRE THE GREEN, 01254 874900

Located in Darwen Town Centre, this leisure centre has an impressive 25 metre eight lane swimming pool, a teaching pool, a main gym, a multi-purpose fitness studio with a wide range of fitness classes, a multi-use sports hall and activity rooms that are available for a range of courses and room hire.

JUNCTION 4 SKATEPARK BLACKBURN ROAD, 01254 705954

Junction 4 CIC is a community led Skate Park with its direct focus on its users. Providing a world class facility within a relaxed, friendly, supportive environment and community centre. The wheeled sports you can find here are BMX, Scooters, In- line Skate and Skateboards, there is everything you need for a chilled ride or to push yourself to your limits.

ERIN'S PLACE BRIDGE STREET, 01254 708066

Pottery painting and craft studio, offering a range of workshops including slime making, teddy bear making, magic wand making and a host of other craft activities for all.

PLACES TO STAY

in Darwen & surrounding areas

HERE'S A SMALL SELECTION OF THE BEST PLACES TO STAY IN THE AREA...



ASTLEY BANK HOTEL
BOLTON ROAD, 01254 777700

The Astley Bank Hotel is located in Darwen and situated in 6 acres of grounds. This superb 19th century mansion house and its gardens have been superbly maintained whilst offering all the modern comforts. Freshly cooked food and friendly staff have helped Astley Bank gain its reputation as one of the premier hotels, wedding venues, and conference centres in the North West and has won the Lancashire Life award for Hotel of the Year.



THE WHITEHALL HOTEL & DISTILLERY
OFF ROSS STREET, 01254 701595

Located at the base of The Pennines, the award-winning Whitehall Hotel is a striking Victorian Mansion set within 3 acres of scenic gardens and woodland. The hotel's contemporary restaurant and bar offers quality food and drink with a Mediterranean influence to all guests. The stylish dining area also comes with a feature fish tank, mood lighting, and an open kitchen.

THE STRAWBURY DUCK INN
OVERSHORES ROAD, ENTWISTLE, 01204 852013

This charming country pub is set between the Wayho and Turton and Entwistle Reservoirs, 6 miles from Bolton. It offers traditional Lancashire cuisine, attractive rooms with an attached bathroom and scenic countryside views.



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