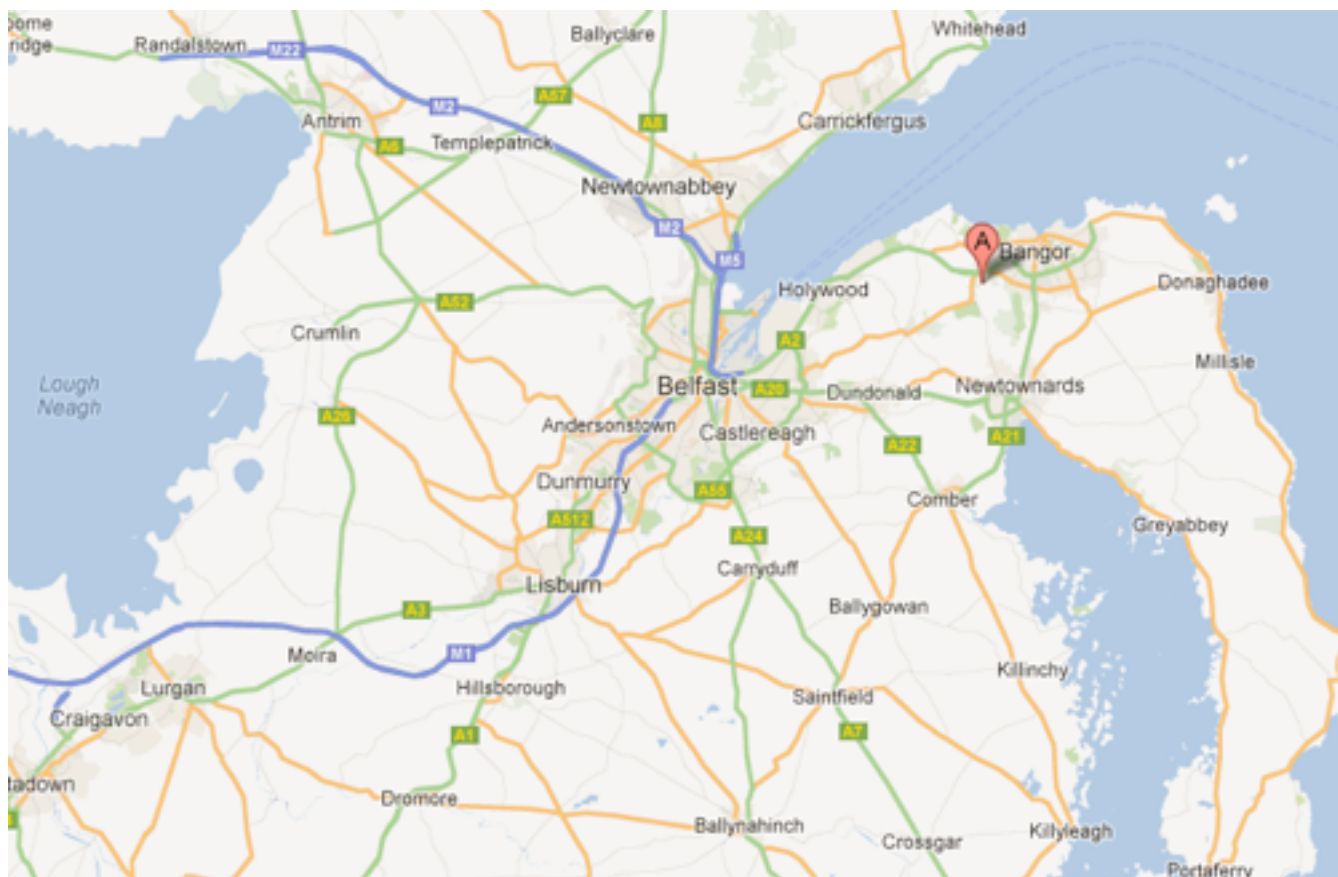


# Helens Tower

*Sleeps 2 - Clandeboye Estate, Bangor, Co Down.*

## Situation:



## Presentation:



Helen's Tower perched high above the rolling hills of Co Down, is an enchanting three storey stone tower nestled deep in the woods of the Clandeboye Estate. Standing on top of the world with panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, one can see as far as distant Scottish shores from the top of Helen's Tower.

