# What's New in Britain 2024

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## New accommodation, restaurant, and innovative food venue openings

# Langdale Chase hotel, Windermere

Late 2023

The Langdale Chase in Windermere will reopen in autumn 2023 after extensive refurbishments. Located right on the shores of Lake Windermere, the hotel offers 30 individually designed bedrooms. Modern materials were used for the renovation to create a contemporary space within the Victorian villa. Executive chef Michael Cole will be heading up the two-AA-rosette restaurant at the hotel and deliver classic British cuisine inspired by the surroundings together with a passionate team.

## **Luxury Lodges at Moor Hall, Aughton**

Late 2023

Moor Hall is launching seven luxury lodges to connect guests with nature and provide the ultimate luxury foodie gateway. Each lodge is located within the woodlands of their grounds and will feature an outdoor terrace. Moor Hall Restaurant holds two Michelin Stars and their sister restaurant, The Barn which is also located within the grounds, was awarded a Michelin Star in 2022. Within the village of Aughton, visitors can find a third Michelin Star restaurant, So-lo.

## Una St Ives, St Ives

Late 2023

Situated in the picturesque Carbis Bay area on the North coast of Cornwall, the relaxed and stylish holiday resort Una St Ives will launch high-end villas from late 2023. The interior of the villas will be elegant and contemporary, each with its own private hot tub. The resort includes a spa, leisure club, a restaurant and a lido swimming pool with alfresco dining options.

## The BoTree, London

Late 2023

Opening its doors later this year, the BoTree Hotel will offer guests a world-class experience. Settling quietly into the London neighbourhoods of Marylebone and Mayfair, get ready to meet a sophisticated blend of luxury and elegance.

# Ruby Stella, London

February 2024

Inspired by the literary legacy of Charles Dickens, the new Ruby Stella hotel will open in Clerkenwell, London – the district where the world-famous author wrote Oliver Twist. This will be Ruby Hotels' third London property, joining Ruby Lucy in Waterloo and Ruby Zoe in Notting Hill – each one with a unique and playful character. At Stella, expect a sumptuous bar-turned-library (open 24-hours), plush furnishings and minimalist-yet-luxe bedrooms, all styled with book-themed curios. All within a few minutes' walk to Farringdon station.

## The Store, Oxford

February 2024

Located on Broad Street in the historic Boswells department store, The Store will feature 101 bedrooms inspired by the building's former life: think king size beds, plush velvet furnishings, spacious bathrooms and bespoke artworks. Its restaurant, Treadwell, will champion local and sustainably sourced produce, infused with the UK's multicultural influences. As well as a stylish ground-floor bar and fireside snug, the hotel will also feature The Roof – an intimate rooftop bar and outdoor terrace, overlooking Oxford's famous 'dreaming spires'.

## **TreeDwellers.** Cotswolds

March 2024

Nestled within ancient woodland on the Cornbury Park Estate you'll find seven new eco-minded treehouses, each designed to offer guests an escape from the everyday and a reconnection with nature. The accommodation is intended to blend into the spectacular Cotswolds landscape, and the stylish interiors feature soothing colours, soft fabrics and tactile textures to encourage relaxation.



#### art'otel Hoxton, London

March 2024

Hoxton welcomes its newest accommodation offering, following the success of art'otel Battersea. As a celebration of art, each of the 27 floors will feature incredible pieces, including two Banksy originals.

#### Mollie's, Manchester

Early 2024

Following Mollie's Oxfordshire and Bristol, Mollie's Manchester will be the latest offering opening its doors in early 2024. From the team behind Soho House, the motel-diner will be at the historic site of the former Granada Studios in the St John's neighbourhood, once home to the iconic television show Coronation Street. The hotel will feature 140 rooms, a 164-cover diner restaurant, a lounge bar with live music, and a heated outdoor terrace with a pool.

## **Treehouse Hotel Manchester**, Manchester

April 2024

Treehouse Hotel Manchester, the hotel brand's second UK location, will open on Deansgate after an extensive redevelopment of a former hotel. With 224 bedrooms and a rooftop terrace offering panoramic views, the hotel will feature pet-friendly rooms and a line-up of food and drinks curated by celebrated Manchester chefs, including Luke Cowdrey, Justin Crawford, Mary-Ellen McTague, and Sam Grainger.

## **Cambridge Street Collective, Sheffield**

Spring 2024

Cambridge Street Collective will be a brand-new trailblazing food hall and cookery class space, located right in the heart of Sheffield. Set over three floors, the culturally diverse food destination will be home to over 24 kitchens, a cookery school and a bakery, as well as a mix of traditional, Asian and rooftop bars.

# **Black Sheep**, London

Spring 2024

After a successful pop up in London in July 2023, Black Sheep Restaurant from Hong Kong will open their first international restaurant in the capital in spring next year. The concept is yet to be released, though the chain is known for telling stories through food and creating unique restaurants with heart. The vision of the founder, Syed Asim Hussain, is "to rewrite the rules and elevate the definition of what hospitality is".

