



# Christmas

## GUIDE 2025



YOUR GUIDE TO  
SHOPPING AND  
SUPPORTING LOCAL  
THIS CHRISTMAS

# #SHOPDARWEN Christmas GUIDE 2025

WE ALL KNOW Christmas  
IS THE TIME TO EAT, DRINK AND  
BE MERRY, BUT IT'S ALSO A GREAT  
TIME TO SUPPORT LOCAL AND  
#SHOPDARWEN

Darwen Town Centre is home to a whole host of passionate independent shops, stalls, cafes and restaurants, all committed to bringing you the best Christmas yet. From fresh locally sourced meat and seasonal vegetables, to a new outfit for the party season and personalised gifts for loved ones, you can get it right here on your doorstep.

And when you shop local this Christmas, you make a positive impact on your local economy. The festive season is about far more than the material goods, but when you #shopdarwen, you are directly supporting your local business community, and that's certainly something to feel good about.

So, let's get started on your Christmas shopping list...



Find out more at [darwentowncentre.co.uk](http://darwentowncentre.co.uk)

## FOR THE foodie

YOU'RE TRULY SPOILT FOR CHOICE WHEN IT COMES TO BUYING PRESENTS FOR YOUR CULINARIAN FRIENDS IN DARWEN TOWN CENTRE, AND FOR MAKING SURE YOU HAVE THE BEST-STOCKED FRIDGE IN TOWN.



### SAY CHEESE!

Christmas simply wouldn't be Christmas without cheese. It's a key component of the Christmas season spread, and it also makes a fantastic gift.

**Cluck & Moo** at Darwen Market have gift bags and boxes available to mix and match and personalise for the lucky recipient, with contents such as chutneys, jams, crackers and honey, and of course, cheese! Cheeseboards are also available to order and they're sure to be the star of the show on your festive grazing table.

### TUCK INTO TURKEY

Darwen Market is home to two fantastic local butchers, **Turners and Leemings**, who can take care of all your meat needs, from large joints and whole turkeys, to sausages and stuffing. Please place your Christmas orders in advance. Newly opened **Sutton's** butchers is another great choice for festive food - don't forget bacon and sausages for holiday breakfasts!

**Coopers Cooked Meats**, next door to Turners, can help out with all things sliced meats and pork pies too - ideal for your Boxing Day spread!



## DON'T FORGET THE TRIMMINGS

Also located in Darwen Market is **Woods Fruit & Veg**, who supply the best quality produce to take your Christmas dinner to the next level. Potatoes, carrots, sprouts... it's all available here. Tell us, do you have roast potatoes or mash with your Christmas dinner... or both?!



## PIES, PUDS AND MORE

Whether you're padding out your festive spreads or buying a delicious gift for a foodie friend, there's plenty of places to buy delicious pies, puddings and deli items in Darwen Town Centre, from award winning savoury pies at **The Pie Hole** down on Duckworth Street, to **Tease Your Tastebuds** at Darwen Market and their array of fresh bread, pies and puddings.

Buying for someone with a super sweet tooth? Check out **Candy Rush** and **Sweet Vintage** for traditional sweets and fun candies.



## A TASTE OF THE MED AT CHRISTMAS

**Deli Carlo** in the heart of Darwen Town Centre on Darwen Market Square is always a cosy haven, but especially at Christmas. Pop in to order bespoke hampers and grazing boxes full of delicious quality Italian and Mediterranean inspired goodies, and for beautiful biscuit tins and panettone boxes.



## FOR THE self care LOVER

PARTY SEASON CALLS FOR A BIT OF SELF CARE. WHETHER YOU WANT TO FEEL YOUR BEST FOR YOUR WORKS DO, OR IF YOU'RE BUYING A GIFT VOUCHER FOR A FRIEND, YOU CAN DO IT ALL HERE IN DARWEN.



Within the #shopdarwen scheme we have **The Brookside Hair, Barbers and Beauty Salon** on Duckworth Street, who offer a huge range of treatments, all performed by passionate experts. You can book online and get appointments to fit around your busy festive schedule. Gift vouchers are also available and make a wonderful gift for a loved one who deserves to be spoiled.

If you venture further into Darwen Town Centre, you can also visit **Hair Market** and **Perfect Nail'z** at Darwen Market for a pre-Christmas pamper.

## FOR THE interior stylist

GOT SOMEONE TO BUY FOR WHO LOVES TO STYLE THEIR HOME? OR PERHAPS YOU ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SOME UNIQUE CHRISTMAS DECOR TO ADD FESTIVE CHEER TO YOUR OWN ABODE?

You can't miss a trip to **Darwen Furniture and Gifts**, on Bolton Road. Here you'll find a large selection of furniture, home accessories and gift ideas, including candles and jewellery.



# FOR THE *artisan*

CHRISTMAS AND CRAFTS – IT'S A PERFECT PARTNERSHIP.



We're lucky to have a beautiful fabric, yarn and haberdashery on Bridge Street, **Mimi and Bee**. Here you buy everything you need for your Christmas craft projects, and put together a stunning gift for an artistic friend, too.

