

2022 festival & events

PARKRUN: FORD PARK
Every Saturday at 9am.
Ford Park | ford-park.org.uk

HOAD HILL HARRIERS
Programme of road and fell races throughout the year.
hoadhillharrisers.co.uk

17 March
ULVERSTON ECO FAIR
Free sustainability event with many exhibitors. From hybrid cars to free tree and seed packets.
The Coro | ulverstoncouncil.org.uk

16 April
THE CORO EASTER MARKET
Everything from locally sourced food & drinks to ethically produced arts & crafts at this bumper Easter Market.
The Coro | thecoro.co.uk

18 April
EASTER FUN DAY
Family crafts & traditional games. From 11am to 3pm.
Ford Park | ford-park.org.uk

23 April
ST GEORGE'S PAGEANT
A celebration of St George and the Dragon in the town centre throughout the day.
Town Centre | chooseulverston.co.uk

23 April - 2 May
ULVERSTON WALKFEST
Guided walks to suit all ages and abilities, led by qualified or highly experienced leaders.
ulverstonwalkfest.co.uk

28 April - 1 May
PRINTFEST
The UK's foremost artist-led print making festival, offering the chance to view, purchase art works and meet the artists.
The Coro | printfest.uk



21 May - 5 June
FLAG FORTNIGHT
Decorative flags fly from the shops in town to welcome Spring.
Town Centre | chooseulverston.co.uk

1-8 June
ULVERSTON INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
Annual celebration of music, from classical to Jazz. Featuring English Touring Opera performing La bohème, Brighouse & Rastrick Band and much more.
The Coro & venues around town | ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk

2-4 June
JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
Platinum Jubilee Beacon will be lit on Hoad Hill at 9.45pm on 2 June. On 4 June from 10am there will be events in the town including live music, a fun fair and face painting.
Town Centre | ulverstoncouncil.org.uk

4 June
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
Actually on the 5th but we will have a stall, litter pickers, the smoothie bike, plus a plant give-away.
Town Centre | ulverstoncouncil.org.uk

10-12 June
RETRO RENDEZVOUS
The South Lakes Vintage Festival from Vintage Village Hall, Ulverston Live Music and Sportive Lakes. Vintage music, dance, style, food, drink, cycling and more.
Ford Park | retrorendezvous.co.uk

10-12 June
VELO RETRO
Three retro cycle rides around fabulous countryside, all in one weekend! Including the Mighty Corinthian.
veloretro.co.uk

16-19 June
ANOTHER FINE FEST
A festival of music, comedy, street theatre and art, in celebration of Ulverston and Stan Laurel.
Town Centre | anotherfinefest.co.uk

25-26 June
ULVERSTON OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND
Organised by Ulverston in Bloom, this is the chance to get more than a glimpse of some wonderful private gardens.
IncredibleEdibleUlverstoninBloom

2 July
ULVERSTON CARNIVAL GALA
Entertainment for all the family in Ford Park, from 11am to 5pm.
Ford Park | chooseulverston.co.uk

8-10 July
FURNESS TRADITION FESTIVAL
Now in its 22nd year, this is a weekend of some of the finest traditional contemporary folk.
Town Centre | furnesstradition.org.uk

22 July
SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK
The Festival Players Theatre company presents 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' in Ford Park.
Ford Park | ford-park.org.uk



27 July
ULVERSTON & NORTH LONSDALE SHOW
A great day out in the countryside calendar for all the family.
ulverstonandnorthlonsdaleshow.com

29 July - 13 Aug
SUMMER BUDDHIST FESTIVAL
Annual International Festival of Modern Buddhism. Everyone welcome, please book online.
Conishead Priory | kadampafestivals.org/summer

29 August - 3 Sep.
ULVERSTON BEER FESTIVAL
Sample over a 100 real ales and ciders including many local brews. Entry is free to CAMRA members.
Coronation Hall | furness.camra.org.uk