#### Soho House, Manchester

Spring 2024

Soho House is set to open its first property in the north of England, encompassing the upper three floors of Manchester's former Granada Studios building – located within the emerging St John's neighbourhood. The building, which is also home to Aviva Studios, is both one of Manchester's most iconic locations *and* an exciting up-and-coming destination. There will be a rooftop pool, workspaces that transform into a club as night falls, dining rooms and lounge areas – all with Soho House's signature creative vibe.

# No.124 Kings Road, Brighton

Summer 2024

No.124 Kings Road Brighton will be housed inside the Regency-style, part-Grade II-listed Georgian building, offering seriously comfortable bedrooms, curious details, and genuinely welcoming, happy people. Swimmers can be in the water in a hop, shoppers can hit The Lanes in minutes, and lovers of all thing's kitsch can be on the pier and in its arcades in next-to-no time.

# The Bailiffgate, Alnwick

Summer 2024



Located in the heart of the town right next to Alnwick castle, the new Bailiffgate Hotel will offer 48 bedrooms and apartments. Situated in a magnificent Georgian house linked to a new five storey building, guests can overlook the Barbican entrance to the castle from the property. The hotel will boast modern yet classic interiors, bright open spaces and a wealth of natural light.

## THE PIG-on the Farm, Warwickshire

December 2024

THE PIG-on the Farm will be the latest property to join THE PIG's portfolio of laid-back luxury boutique hotels with a culinary focus – known as 'restaurants with rooms'. THE PIG-on the Farm will consist of a mid-16<sup>th</sup> Century listed stone-built farmhouse surrounded by barns, stables and outbuildings. The new location will champion THE PIG's famed 25-mile menu and sustainable practices, including on-site food production and sourcing from local suppliers. The estate spans 53 acres and is stepped in history being previously owned by the Mordaunt family and includes part of a deserted Medieval village to the southeast of the house.

## **Guinness Microbrewery**, London

Winter 2024

One of London's most eagerly awaited new openings, Guinness is set to launch a microbrewery, open-fire kitchen and rooftop bar at Old Brewer's Yard, in the heart of Covent Garden. The site's brewing roots can be traced back to 1722, and its fresh refurbishment will make it a hub for drinking, dining, entertainment and learning once again – all within an impressive 4,600 square metre venue. As well as offering brewery tours with Guinness experts, it will host events in a central covered courtyard, special edition souvenirs in its shops, and the chance to try exclusive new stouts. Cheers to that!

#### The Newman. London

Winter 2024

Situated on Newman Street in Fitzrovia, The Newman will open in late 2024 to become a new 81-roomed hotel – featuring a European brasserie, cocktail bar and wellness floor. Breathing new life into its heritage Victorian setting, the design will exude international luxury with a polished, bold style. The spa will be influenced by Nordic simplicity, and feature hot and cold experience cabins, a salt therapy room and hydrotherapy pool.

## The Other House Covent Garden, London

Winter 2024

The Other House Covent Garden will offer 200 'Club Flats' with beautifully designed living and sleeping areas and kitchens. Expect plush interiors including bold botanical print walls, warm velvets and British tweed throughout. Stunning private spaces, a restaurant, bars and a wellness centre will be available to residents and private members, while a destination bar and a bistrostyle kitchen with seasonal menus will be open to the public. Views from the rooftop bar promise to be sensational. The property is made up of seven historic buildings and a glazed inner atrium.

## Park Hyatt London River Thames, London

Late 2024

Located within walking distance of some of London's major attractions such as Big Ben and the London Tate, Park Hyatt London River Thames will be the first of its series in Britain. The hotel will offer guest 203 distinguished rooms and suites, plus event spaces, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere for leisure and business travellers alike.

# Radisson Blu, Sheffield

2024

Designed by HLM Architects and housed in the striking Victorian architecture of Pinstone Street, the four-star hotel will include 154 bedrooms. The highlight will be the rooftop bar and restaurant with a terrace providing stunning views of the Peace Gardens and Sheffield Town Hall.

House of Social, Manchester

2024



House of Social will be based on the ground floor of a new student accommodation building on First Street. The large and exciting food hall will have space to accommodate up to 400 people. To help local businesses, the food hall will feature independent food brands from the area.

# **Shipyard**, Manchester

2024

Adding to Manchester's vibrant food and drink landscape, Shipyard will open in the dynamic <u>St John's</u> neighbourhood. Drawing inspiration from acclaimed European food halls like Lisbon's TimeOut Market and Kyiv Food Market, the development will showcase artisan vendors and rolling smaller stalls, creating a full-on foodie destination.

# **Boxhall**, Bristol

2024

Serving up delicious eats, gourmet drinks, and relaxing vibes, Boxhall is coming to Bristol. This dynamic and modern dining concept can be currently found amongst a few London neighbourhoods. The venue is working with Josh Eggleton as the newest Food Ambassador, a celebrated chef and a Bristol local.

