

North Down Tourism

Bangor, Holywood & Groomsport | Northern Ireland



Merry Christmas!

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the North Down e-newsletter.

Christmas already? But you've only just finished putting the decorations away from last year!!

Get the tree down from the roofspace, stock up on the mince pies and get a copy of the Radio Times and chill out till New Year!!

Here in North Down there are plenty of ways for you and the whole family to have fun over the Christmas break!

What's On - Hollywood Lights Switch On

Come along to Holywood and get in the festive spirit at the annual turning on of the **Christmas tree lights switch on Saturday 28th November at 4:30pm.**

The family focused Christmas festivities will take place throughout the day from **10am when the Speciality market in Hibernia Street opens** running through until 4pm. **Free children's Arts & Crafts will be taking place between 1pm and 3pm in the Queens Leisure Centre** including, bread decoration, Christmas place cards decoration, face painting and balloon modelling.

Everyone can then line the streets for the **lantern parade that will leave Methodist Church at 4pm** and arrive at **Redburn Square for the Christmas lights switch on at 4:30pm**, were **X Factors Journey South will play their new single 'What I love about home'** which is in aid of the 'Help The Heroes' charity that seeks to provide support for members of the armed forces injured in the line of duty.

The family focused festivities will also include **Road Safety workshops and demonstrations taking place between 2pm and 4pm at Hibernia Street car park and the Holywood Fire station at Sullivan Place** to support Road Safety week 2009.



Ideas to enjoy North Down

For those in the know, Bangor is not only a thriving shopping destination offering a wonderful mix of high street stores and out of town shopping, cool independent retailers, boutiques, cafés and salons; it's a warm and captivating place offering the perfect escape for the whole family throughout the Christmas season.

Bangor's also really easy to get to with excellent links between Belfast and its centrally located Translink bus and rail station, and there's also ample parking if you're coming by road.

Bangor really does have it all and the Christmas season is the perfect opportunity for you and your family to come and explore - But where to start?

Why not take a walk around the town's finest shopping areas High Street and Main Street, home to many high street stores and independent retailers; stopping of to enjoy the fantastic views over Bangor Marina.

Maybe you will discover the charm of some of the town's cafés, bars and restaurants; from casual and cool gastro pub lunches through to refined fine dining you can be sure to expect a captivating experience.

But if all this sounds a bit to fast pace, you could always take some time to discover the amazing landscape Bangor has for you to explore; with an abundance of picturesque parks, woodlands and sandy beaches and fantastic attractions like the North Down Coastal path, that stretches from Holywood to Portavoe; you are sure to find the perfect escape to suit the whole family over the Christmas season.

So what are you waiting for? This Christmas get out, explore and discover what Bangor has to offer.



Online Gift Shop open just in time for Christmas!

We have the perfect range of gifts now available from our online shop; from our Bangor Teddy to magnets, books, key-rings and T-shirts we have the perfect stocking fillers for everyone!

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