*La Tour d'Hélène perchée au-dessus des collines de Co Down, est une charmante tours en pierre à trois étages, niché dans les bois du domaine de Clandeboye. Elle est niché sur le*

*toit du monde avec une vue panoramique sur le paysage environnant, on peut voir aussi loin que les rivages écossais à partir du haut de la tour d'Hélène.*

## History:



Built in 1848 by Frederick Lord Dufferin, 5th Baron of Dufferin and Ava in honour of his mother Helen Selina Blackwood, Helen's Tower has since been immortalized by Tennyson in the poem of the same name. Designed by architect William Burn and constructed in 1848-1850 as a famine relief project, Helen's Tower helped relieve unemployment at this time.

The tower has taken on an unforeseen poignancy, as an almost

exact replica of it, the Ulster Tower, was built at Thiepval in 1921 to honour the men of the 36th (Ulster) Division who fell at the Battle of the Somme. Clondeboyne Estate was used for army training during the First World War, and the 36th (Ulster) Division trained beside Helen's Tower before leaving for France.

*Construite en 1848 par Frederick Lord Dufferin, 5ème baron de Dufferin et Ava, en l'honneur de sa mère Helen Blackwood Selina, La Tour d'Hélène a été immortalisée depuis, par Tennyson dans le poème du même nom. Conçue par l'architecte William Burn et construite entre 1848-1850 comme un projet de lutte contre la famine, la construction de la tour Hélène permit de créer des emplois, d'une grande nécessité à cette période.*



*La tour a pris un caractère poignant imprévu, elle est la réplique presque exacte de la Tour d'Ulster de Thiepval, qui fut construite en 1921 pour rendre hommage aux hommes de la 36ème (Ulster) Division qui tombèrent lors de la bataille de la Somme. Le domaine de Clondeboyne fut utilisé pour la formation des armées pendant la Première Guerre mondiale, et la 36ème (Ulster) Division formée juste à côté de la Tour-Hélène avant de partir pour la France.*

A Game Keepers Tower, the interiors and fittings of this building were unique to this period. An octagonal room on the third floor with its paneling throughout with poems engraved on metal plates are set into the walls.

*Un Jeu de Gardiens de tour, les intérieurs et les accessoires de ce bâtiment sont propres à cette période.*

*Une salle octogonale au troisième étage avec des boiseries possède des poèmes gravés sur des plaques métalliques qui sont encastrées dans les murs.*

Two well known poems by Tennyson and Browning about Helen's Tower

*Deux poèmes bien connus par Tennyson et Browning à propos de Tower Hélène*

**HELENS TOWER by ALFRED TENNYSON**

HELEN'S TOWER, here I stand,  
Dominant over sea and land.  
Son's love built me, and I hold  
Mother's love in letter'd gold. Love is in and out of time,  
I am mortal stone and lime.  
Would my granite girth were strong  
As either love, to last as long  
I should wear my crown entire  
To and thro' the Doomsday fire,  
And be found of angel eyes  
In earth's recurring Paradise.

**La TOUR D'HELEN par Alfred Tennyson**

TOUR D'HELEN, je suis là,  
Dominante sur la mer et la terre.  
L'Amour d'un fils m'a construit, et je contiens  
L'amour d'une mère en lettre d'or. L'amour est ici et hors du temps,  
Je suis de pierre et de la chaux mortelle.  
Il voulait que l'épaisseur de mon granit soient importante  
Comme l'amour, pour durer aussi longtemps  
Je devrais porter ma couronne,  
"To and thro" le feu de Doomsday,  
Et être retrouvé par des yeux d'anges  
Au paradis terrestre.

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**HELENS TOWER by ROBERT BROWNING**

Who hears of Helens Tower,  
may dream perchance  
How the Greek Beauty from the Scaean Gate  
Gazed on old friends unanimous in hate,  
Death-doom'd because of her fair countenance.

Hearts would leap otherwise, at thy advance,  
Lady, to whom this Tower is consecrate!  
Like hers, thy face once made all eyes elate,  
Yet, unlike hers, was bless'd by every glance.