# **The Gotham Hotel, Bristol**

2024

Located in the Old City quarter of Bristol, The Gotham Hotel will offer guest an experience like no other. The hotel features an array of quirky cast members, a reflection of history, and elegantly styled yet modern rooms.

## Big events and upcoming exhibitions

# Rebalance Bath - Festival of Wellbeing, Bath

25 Jan - 18 Feb 2024

Immerse in a transformative journey that celebrates holistic wellness and rejuvenation. Unwind in the serene setting of Bath, a city renowned for its healing waters and historic charm. Indulge in workshops from mindfulness and nutrition to self-care. Experience the magic of ancient healing practices and the latest trends in wellness, all tailored to enhance overall well-being.

## **Bristol Light Festival, Bristol**

2 – 11 February 2024

An emerging light in the heart of winter, the annual Bristol Light Festival illuminates the heart of Bristol during February. Get to know the Bristol best by following light trails around the city, along with a collection of art installations from local and international artists.

#### Bath Bach Festival, Bath

15 – 17 February 2024

Visit the home of one of the greatest musical prodigies to ever live and celebrate the life of Bach. Indulge in the Georgian era and relive Bach's work to rediscover the sound of his contemporaries. Expect internationally acclaimed as well as emerging artists.

# **Baylight '24**, Morecambe

15 – 17 February 2024

After a successful launch in winter 2023, light installations from all around the world will return and be presented along Lancashire's coast. The organisers have put sustainability at the heart of their decision making. All artworks are reused at other light festivals, visitors are encouraged to offset their travel, and a number of artworks are chosen to enlighten visitors about environmental issues.

## 'Icons of British Fashion' Exhibition, Blenheim Palace

23 March – 30 June 2024

Open to visitors in March, this will be Blenheim Palace's biggest exhibition in its 300-year history – spotlighting the works of world-famous designers throughout its



opulent Grand Hall. From archive drawings, patterns and prototypes, to glittering couture and catwalk pieces, this will be an astounding collection that celebrates fashion in all its forms – as well as its powerful intersections with culture, politics and royalty. The full programme and featured designers will be announced nearer the launch date.

## 'Protest' exhibition at M Shed, Bristol

From March 2024

When the Bristol statue of 17th Century slave trader Edward Colston was pulled down by protestors in 2020, it sparked nationwide debate about contemporary racial injustices, the right to voice dissent, and the modern representation of colonialist figures. In a new exhibition exploring these topics, Bristol's M Shed Museum will display the damaged, graffiti-covered Colston statue in its People gallery, inviting viewers to ask important questions about the city's heritage – and explore its role and responsibilities in the future.

# Randox Grand National, Liverpool

11 – 13 April 2024

The Randox Grand National experience is one England's most iconic and electrifying horse racing events. Held at Aintree Racecourse, witness majestic thoroughbreds thunder down the track. Immerse in a vibrant and carnival spirit, with fashionistas showcasing their style, celebs in the stands, and a true test of bravery from the jockeys.

## **RHS Urban Show, Manchester**

18 – 21 April 2024

The newest addition to the RHS collection, this isn't your average RHS Flower Show: Manchester's horticulture festival is all about gardening in the city – making the most of every balcony, backyard and bathroom shelf. The line-up will feature work-of-art garden designs, expertled masterclasses, Q&A sessions and gardening workshops to help you develop your green fingers – and the opportunity to buy plants from the country's finest growers. A must-visit for every budding urban gardener.

# Comic Con, Portsmouth

11 - 12 May 2024

The International Festival of Comics 'Portsmouth Comic Con' returns next year to Portsmouth Guildhall showcasing the best in Comics, Film, TV and Pop Culture entertainment. Some of the best writers and illustrators in the industry will join, alongside actors and the wonderful world of Cosplay. There will be panels, displays, exhibitions, gaming, VR, Steampunk and an impressive range of merchandise and collectables for visitors.

#### The Late Shows, Newcastle

17 – 18 May 2024

Over two nights in May, Newcastle and Gateshead invites locals and visitors to a culture crawl. The Late Shows is one of the biggest cultural events of the year for the city. From open art studios, music performances and bizarre and intriguing interactive events, there is so much happening all over the city during these two nights. The lineup will be announced in spring 2024.

# **Concours on Savile Row**, London

22 - 24 May 2024

At the extraordinary Concours on Savile Row, tailoring and cars unite in a unique celebration of bespoke craftsmanship. This two-day event showcases the finest cars and tailoring displays, creating a fascinating blend of artistry and innovation. Savile Row, renowned for bespoke tailoring, hosts the world's greatest cars and will be closed for traffic for the event. Visitors can enjoy talks, live music and more.

## London Wine Festival, London

Spring 2024

Bottoms up for the inaugural London Wine Festival, a four-day springtime gala of tastings, events and workshops to showcase the up-and-coming stars of the wine world. It's all about fun and



friendly appreciation: there's no viticulture snobbery here, just excellent company, live entertainment and a sociable vibe. Stock up your wine rack with some top new names, learn some impressive sommelier skills, or simply spend an evening globetrotting by glass. It'll take place at The Truman Brewery in Shoreditch, East London.

# Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour, Liverpool and London

7 June – 18 August 2024

London (and Liverpool) is calling and Taylor Swift, one of this century's hottest popstars are coming to Britain this summer. Taylor Swift's *The Eras Tour* will be hitting Liverpool and London as part of her global schedule – 'a journey through the musical eras of my career', the star revealed last year. With support from rock legends Paramore too, this will be an extraordinary show – with a huge 44-song setlist from TayTay. Fans heading to Liverpool can also see where she filmed the video for 'I Can See You', at the city's famous Cunard Building and around the Titanic Hotel and look forward to a fitting Liverpudlian welcome.

## **Norwich Wine Week, Norwich**

14 - 22 June 2024

Norwich Wine Week will return for its second year after a successful festival in 2023. The event kicks off with a two-day festival in the picturesque Chapelfield Gardens. The ticketed weekend offers wine sampling, workshops, live music, a bar, local food stalls, and the chance to engage with passionate wine growers, producers, and vineyard owners from Norwich's thriving wine scene.

## Royal Henley Regatta, Oxfordshire

2 – 7 July 2024

One of the most elite regatta events in the world, the Royal Henley Regatta boast the most — with over 300 rowing races spanning just six days. Follow the sound of rushing water and cheering crowds to find the perfect viewing spot and enjoy the celebrated spectacle with drinks, sweet treats, and good friends.

# 'Barbie' exhibition - The Design Museum, London

5 July 2024 – 23 February 2025

Barbie will celebrate her 65th birthday this year – and to mark the occasion, The Design Museum has created the ultimate treat for her fans. Three years in the making, the exhibition will explore the design evolution of one of the world's most famous dolls, and her influence on fashion, architecture, furniture, vehicle design and more. Through a unique new partnership with Mattel Inc., the London institution has been granted special access to the Barbie archives in California, allowing it to showcase dozens of rare and one-off items alongside other key loans and acquisitions.

#### **Brit Fest, Cheshire**

5 – 7 July 2024

Just like Britain, this festival has something for everyone. From traditional classic cuisine like fish and chips, to an assorted range of tasteful street foods vendors. Expect top tier entertainment, give woodcraft or whittling a try, or slip quietly into a silent disco. Brit Fest celebrates the finest of British tradition and culture by curating a melting pot of the country's best.

## **Bristol Harbour Festival, Bristol**

19 – 21 July 2024

Bristol's annual maritime gathering includes world class entertainment, fantastic street foods, and a flurry of water activities. Celebrate alongside friends during the exciting arrival of all sorts of ships in the harbour.

## **David Bowie World Fan Convention, Liverpool**

26 – 28 July 2024



Join together with fans from around the globe to celebrate the iconic legend, David Bowie. An annual event held in Liverpool every year revitalises the celebrated and well-known career of the notable rock-star.

# Manchester Pride, Manchester

23 - 26 August 2024

Manchester Pride, held annually over the August Bank Holiday Weekend, is a vibrant four-day extravaganza celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. Attracting people from afar, it stands as one of the North's largest events. The festivities unfold in and around the Gay Village and include iconic highlights like the Parade, Youth Pride and the Superbia culture festival.

## Wicked, Sunderland

24 September – 20 October 2024

The popular musical Wicked tells the back stories of Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West. It has been a huge success in the West End, attracting over eleven million viewers at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London. The show will come to Sunderland Empire Theatre which is the biggest theatre in the North East and housed inside a Grade II listed Edwardian building.

# 'The World of Tim Burton' exhibition - The Design Museum, London

25 October 2024 – 21 April 2025

Step inside the eerie, otherworldly film fairytales of Tim Burton: iconic cult classics such as *Sleepy Hollow, Edward Scissorhands* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Burton's personal archive of sketches, paintings, sculptures and costume designs is laid bare in this insightful exhibition – detailing the inspirations and creative processes behind his most iconic works. This will be the final stop in the show's decade-long world tour, and its only UK showing.

## WOMEX 2024, Manchester

23 - 27 October 2024

WOMEX, the renowned Worldwide Music Expo, serves as the largest global gathering and conference for the music industry, celebrating cultural diversity and fostering international collaboration. The event is held annually in various European cities and this year it will be hosted in Manchester, showcasing insightful discussions, films and showcase concerts.

## New tours, attractions, experiences and entertainment venues

## **Wake the Tiger Expansion, Bristol**

2 February 2024

The world's first Amazement Park, Wake the Tiger, is set to unveil a "whole new dimension" of immersive fun in February, featuring ten new rooms and installations that symbolise the evolution of both the attraction and the alternate universe of Meridia. This multi-sensory art experience in Bristol invites visitors of all ages to embark on a self-guided journey through over 30 environments, fostering creativity through the exploration of sound, sight, and touch.