**Mimi and Bee** also host various workshops on crocheting and sewing - could be a new project to try in the new year?!

A fairly new addition to the #shopdarwen cohort is **Urban Seed**, based just outside of Darwen Town Centre at Wood Street Mill, accessed via Hacking Street. This enchanting creative space sells beautiful houseplants plus an array of treasures made by local artisans, such as waxmelts, jewellery, trinkets, skincare products, decorative accessories and much more. Urban Seed also hosts regular creative workshops for both adults and children.



# FOR THE *fashionista*

IT'S ALWAYS LOVELY TO RECEIVE CLOTHES OR ACCESSORIES FOR CHRISTMAS, AND TO TREAT YOURSELF TO SOMETHING NEW FOR THE PARTY SEASON!

We have a great selection of new and preloved fashion in Darwen Town Centre, including **Sunset Amore**, a women's boutique on Bolton Road. Owned by the lovely Abby, this popular independent shop sells the latest trends while appealing to all ages, and there's an excellent selection of shoes and accessories, too.

A new addition to Darwen is **MetooTee** on Market Street, one of the coolest independent retailers in the whole of Lancashire. Tom stocks a carefully curated range of vintage designer and sportswear pieces, from brands such as C.P. Company, Stone Island and adidas Spezial. If you have a terrace fashion loving family member, this is the place to go this Christmas. Not sure what to pick? Then grab them a gift voucher.



And if you want to shop fashion and do some good at the same time, Darwen Town Centre is also home to several busy charity shops. **Age UK** on Market Street is a member of the #shopdarwen community, and the charity directly supports elderly people within Darwen and Blackburn. **Darwen Community Helpers** are also a #shopdarwen member and have two excellent charity shops on Bridge Street, one dedicated to quality pre-loved children's toys, clothes and accessories.

Don't forget to browse **Butterflies** at Darwen Market too for affordable seasonal clothes, accessories and slippers.





## SHOP DARWEN THIS CHRISTMAS

### 1 DARWEN MARKET

CLUCK & MOO  
TURNERS  
LEEMINGS  
COOPERS COOKED MEATS  
WOODS FRUIT & VEG  
TEASE YOUR TASTEBUDS  
CANDY RUSH  
SWEET VINTAGE  
HAIR MARKET  
PERFECT NAIL'Z  
BUTTERFLIES  
GOLD & TIMES  
PETALS FLORIST  
STITCH  
THE COBBLERS

- 2 DELI CARLO
- 3 SWEET VINTAGE
- 4 THE PIE HOLE
- 5 THE BROOKSIDE HAIR, BARBERS AND BEAUTY SALON
- 6 DARWEN FURNITURE AND GIFTS
- 7 MIMI AND BEE
- 8 URBAN SEED
- 9 SUNSET AMORE
- 10 METOATEE

- 11 AGE UK
- 12 DARWEN COMMUNITY HELPERS
- 13 JAMES GIBSON
- 14 GO GO GAMES
- 15 TOWER MUSIC
- 16 1617 COFFEE HOUSE
- 17 NUMBER 1 COFFEE SHOP AND COMMUNITY HUB
- 18 DOLLY'S BAR AND GRILL

## ENJOY DARWEN TOWN CENTRE THIS CHRISTMAS

There's plenty of festive fun in Darwen this season! Here's what's on — find full details at [darwentowncentre.co.uk](http://darwentowncentre.co.uk), on Facebook, or Shop Darwen on Instagram.

### WHAT'S ON:

- 1 **DARWEN MARKET**  
Meet Santa at **DARWEN ROTARY SANTA'S GROTTO** for £6 per child (includes gift and photo).  
**Open Saturdays from 29 Nov – Christmas, plus Tue 23 Dec (10am–3pm) and Christmas Eve (10am–1pm).**

Plus, visit **Darwen Arts Society** exhibition, take part in the **#ShopDarwen Christmas Trail** and enjoy free festive activities with **Culturapedia** too!

- 2 **DARWEN LIBRARY THEATRE**  
Get into the spirit with **Elf Jr.**, **The Nosey Reindeer**, and lots more shows, music, and comedy — even an **Elvis night!** Tickets at [bwdvenues.com](http://bwdvenues.com).

- 3 **DARWEN LIBRARY**  
Pop in for free groups and activities for all ages — or enjoy free e-books over the holidays! Find details at [bwdlibraries.com](http://bwdlibraries.com).

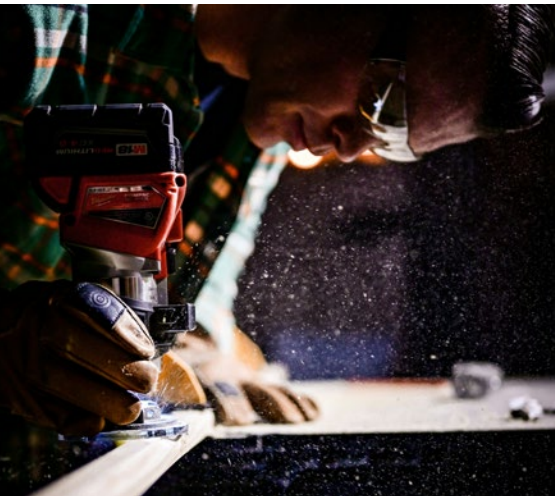
- 4 **DARWEN LEISURE CENTRE**  
Hit the gym, pool, or sauna — or try the popular **Total Splash Out** inflatable sessions to burn off some energy (...and mince pies!). More at [bwdleisure.com](http://bwdleisure.com).