The Tower of Hate is outworn, far and strange:  
A transitory shame of long ago,  
It dies into the sand from which it sprang;  
But thine, Loves rock-built Tower, shall fear no change:  
Gods self laid stable earths foundations so,  
When all the morning-stars together sang.

**LA TOUR D'HELENE par ROBERT BROWNING**

*Qui a entendu parler de la tour d'Helene  
peut rêver peut-être*

*Comment la beauté grecque qui provient de la barrière de Scaean  
Était Regardée fixement par de vieux amis unanimement dans la haine,  
Condamné a mort à cause de son beau visage.*

*Les Cœurs bondissaient par ailleurs, à tes avances,  
Madame, à qui cette tour est consacré!  
Comme elle, ton visage en une fois, rempli les yeux de joie,  
Pourtant, contrairement à elle, blessé par chaque regard.*

*La Tour de haine n'est plus d'actualité, loin et étrange:  
Une honte passagère d'il y a longtemps,  
morte dans le sable dont elle est issue;  
Mais toi, Tour d'amour construite en pierre, ne crains pas le changement:  
Dieux à lui même posé tes fondations stables issu de la terre,  
Lorsque tous les matin les étoiles chantait ensemble.*

## **Tourist attractions around Helens Tower**

*Clandeboyne Estate, Bangor, Co Down.*

### **Surrounding Bangor**

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Tel: +44 28 9185 2966

Address: Clandeboyne Estate, Bangor, Co. Down

#### **Ava Gallery and Adam's at Clandeboyne**

Web: [www.adams.ie/clandeboyne](http://www.adams.ie/clandeboyne)

Email: [clandeboyne@adams.ie](mailto:clandeboyne@adams.ie)

Tel: (028) 9185 2263

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Address: Clandeboyne Estate, Bangor, County Down

#### **Clandeboyne Way**

Web: <http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Clandeboyne-Way-Helen-s-Bay-to-Whitespots-Country-Park-P15706>

<http://www.walkni.com/Walk.aspx?ID=329>

#### **Ireland Off Road Experience**

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Tel : 028 9185 2111 Fax : 028 9185 2101

E-Mail : [info@irelandoffroadexperience.com](mailto:info@irelandoffroadexperience.com)

Address : Clandeboyne Courtyard, Bangor, Co Down, BT19 1RN

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Marine Highway, Carrickfergus, Antrim

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Address: 44 Irish Quarter West, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, BT38 8AT, Northern Ireland

**Andrew Jackson centre at Carrickfergus**

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**Steam Trains Ireland**

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Email: [rpsitrains@hotmail.com](mailto:rpsitrains@hotmail.com)

Tel: (028) 9337 3968

Address: Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, Castleview Road, Whitehead, Co Antrim

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Address: 60 Desertmartin Road, Magherafelt BT45 7RB, Northern Ireland

**Lough Neath**

Website: [www.discoverloughneagh.com](http://www.discoverloughneagh.com)

**Lough Neagh Discovery Centre**

Web: [www.oxfordisland.com](http://www.oxfordisland.com)

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Address: Craigavon, Co. Armagh, BT66 6NJ, Northern Ireland

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**Clements mount fun farm**

50 Ballydonaghy Road, Crumlin

Website: [www.clements mount fun farm.co.uk](http://www.clements mount fun farm.co.uk)

Tel: (028) 9442 2824

**Richardson's Walled Garden at Greenmount**

Website: [www.greenmount.ac.uk](http://www.greenmount.ac.uk)

Email: [enquiries@cafre.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@cafre.ac.uk)

Tel: (028) 9442 6669

College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise, Greenmount Campus, 22 Greenmount Road, Antrim, County Antrim

### **Randalstown Forest Park**

**Web:** [http://www.discoverireland.com/gb/ireland-things-to-see-and-do/listings/product/?fid=NITB\\_3045](http://www.discoverireland.com/gb/ireland-things-to-see-and-do/listings/product/?fid=NITB_3045)  
[www.antrim.gov.uk/docuploads/Randalstown.pdf](http://www.antrim.gov.uk/docuploads/Randalstown.pdf)