## Showtown Museum, Blackpool

15 March 2024

The museum of fun and entertainment will be opening in 2024. It will tell the story of all the entertainers who turned Blackpool into the home of show business by capturing the spirit of the town. The immersive museum will offer something for everyone, with hands-on dance and singing activities, interactive displays and learning spaces.

## The new Perth Museum, Scotland

30 March 2024

The museum will open its doors in Spring 2024 after a £26.5 million re-development project. This world-class cultural and heritage attraction will highlight the fascinating objects and stories that put Perth and Kinross at the centre of Scotland's story.

# Co-op Live, Manchester



## April 2024

Set to be Britain's largest new music arena, Co-op Live will have capacity for 23,500 fans – and feature 32 bars, restaurants and VIP lounges. Pop star Harry Styles made the headlines last year as a key investor in this £365m arena, whose 'bowl-shaped' structure is designed to give each seat an amazing view and make even the biggest gigs feel intimate. And with a stellar line-up confirmed for its opening year, there are already plenty of performances to look forward to – including Liam Gallagher, the Jonas Brothers, Eric Clapton and Niall Horan.

## **Albert Schloss, London**

Spring 2024

The first Albert Schloss location in the South of England is opening next year. The venue will be taking over the Jungle Cave site on Shaftesbury Avenue, right in the heart of the West End. From daily immersive live entertainment to alpine-inspired food and drink menus, Albert Schloss will be a go-to destination for great evenings with friends in London.

# 'The Edge', Whitehaven

Spring 2024

A brand-new coastal activity centre is opening in Whitehaven in spring 2024. Whitehaven, known as 'the Coastal Gateway to the Lakes,' is at the start of the epic C2C (Coast to Coast) cycle route. Besides offering water sports and recreational facilities, it will also support coastal recreational activities and provide a community centre. The building will also include some ensuite guest accommodation offerings and a café.

## The Rising at Raby Castle, County Durham

Spring 2024

From next year, visitors to Raby castle will be able to explore re-imagined gardens, stylish shops and taste local flavours quaintly housed inside the newly refurbished heritage buildings. The attraction is currently undergoing an ambitious redevelopment. They are creating a destination for everyone by telling stories about the thrilling past and promising future of the castle and the region.

## **Norwich Castle, Norwich**

Summer 2024

The remarkable medieval Norwich Castle is undergoing a major re-development and will become the most accessible friendly castle in Britain. They plan to fully open in summer 2024. The renovation includes a new glass atrium for clear views of the stunning East façade and Bigod Tower, as well as a visitor facility with a cafe, shop, and accessible toilets. Cutting-edge projection and digital technology will immerse visitors in King Henry I's lavish Castle, revealing its untold stories and Norwich's medieval importance.

#### **Jewry Wall Museum, Leicester**

Autumn 2024

Jewry Wall Museum is undergoing a major re-development, transforming it into a 21st century visitor attraction. The immersive hands-on experience will be using cutting-edge technology to tell visitors the Roman history of the city. Visitors will be able to experience what life in Leicester was like during these times.

## **Bristol Zoo Project - Expansion, Bristol**

2024

Explore the grounds formerly known as, the Wild Place Project, and discover one of Bristol's top attractions. Already open for adventure, wander through over 50 acres of wildlife and connect with species big and small. Everything from lions and leopards to zebras and giraffes, along with the chance to learn all about Bristol Zoological Society's world-wide conservation and education work will be coming in this year's newest developments.

## **Freedom Tours, Newcastle**

2024



After a huge success in Edinburgh, Freedom Tours has decided to bring their experience to Newcastle in 2024. The self-guided tours are delivered to your smartphone with subtitles available in several languages. Actors born and bred in Newcastle will present the tour in an informative and entertaining way. The tours allow a lot of flexibility. Visitors can stop and start as they please, topics and themes can be chosen, plus, you can start anytime within 12 months of purchasing their ticket.

## **Galahad Tours Winery Tour, Bath**

2024

With a wealth of premium wineries and vineyards on its doorstep, Bath-based Galahad Tours will soon commence private wine-themed itineraries – a new addition to its immersive Somerset experiences. Travelling in a luxurious Mercedes V Class and hosted by expert local guide Matthias, each tour will be personalised to its participants. Expect guided walks through glorious vineyards, a chance to snoop into legendary cellars, and an abundance of tasting opportunities.

## Sadler's Wells East, London

2024

Sadler's Wells East is set to enrich the cultural landscape of Stratford's East Bank development and will feature a 550-seat flexible theatre and six studios, fostering creativity and dance in the capital. The venue will offer a destination for national dance companies and international choreographers and aims for at least 50% of jobs created to benefit the local boroughs.

# Ashton Gate Stadium Re-development, Bristol

2024

Already in progress, the re-development plans for the Ashton Gate Stadium are set to give the Bristol Flyers basketball team a permanent home. The state-of-the-art facilities will offer visitors hotel accommodation, shopping, and even a residential space.

# Wigan Pier, Greater Manchester

2024

Wigan Pier, located an hour outside of Manchester, is currently undergoing a remarkable transformation breathing new life into the long-vacant 18th Century industrial buildings. The iconic location will be turned into a vibrant waterside destination, featuring a gin distillery, micro-brewery, food hall, events venue, and cultural hub.