10 September
ULVERSTON CHARTER FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
Annual celebration packed with events to celebrate granting of the Town's market charter in 1280.
Town Centre | ulverstoncouncil.org.uk

17 September
ULVERSTON LANTERN FESTIVAL
One of Europe's biggest lantern festivals where a spectacular river of light surges through the town.
Town Centre | ulverstonlanternfestival.org

17-18 September
CUMBRIA WAY ULTRA TRAIL RACE
73 mile race passing through the varied terrain of the Lake District.
pureoutdoorsevents.co.uk

1 October
APPLE DAY & FAMILY ACTIVITIES
An extravaganza of all things apple: pressing, tasting, children's games, competitions & activities, plus local food producers and crafts.
Ford Park | ford-park.org.uk

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31 October
HALLOWEEN CANDLELIT WALK
Through Gill Banks Woods. This event is tickets only, please book in advance.
Gill Banks Wood | candlelitwalk

26-27 November
DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Probably the best Dickensian Christmas market in the country. Christmas lights switch-on, lots of fabulous shops, cosy pubs & cafés. Fun for all the family.
Town Centre | dickensianfestival.co.uk



3 December
CAROLS AT THE CORO
An enjoyable Christmas event for all the family.
The Coro | thecoro.co.uk

17 Dec
THE CORO CHRISTMAS MARKET
Browse stalls from a variety of local and ethical producers and find those last-minute Christmas gifts.
The Coro | thecoro.co.uk

Visit
chooseulverston.co.uk for an up to date list of events
thecoro.co.uk for great live performances
nm-cinemas.co.uk for movie screenings

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Theatre • Music • Comedy • Community • Talks • Dance
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LAUREL AND HARDY MUSEUM
Follow Stan's journey from his birth in Ulverston to Hollywood as one half of the world's best loved comedy duo. Featuring Laurel and Hardy movies on the big screen all day long and one of the largest collections of memorabilia in the world.
Open 7 days a week from 10am - 5pm all year round. Please check our website for Christmas opening times.
LAUREL AND HARDY MUSEUM
The Roxy Brogden Street Ulverston LA12 7AH
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www.laurel-and-hardy.co.uk

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• New inclusive playground
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• Gateway to Sir John Barrow Monument
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Ford Park, Ulverston, LA12 7JP 01229 580666 ford-park.org.uk

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Breathtaking views over Morecambe Bay & the Lake District Fells
Monument open to the public on Sundays & Bank Holiday Weekends from 1pm to 5pm (Easter to the end of October), when the flag on the hill is flying. Access via several footpaths in Ulverston.
SIR JOHN BARROW MONUMENT

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Welcome to ULVERSTON

Our fascinating South Lakeland town is just a few miles from the shores of Lake Windermere. Colourful festivals combined with an assortment of independent shops, cosy pubs, traditional markets, cultural events, historic town trails and a warm welcome, all add up to a unique visitor experience.

Where to shop
In 1280, Edward I granted Ulverston a charter to hold "a market on Thursday each week and every year a fair lasting three days". This tradition still holds and each Thursday, on the cobbled streets of Market Place and New Market Street, you can find a number of quality market stalls. In addition to this, Ulverston has an abundance of varied specialist shops and an indoor **Market Hall** 1 (closed Wed & Sun) offering flowers, artisan breads & cakes, fruit & vegetables, local farm produce, gifts, handicrafts, antiques, clothing and much much more, providing visitors with an exceptional shopping experience. Please note that Wednesday is half-day closing.

Log into the FREE town Wifi which will automatically direct you to chooseulverston.co.uk, Ulverston's official website. Download the LoyalFree app for bargains and discounts from local businesses.

Where to eat
Hungry? Choose one of Ulverston's numerous town centre eateries. You can relax and enjoy anything from morning coffee, substantial pub lunch, homemade cakes and award winning tea. Vegetarian and vegan diets are well catered for, as is the taste for fine food from around the world. Ulverston has a wide selection of pubs and wine bars; craft beer lovers are also well catered for. Ulverston has several breweries, including Ulverston Brewing Company and Stringers Beers.