### **Glenam Castle**

**Web:** <http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Glenarm-Castle-Glenarm-Ballymena-P14357>

### **ECOS Millennium Environmental Centre**

Web: [www.ballymena.gov.uk/ecos](http://www.ballymena.gov.uk/ecos)

Tel: 028 2566 4400

Address: Kernohans Lane, Ballymena, Antrim

### **Slemish Mountain**

Web: [www.gatewaytotheglens.com](http://www.gatewaytotheglens.com)

Email: [tourist.information@ballymena.gov.uk](mailto:tourist.information@ballymena.gov.uk)

Tel: (028) 2563 5900

Fax: (028) 2563 5903

Address: The Braid, Ballymena, Town Hall Museum & Arts Centre 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, Co Antrim

### **Galgorm Castle Golf Club**

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Tel: (028) 2564 6161

Fax: (028) 2565 1151

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Website: [www.antrim.gov.uk/antrimcastlegardens](http://www.antrim.gov.uk/antrimcastlegardens)

<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Antrim-Castle-Gardens-and-Clotworthy-House-Antrim-P30067>

Email: [culture@antrim.gov.uk](mailto:culture@antrim.gov.uk)

Tel: (028) 9448 1338

Address: Randalstown Road, co. Antrim, Antrim

### **Antrim Roundtower**

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Email: [info@antrim.gov.uk](mailto:info@antrim.gov.uk)

Phone: +44 (028) 9442 8331

Address: Antrim Round, Steeple Road, Antrim, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland

### **Antrim Old Courthouse**

Web: [www.antrim.gov.uk/oldcourthouse](http://www.antrim.gov.uk/oldcourthouse)

Tel: 028 9446 3113

Address: Market Square, Antrim, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland.

### **Glens of Antrim**

Web: <http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Glens-of-Antrim-A1998>

### **Antrim Lough Shore Park**

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Address: Lough Road, Co. Antrim, BT41 4DG, Northern Ireland

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Email: [events.office@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:events.office@niassembly.gov.uk)

Tel: (028) 9052 0700

Address: Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3XX

#### **Belfast Harbour Commissioner's office**

Email: [c.ashfield@belfast-harbour.co.uk](mailto:c.ashfield@belfast-harbour.co.uk)

<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Belfast-Harbour-Commissioners-Office-Belfast-P3058>

Tel: (028) 9055 4422

Address: Corporation Square, Belfast, Antrim

#### **Belfast Castle**

Website: [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parksandopenspaces](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parksandopenspaces)

[www.belfastcastle.co.uk](http://www.belfastcastle.co.uk)

<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Belfast-Castle-Estate-Belfast-P3028>

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9077 6925

Antrim Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland

#### **Belfast Cathedral**

Website: [www.belfastcathedral.org](http://www.belfastcathedral.org)

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9032 8332

Church of Ireland, Donegall Street, Belfast

#### **Queen's University**

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Email: [k.oakes@qub.ac.uk](mailto:k.oakes@qub.ac.uk)

Tel: (028) 9038 7660

Queen University, University Road, Belfast, Antrim

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Tel: (028) 2073 1938

87 Dunluce Road, Bushmills, County Antrim

### ***Museum, theatres, cultural places***



**Grand opera house**

Web: <http://www.goh.co.uk/contact>

Phone: (028) 9024 1919

email: [info@goh.co.uk](mailto:info@goh.co.uk)

Great Victoria street, Glengall Street, Belfast

**Queen's film theatre**

Web: <http://www.queensfilmtheatre.com/>

Email: [qftcomments@qub.ac.uk](mailto:qftcomments@qub.ac.uk)

20 University square, Belfast.

**Odyssey complex and W5**

Web: <http://www.theodyssey.co.uk/>

<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Odyssey-Belfast-P3189>

[www.odysseyarena.com](http://www.odysseyarena.com)

Tel: (028) 9045 1055

2 Queens Quay, Belfast, Co. Antrim

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216 Falls Road, Belfast

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Tel: (028) 9032 0392

Mob: 07776221587

21 Talbot Street, Belfast

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#### **Ulster historical foundation**