#### Britian shines on and off the screen

## Wonka, Bath

13 December 2023

Starring Timothee Chalamet, Hugh Grant, Rowan Atkinson and many more stars, Wonka was filmed in Bath. Visit a few of the location of the film's top locations. The film features: The steps of Parade Gardens, The colonnades by Pulteney Weir, Bath Street and Kingston Parade - the alleyway by Bath Abbey.

## Fool Me Once, Manchester

1 January 2024

Maya (played by Michelle Keegan) knows that her husband is dead – but when she instals a nanny-cam in her house, she's shocked to see him alive and well. So begins *Fool Me Once*, which was filmed in Manchester: a new release for Netflix. It's based on bestselling author Harlan Coben's book of the same name, with an all-star cast that includes Richard Armitage and Joanna Lumley. Want to see more of Manchester's starring locations? The Locationist is the city's only dedicated filming tour company, revealing the places that appeared in the likes of *Captain America*, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, *Peaky Blinders* – and many more.

**Sexy Beast**, Liverpool

25 January 2024



Filmed in Liverpool but set in the 1990s London, the prequel series explores the complicated relationship between best friends and literal partners in crime, Gal and Don as they descend into the chaotic London criminal world.

## Masters of the Air, East of England

26 January 2024

Produced by Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks and Gary Goetzman, this nine-episode drama will bring to life the bravery and valour of the US Eighth Air Force during the Second World War. It was shot in Oxfordshire in late 2021, but is set entirely in the East of England, where the airmen were stationed. They not only played a pivotal role in the war, but also the cultural landscape of England – introducing the locals to swing, jazz and a dizzying array of American joys. Stars include Golden Globe winner Austin Butler (*Elvis*), Callum Turner (*Fantastic Beasts*), Ncuti Gatwa (*Barbie*) and Jude Law's son Raff in his first major role. It will premiere with two episodes on January 26, followed by a new episode every Friday until March 15.

# Argylle, London

2 February 2024

Filmed around London and parts of Hertfordshire, the action comedy tells the story of Elly, a spy novelist, who finds herself entangled in real-life espionage when the events in her books begin to align with a dangerous underground group's activities. Elly and her cat Alfie get caught up in a world where it's hard to trust anyone. Visit a few of the film's most prominent locations such as, Albert Memorial at Kensington Gardens, The Savoy Hotel and Thames River in London, and Bovingdon in Hertfordshire.

# Wicked Little Letters, Sussex

23 February 2024

Starring stalwarts such as Olivia Coleman and Timothy Spall and with filming locations including Littlehampton, Worthing and Arundel in Sussex and at a former prison in Shepton Mallet in Somerset, Wicked Little Letters puts the spotlight on 1920's England. Based on a true story set in an English seaside town in the 1920s, locals begin to receive scandalous and rude letters. An Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime but once a group of local women start to investigate the case, they realise that facts do not add up.

#### **Cottontail. The Lake District**

1 March 2024

Cottontail is a universal tale of love, loss and acceptance. A Japanese widower travels with his estranged son to England to fulfil his late wife's last wish to scatter her ashes in the Lake District. Filming locations included Windermere and Tarn Hows in the Lake District as well as London.

## **Back to Black, London**

12 April 2024

The movie tells the story of Amy Winehouse's life and career, how she became a Grammy-winning music icon and her long battle with drugs and alcohol which lead to her young death. Filming locations include Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in Soho, Camden Town (outside Winehouse's first flat), Primrose Hill, Fitzroy Square, and the London Zoo.

#### **Bridgerton Season 3. Bath**

Part One: 16 May 2024 Part Two: 13 June 2024

Season 3 of this hit series will break rank with the order of the novels to focus instead on the fourth Bridgerton book, *Romancing Mister Bridgerton*. The story focuses on the romance between Penelope and Colin, who have been on our screens throughout the first two seasons. Expect Bath's beautiful architecture and historic locations to feature once again.

## Star Wars: Andor, Season two, London

August 2024



Coming to Disney+, this season explores a new perspective from the Star Wars galaxy focusing on Cassian Andor and his path to becoming a hero for the rebels when he joins the fight against the Empire. The series was shot in Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire, Cleveleys in Lancashire, Winspit Quarry in Dorset and Canary Wharf in London amongst others.

# Paddington in Peru, London

8 November 2024

See old and new faces as beloved Paddington bear returns for the third film in the much-loved franchise. The film follows Paddington and the Brown family as a mystery sends them on an adventure through the Amazonian rainforest and the mountains of Peru but expect some London scenes. For fans of all things Paddington, watch this space for the opening of the immersive Paddington Bear Experience on London's Southbank (opening date TBC).