- 5 **DARWEN HERITAGE WALKS**  
Explore local landmarks, architecture and blue plaques every Wednesday, 11am from Market Square.

- 6 **DARWEN HERITAGE CENTRE**  
Step back in time with special exhibitions celebrating the town's rich history.

## FOR THE *DIY-er*

WE ALL HAVE SOMEONE ON OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST WHO LOVES DIY AND ALL THINGS HANDY.



The place to go for these recipients is most definitely **James Gibson** on Wood Street.

This hardware shop sells everything you could possibly need for any kind of DIY project, including hand and power tools, workwear clothing, paint, electrical and plumbing equipment and much more. Whether you're buying a present or finding supplies to get the house fixed up before Christmas, the friendly and knowledgeable team can help.

## FOR THE *Wannabe DJ*

GOT A LOVED ONE WHO LOVES MUSIC OR FANCIES THEMSELVES ON THE DECKS?

Then head to **Tower Music** on Bridge Street.

This treasure trove of vinyl, CDs and cassettes is owned by Lee, who lives and breathes good music, and who will be more than happy to help you find the perfect gift.



## FOR THE *gamer*

DID YOU KNOW DARWEN HAS ITS OWN DEDICATED TOYS AND GAMES SHOP SPECIALISING IN POKEMON?

**Go Go Games** on Duckworth Street needs to be on your list if you have a gamer to buy for - Pokemon may be their specialty, but this friendly independent shop also stocks retro games, plus various toys and gifts.



## FOR THE *someone special*

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE SPECIAL PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.

**Gold & Times** at Darwen Market can help you to do just that.

This stall has been a part of Darwen Market for 30 years, and offers a stunning selection of new and old diamond and gold jewellery, plus an expert repair service. If the festive season has got you feeling romantic, this is the place to go.



# FOR THE *cafe connoisseur*

AFTER ALL THAT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SOMEWHERE TO REST AND REFUEL, AND DARWEN HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF CAFES AND RESTAURANTS TO PICK FROM.



A highlight from the #shopdarwen community is **1617 Coffee House**, a tiny but perfectly formed haven for caffeine fiends, offering an incredibly Instagrammable selection of specialty coffees and matchas. Be sure to check out their Christmas specials for a super festive pick-me-up!

Located right on Darwen Market Square at the centre of the action are both **Sweet Vintage** and **Deli Carlo**. Sweet Vintage offers a delicious range of tasty lunches, fresh cakes, traditional sweets, ice cream, coffees and much more, including a generous gluten free menu. Deli Carlo is the place to go for an Italian inspired bite to eat, and you can enjoy a glass of wine or beer alongside your meal.

**Number 1 Coffee Shop and Community Hub** is just round the corner from the Market Square, and you'll be guaranteed a very warm welcome.

And if you're after more of a "sit-down" meal vibe, why not try **Dolly's Bar and Grill** on Bolton Road?

This beautiful independent restaurant serves brunch, lunch, afternoon tea, tapas, Sunday roasts and more. Dolly's are also hosting festive afternoon teas throughout December, along with various events and workshops.



# FOR WHEN YOU NEED A *helping hand*

OUR LOCAL EXPERTS ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING RUNS SMOOTHLY THIS FESTIVE SEASON, NO MATTER WHAT YOU NEED.



There are several excellent service-based independent businesses within the #shopdarwen scheme: **Petals Florist**, **Stitch alterations and repairs**, and **The Cobblers**.

The festive season is the busiest time of the year, and should you need to arrange a beautiful bunch of flowers, get your party outfit altered, resole your dancing shoes or get a spare key cut for your Christmas visitors, you can rely on the retailer community here in Darwen to do an excellent job.





## SHOP TO *win*



Each and every one of the fantastic independent retailers we've mentioned are members of the **#shopdarwen campaign**, which means you could be in with a chance of winning the monthly prize draw!

All you have to do is **spend £5 or over at a participating retailer**. You'll then be offered a Shop Darwen entry form to complete: fill in your details so we can contact you if you win, and return to the post-box in Darwen Market by the last day of the month.

A winner is then chosen at random, but remember, the more entry forms you have, the better your chance of winning! There's never been a better time to support local and shop small, and a **£50 treat** to begin the new year sounds good to us!



## JOIN THE DARWEN TOWN CENTRE

# *Community* THIS Christmas



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Follow **Darwen Town Centre** and **Shop Darwen** on social media to be the first to know about festive events, news and offers, and why not subscribe to our newsletter to get updates straight to your inbox?

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AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
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