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Tel: (028)2827 9482  
2 Victoria Road, Larne, Co Antrim

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<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Pattersons-Spade-Mill-Templepatrick-Ballyclare-P3210>  
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751 Antrim Road, Templepatrick

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Museum & Civic Centre, 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, County Antrim

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Lisburn Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, Co Antrim

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Saint Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena, County Antrim

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College Park, Botanic Avenue

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Mob: 07718 910 423

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(+44)75 4648 9875

**Ballymacormick point**

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Location: Between Ballyholme and Groomsport, Bangor

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Email: [info@titanictours-belfast.co.uk](mailto:info@titanictours-belfast.co.uk)

Tel: (028) 9065 9971

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Address: Countryside Access and Activities Network, The Stableyard, Barnett's Demesne, Malone Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT9 5PB, Northern Ireland

### **Cave Hill country Park**

Website: [www.belfastcastle.co.uk](http://www.belfastcastle.co.uk)

<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Cave-Hill-Country-Park-Belfast-P2789>

Email: [bcr@belfastcastle.co.uk](mailto:bcr@belfastcastle.co.uk)

Tel: (028) 9077 6925

Antrim Road, Belfast, Antrim

### **Malone Golf Club**

Website: [www.malonegolfclub.co.uk](http://www.malonegolfclub.co.uk)

Email: [admin@malonegolfclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@malonegolfclub.co.uk)

Tel: (028) 9061 2758

Address: 240 Upper Malone Road, Belfast, Antrim

### **Belfast Zoo**

Web: <http://www.belfastzoo.co.uk/ZooHome/ZooHome.aspx>

Telephone: 028 9077 6277

Email: [info@belfastzoo.co.uk](mailto:info@belfastzoo.co.uk)

Address: Belfast Zoological Gardens, Antrim Road, Belfast

### **25 Walks in Fermanagh**

Web: [www.fermanaghlakelands.com/Walking](http://www.fermanaghlakelands.com/Walking) OR [www.walkni.com](http://www.walkni.com)

Email: [info@walkni.com](mailto:info@walkni.com)

Phone: 028 9030 3930

Address: Countryside Access and Activities Network, The Stableyard, Barnett's Demesne, Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 5PB

### **North of Bangor**

#### **Giant's Causeway**

Web: [www.giantscausewaycentre.com](http://www.giantscausewaycentre.com)

Email: [info@giantscausewaycentre.com](mailto:info@giantscausewaycentre.com)

[mail@causewaycoastandglens.com](mailto:mail@causewaycoastandglens.com)

Phone: +44 (028) 2073 1855

Address: Giant's Causeway Visitor's Centre, 60 Causeway Road, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, BT57 8SU,  
Northern Ireland

#### **Castlerock Golf Club**

Website: [www.castlerockgc.co.uk](http://www.castlerockgc.co.uk)

Email: [info@castlerockgc.co.uk](mailto:info@castlerockgc.co.uk)

Tel: (028) 7084 8314

Address: 65 Circular Road, Castlerock, Coleraine, Co Londonderry

#### **Ballycastle Golf Club**

Website: [www.ballycastlegolfclub.com](http://www.ballycastlegolfclub.com)

Email: [info@ballycastlegolfclub.com](mailto:info@ballycastlegolfclub.com)

Tel: (028) 2076 2536

Address: 2 Cushendall Road, Ballycastle, Antrim

#### **Ballycastle Museum**

Tel: +44 (028) 2076 2942

Address: 59 Castle Street

#### **Troggs Surf School**

Website: [www.troggssurfschool.com](http://www.troggssurfschool.com)

Email: [carl@troggssurfschool.com](mailto:carl@troggssurfschool.com)

Tel: +44(0)7748257717

Address: Eaststrand Watersports centre, bath terrace, Portrush, Co Antrim

#### **SurfSUPNI.com**

Website: [www.SurfSUPNI.com](http://www.SurfSUPNI.com)

Email: [info@surfsupni.com](mailto:info@surfsupni.com)

Tel: 07796614844

Address: The Harbour, Portballintrae, Co Antrim

#### **Glenariff Forest Park**

Web: [www.forestserviceni.gov.uk](http://www.forestserviceni.gov.uk)