## Wicked, Part 1, Buckinghamshire

27 November 2024

Adapted from the Broadway and West End hit musical, Wicked tells the story of the Wizard of Oz's, Wicked Witch of the West. Starring Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo, follow the untold stories of the Wicked Witch and her friend Glinda the Good Witch. The film was shot in locations including Sky Studios in Hertfordshire, London and Ivinghoe in Buckinghamshire.

## **The Salt Path, Cornwall**

2024

Raynor Winn's inspiring memoir will be on screens in 2024. The bestselling book spent an impressive 85 weeks on the London Sunday Times book chart. The story depicts the journey of a couple walking the South West Coast Path after losing their home and facing a terminal illness diagnosis. Filming along the Cornish coast started in summer 2023.

## Peaky Blinders movie, Birmingham

Late 2024/2025

Expected to be in cinemas in 2024, the production of the new Peaky Blinders movie is scheduled to start in Digbeth in Birmingham, on location and in the studio in autumn 2023. The film will be set during the second World War and tell the stories of the new generation of the family from series six.

#### Big anniversaries

# 200th anniversary of the opening of the first Cadbury shop, Birmingham

The success story of the famous British chocolate producer Cadbury started in 1824. In that year, the founder, John Cadbury, opened his first shop at 93 Bull Street in Birmingham. Besides cocoa, he also sold drinking chocolate to his customers. Visit <u>Cadbury World</u> to learn more about the history of the brand and how their delicious chocolate is made.

# 200th anniversary of the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London

From 10 May 2024

One of London's premier art institutions, the National Gallery will celebrate its 200th birthday by loaning a few of its key pieces to 12 venues throughout the UK, so that more than half the UK population will be within an hour's journey of a National Gallery painting. The exhibitions will include pieces by Rembrandt, John Constable, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Sandro Botticelli – at locations such as Cambridge's Fitzwilliam Museum, Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery and Brighton Museum and Art Gallery. Admission will be free.

# 150th anniversary of <u>Aston Villa Football Club</u>, Birmingham

Four members of the Male Adult Bible class at the Aston Villa Wesleyan Chapel were looking for a suitable winter sport activity in 1874. They first considered rugby but came to the conclusion that it was too physical and choose football instead. This decision led to the creation of Aston Villa



Football Club. Little did they know that the club would become one of the greatest football clubs in the world.

## 125th anniversary of <u>Birmingham Hippodrome</u>, Birmingham

Birmingham Hippodrome organises and hosts memorable theatrical performances, arts and culture in the city. Their vision is to be the centre stage of Birmingham's world-class cultural scene by telling fresh and engaging stories reflecting the youth and diversity of the city and region. The non-profit cultural charity focuses on access, diversity and inclusion. Two of the big shows for next year are <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhepsilon.com/">The Sleeping Beauty</a> (21 February – 2 March 2024) and <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhepsilon.com/">Hamilton</a> (25 June – 31 August 2024).

# **100th anniversary of the Gold Cup at Cheltenham Festival**, Cheltenham 15 March 2024

The Gold Cup Centenary celebrates Cheltenham Festival's greatest racehorses and heroes. To celebrate its 100th anniversary, the festival will organise events to re-tell the greatest stories and engage with existing fans as well as attract new ones. Next year's Gold Cup Day will be an event not to miss for horse racing fans. Featuring a parade of Champions, it promises to be an unforgettable celebration.

# 75th anniversary of the <u>Cheltenham Literature Festival</u>, Cheltenham October 2024

The world's first and longest-running literature festival is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Cheltenham Literature Festival champions the written and spoken word by showcasing emerging voices in fiction and poetry alongside literary legends and prominent speakers. The 10-day program offers a diverse range of ticketed events, free family activities, and fringe events within the regency town.

# 50th Anniversary of Caribbean Carnival, Preston

Spring 2024

The long running cultural celebration Caribbean Carnival are planning their biggest event yet. All about positivity, the event is open to everyone. Attracting thousands of visitors each year, the city comes to life during this time of the year celebrating Caribbean music, dancing, cuisine and much more.

# **30th anniversary of the Spice Girls**, Nationwide *March* 2024

In March 1994 an ad was put in the weekly newspaper asking, "are you street smart, extrovert, ambitious and able to sing and dance?" and thus the Spice Girls were born. The iconic English girl group achieved worldwide commercial success, topping the charts in 31 countries in 1996 with their debut single *Wannabe*. Expect Spice Girls-themed anniversary celebrations across England in 2024, including in Liverpool where the British Music Experience is hosting a temporary exhibition from 7th February to 8th September 2024 unveiling how they became one of the most successful girl groups of all time.

## Beyond 2024

# The Arc Bristol, Bristol

Spring 2025

See the city and the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge from 70m above the harbourside in a state-of-the-art, solar-powered glass viewing pod on an arc. Visitors will be gently lifted skyward in the elegant glass cabin during an immersive experience.

# Orkney 2025 Island Games, Orkney

12 - 18 July 2025

Every two years, thousands of athletes from around 24 island nations across the world compete in 13 sports in the NatWest Island Games. The games give islanders a



chance to represent their community and compete at an international level. In 2025, it's the Orkney Island's turn to host the isle-based competitors.