Email: [customer.forestserviceni@dardni.gov.uk](mailto:customer.forestserviceni@dardni.gov.uk)

Phone: +44 (028) 2955 6000

Address: 6 Forest Road, Garvagh, Co. Londonderry, BT51 5EF, Northern Ireland

#### **Bushmills Distillery**

Web: [www.bushmills.com](http://www.bushmills.com)

Phone: +44 (028) 2073-3218

Address: Bushmills, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland

## **Event and Festival around Helens Tower**

*Clandeboyne Estate, Bangor, Co Down.*

### **Surrounding Bangor:**

**9 April - Easter Monday Parade, Bangor.**

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9127 0069  
Web: [www.northdowntourism.com](http://www.northdowntourism.com)

**4 May – 9 June - Lough Lively, Ards Borough.**

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9182 6846  
Web: [www.loughlively.info](http://www.loughlively.info)

**7 May - Medieval May Day, Holywood.**

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9127 0069  
Web: [www.northdowntourism.com](http://www.northdowntourism.com)

**2 – 4 June - Larne Alive Summer Festival, Larne.**

Tel: +44 (0) 28 2826 0088  
Web: [www.larne.gov.uk](http://www.larne.gov.uk)

**7 July - Groomsport Music and Fireworks, Groomsport.**

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9127 0069  
[www.northdowntourism.com](http://www.northdowntourism.com)

**12 July - Twelfth of July Festivities and Parades, - Various Locations, Northern Ireland.**

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9070 1122  
Web; [www.grandorangelodge.co.uk](http://www.grandorangelodge.co.uk)

**End of July- The Race of Legends at the Armoy Road Races, Armoy, Co Antrim**

Web: <http://www.amrrc.com/>  
Email: [racesec@amrrc.com](mailto:racesec@amrrc.com)

**Race Secretary:** Ann Loudon, 73 Lisboy Road, Ballylough, Dunloy, Ballymena, Co. Antrim  
Tel: 07989 970758

**Beginning of August – Creative Peninsula, Ards Borough**

Web: [www.creativepeninsula.info](http://www.creativepeninsula.info)  
Tel: +44(0) 28 91826846

**August - Heart of the Glens Festival, Co Antrim**

<http://www.glensfestival.com/>

**Tel: +44 28 2177 1378**

**Email: [cushendall@nacn.org](mailto:cushendall@nacn.org)**

Address: Old School House, Mill St, Cushendall, Co. Antrim, BT44 0RR, Northern Ireland

**Last Monday and Tuesday of August: Ol' Lammas Fair, Co. Antrim**

Web: <http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/Ol-Lammas-Fair-Co-Antrim-A2039>

Tel: + 44 (0) 28 2076 2024.

Address: Ballycastle

**End of August - Newtownabbey Shoreline Festival**

Web: <http://www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/shoreline/>

or Shoreline Festival on facebook

Address: Newtownabbey

**4 Dec 2012 - 8 Dec 2012: Lisburn Christmas festival**

Web: [www.lisburnccm.co.uk](http://www.lisburnccm.co.uk)

Address: Lisburn Tourist Information Centre, 15 Lisburn Square

**End of December – The Spirit of Christmas, Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra**

Web: [www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)

Tel: +44(0) 28 90428428

**Belfast:**

**1 Sep 2012 - 28 Feb 2013: Decade of Centenaries**

Workshops, dramas and tours. These events will take place in Belfast City Hall and the Ulster Hall.

Address: Belfast City Hall, Donegall Square, Belfast.

**2 Jan 2013 - 27 Jan 2013: Out to Lunch Arts Festival**

Web: [www.cqaf.com](http://www.cqaf.com)

Address: Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival, Unit 8, Northern Whig House

**21 Feb 2013 - 24 Feb 2013: BMS 2013 International Festival of Chamber Music**

Tickets for the festival are available from Belfast Welcome Centre: 028 9024 6609.

Web: [www.belfastmusicsociety.org](http://www.belfastmusicsociety.org)

**Beginning of March- Belfast Children festival**

Website: [www.belfastchildrensfestival.com](http://www.belfastchildrensfestival.com)

Email: [admin@youngatart.co.uk](mailto:admin@youngatart.co.uk)

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9023 0660

Address: Young at Art, 30-42 Waring Street, Belfast.

**21 – 22 April: Belfast Spring Fair, Malone House and Barnett’s Demesne, Belfast**

Web: [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parks](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parks)

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9027 0467

**April – July (20 April – 22 July): The MAC’s Inaugural Visual Art Exhibition**

Web: [www.themaclive.com](http://www.themaclive.com)

Major opening exhibition announcing the scale and ambition of Belfast’s newest creative arts venue. Features work by celebrated industrial artists William Conor and L.S. Lowry, and renowned American sculptor Robert Therrien.

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9023 5053

**7 May Belfast City Marathon**

Web: [www.belfastcitymarathon.com](http://www.belfastcitymarathon.com)

An annual race through the streets of Belfast. Take part or support the marathon, walk, team relay or fun run. All events start at City Hall and finish in Ormeau Park.

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9060 5944

**3 – 7 May Festival of Fools**

Web: [www.foolsfestival.com](http://www.foolsfestival.com)

Annual, international street theatre festival promising five days of joyous mayhem. The fun continues over the Summer with Sunday Treats, a season of free shows every Sunday in Belfast’s Cathedral Quarter.

Tel: +44 (0) 28 9023 6007

**3 – 13 May Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival**

Web: [www.cqaf.com](http://www.cqaf.com)

Well-established festival brings the streets to life with cultural revelry all day and into the early hours.



Features live music, dance, performance, exhibitions, talks and children's events.  
Tel: +44 (0) 28 9023 2403

### **13 May Celtic Chrono, Stormont**

Web: [www.celticchrono.com](http://www.celticchrono.com)

This pre-Olympic, Ladies Time Trial cycling event is based in the grounds of Stormont Estate. There will also be a leisure event following the same 22-mile route.

### **Beginning of August: Belfast Taste and Music Fest**

Web: <http://www.belfasttasteandmusicfest.com/>

Email [connie@cunninghamevents.com](mailto:connie@cunninghamevents.com)

Email [ursula.mckinley@cactuspr.co.uk](mailto:ursula.mckinley@cactuspr.co.uk)

Tel: 028 9045 7700

### **End of August: Belfast Mela**

Web: <http://2012.belfastmela.org.uk/home>

Tel. 028 9023 1381

Email. [info@artsekta.org.uk](mailto:info@artsekta.org.uk)

Address: ArtsEkta Ltd, 127–137, York Street, Philip House, Level 2, Suite 2, Belfast, BT15 1AB

### **End of August- Belfast City Blues**

Web: <http://www.belfastcityblues.com/>

Tel: 00 44 (0) 28 906 2304

Festival office: seamus o'neill

Mobile: 00 44 (0) 78 1111 9529

E-mail: [seamus1977@btinternet.com](mailto:seamus1977@btinternet.com)

Address: belfast city blues, 12 Hollymount Court, Finaghy Road South, belfast

### **Bigging of September – European Heritage Open Days**

Web: [www.discovernothernireland.com](http://www.discovernothernireland.com)

### **Middle of September – Festival of the Peninsula, Ards Borough**

Web: [www.festivalofthepeninsula.info](http://www.festivalofthepeninsula.info)

Tel: +44(0)2891826846

### **End of November- January: WinterFest**

Web: [www.odysseywinterfest.com](http://www.odysseywinterfest.com)

Address: Odyssey Arena, 2 Queen's Quay

### **End of November: The Incredible Book Eating Boy**

Web: [www.themaclive.com](http://www.themaclive.com)

Address: MAC, 10 Exchange Street West

### **Beginning of December: Santa's Special Steam Train**

Web: <http://www.gotobelfast.com/whats-on/event/santas-special-steam-train-sold-out>

Steam Trains Ireland

Address: Central Station, East Bridge Street, Belfast

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*<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events/> and download visitor guide for event (P36-41)*

*And event Go to <http://www.culturenorthernireland.org/index.aspx>*