## Manchester Town Hall, Manchester

2025

Manchester's magnificent 19th century Town Hall is set to re-open its doors to the public in 2024, after a comprehensive restoration effort aimed at preserving it for generations to come. The Town Hall will feature a new education exhibition about the building's rich history. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore previously unseen areas, such as the Victorian police cells, courtyard, and clock tower on new guided tours.

# Paddington on stage, London

2025

McFly's Tom Fletcher is set to compose the music and lyrics for a new Paddington stage musical, adapted from Michael Bond's beloved books and film series. Currently in development through workshops, the musical is scheduled to debut in the UK in 2025. Fletcher, known for his success with McFly and children's books, brings his musical talents to capture the magic of Paddington's adventures and mishaps with the Brown family.

# **Therme Manchester, Manchester**

2025

Therme Manchester will be the first city-based wellness resort in Britain when it opens in 2025. The resort will be located right next to the iconic shopping destination, The Trafford Centre. Visitors can expect 25 pools, 30 water slides, a roof terrace, an indoor beach with swim-up bars and an English meadow-inspired garden. Therme will be the ultimate haven for relaxation with dedicated adults-only and family friendly zones.

## Waldorf Astoria London Admiralty Arch, London

2025

The iconic Admiralty Arch is being transformed into a five-star-plus luxury hotel, private members' club and serviced residences. The views from the 100 rooms and suites are guaranteed to be some of the city's best. There will be a state-of-the-art spa and several bars, while a restaurant spanning the first bridging floor will open the building to the public for the first time.

#### Cotswolds Designer Outlet, Cotswolds

2025

The first phase of the new designer outlet is planned to open in Spring 2024. More than 90 fashion and lifestyle brands will be presented at the retail destination. The architecture of the buildings has been inspired by the picturesque Cotswold's region, and the outlet will be more than just a shopping centre. It will also be home to a village, including plenty of bars and restaurants, along with a full calendar of events including street food festivals, art exhibitions and music events.

## Modern Surf, Manchester

2025

Modern Surf, a cutting-edge outdoor surfing pool, is currently under development and will complement Trafford City's growing leisure offerings. Catering to surfers of all levels, from beginners to professionals, visitors can practice and enhance their surfing skills. Additionally, the facility will feature a fitness zone, bouldering and halfpipe area, and a lively bar and restaurant space.

# **The Sage**, Newcastle Gateshead

2025

Sitting on the banks of the Tyne, The Sage is set to be the most sought-after venue for international meetings, conferences and events. The 12,500-capacity, state-of-the-art arena will have a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces, restaurants and two adjoining hotels. This development will feature public green spaces, an outdoor performance square, and a range of bars and restaurants to suit all.



## **V&A East Storehouse, London**

2025

Visit the V&A museum for a chance to get exclusive access to thousands of artefacts ahead of the 2025 V&A East opening. Visitors will be taken on an immersive journey through intricate displays, galleries and experience state-of-the-art storage techniques that allow for optimum exposure of each exhibit.

## Museum of Shakespeare, London

2025

'The Museum of Shakespeare,' is set to open in early spring 2025. The theatre is being built on what is still left of the Curtain Playhouse, an ancient theatre in Shoreditch that was first rediscovered in 2011. The immersive museum, created by Bompas & Parr in collaboration with Cain International, Museum of London Archaeology and Historic England, will be part of The Stage, a new public space with offices, housing, leisure areas and a roof terrace.

## **Eden Project Morecambe, Morecambe**

Late 2026

A major new attraction expected to open in 2025 is the Eden Project Morecambe, delivered by the team behind the first Eden Project in Cornwall. The site will use the seaside resort to create a connection with the natural world, with a focus on education, ecology and community. The vision is to offer visitors a day out with a mix of entertainment and education driving positive behavioural change while creating lasting memories.

## **Bristol YTL Arena, Bristol**

Late 2025/ Early 2026

Plans to repurpose the Brabazon Hangars, the birthplace of the Brabazon aircraft and supersonic Concorde, into the UK's third largest arena have been approved. The new arena will be a year-round entertainment destination putting Bristol on a global stage for live music. Their vision is to create Europe's most sustainable arena and to be carbon neutral from day one.

# **SWG3 Hotel**, Glasgow

Late 2026

SWG3 has revealed their plans to bring a 'hotel for music lovers' to the west end of Glasgow. The multi-purpose hotel will offer 139 bedrooms and be home to a couple of restaurants and bars, coworking spaces, leisure facilities and a rooftop terrace overlooking the city. Their aim is to deliver a hotel like no other that provides an inviting place for creative minds to feel at home.

## **PEAK**, Peak District

Winter 2026

A major new activities resort is to be developed on 300 acres of reclaimed land in Chesterfield, on the edge of the Peak District National Park. PEAK will feature a 2,000-bed hotel, 250 holiday lodges, indoor activities and a wellness centre. The PEAK express, a zero-carbon transport network, will connect it to the National Park and wider region.