What to see
Ulverston is an historic town with a story to tell. In the 18th Century it was a manufacturing town of some importance, the fast flowing Gill Beck providing power for mills making cotton, paper and candles as well as supplying water for the many leather tanneries dotted about the town. The link to craftsmanship still exists today with **Cumbria Crystal** 2, the UK's last fully working luxury crystal factory, where you can watch the blowing & cutting of exquisite crystal glassware.

By the 19th Century, Ulverston was a busy commercial port with a thriving ship building industry, exporting cotton cloth, slate, iron ore, limestone & leather to all corners of the world. The **Ulverston Canal** is a legacy of that industry. It's the shortest canal in England at 1 1/4 miles (2km) and also the deepest and widest (on average 20m). Opened in 1796, it allowed vessels to sail directly into the open waters of the Leven Estuary carrying local cargo. There is an easy and accessible walk down the towpath from **Canal Head** 3 (near Booths) to **Canal Foot** 4 (by the Bay Horse). This freshwater canal, is a haven for wildlife. ulverstoncrg.co.uk

Today Ulverston has evolved to become an advanced manufacturing centre for the technology industry with many world renowned innovators in LED solutions and hi-tech underwater applications.

Back in the town centre, it's worth spending a moment or two at the **War Memorial** 5, before heading on to **St Mary's Church** 6. This parish church with the unforgettable founding date of 1111 AD, is a great example of workmanship through the ages. It was rebuilt in Victorian times, but the Tudor tower at the west end and a Norman arch over the inner door still exists. For a more recent example of craftsmanship, head over to the Gill for the stunning **Cumbria Way Marker** sculpture 7. This is the start of the Cumbria Way, a 70 mile (112km) walk that runs through the central Lakes and finishes in Carlisle.

Ulverston celebrates a number of prominent former residents. The unmissable memorial on the top of Hoad Hill is the **Sir John Barrow Monument** 8. The tower was modelled on an earlier version of the Eddystone Lighthouse and built in 1850 in honour of Sir John Barrow, naval explorer and Secretary to the Admiralty. The uphill climb is well rewarded by breath-taking views over Morecambe Bay and the Lake District Fells. Access is via several footpaths from Ulverston town centre and is open to the public on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 1pm to 5pm, Easter to the end of October, when the flag on the hill is flying. The 'grade II listed' **Sir John Barrow Cottage** 9, where Sir John was born in 1764, is open Friday 11am - 4pm & Sunday 1pm - 5pm until the end of October.

Within walking distance from the town centre, **Swarthmoor Hall** 10 (an Elizabethan manor house), became the centre of the developing Quaker movement when its founder George Fox made the Hall his base from 1652 to 1654. At this time, the Hall belonged to Judge Thomas Fell and his wife Margaret who after his death in 1658 went on to marry George Fox in 1669. Under the protective influence of

the judge, the building became the administrative headquarters for the growth of Quakerism. **The Hall will be closed to visitors in 2022 for renovations. For more information visit swarthmoorhall.co.uk**

The town's most famous son is legendary comedian **Stan Laurel**, who was born in Argyle Street 11 in 1890 and later christened Arthur Stanley Jefferson in Ulverston Parish Church. A bronze statue 12 immortalising the comedy genius of Laurel and Hardy stands at the front of the Coronation Hall, commissioned and paid for by The Sons of the Desert, the International Appreciation Society for Laurel and Hardy and presented as a gift to the town in 2009.

Entertainment
One of the principal buildings in town is the **Coronation Hall** 13. It stands on the site of the once famous County Hotel, which burned down in 1911. Affectionately known as 'The Coro', it was built to commemorate the coronation of King George V and was completed during the First World War. Today, it offers a diverse programme of entertainment - from popular music and local amateur dramatics to world class touring ballet and opera companies. thecoro.co.uk

Behind the Coro is the **Roxy** 14, a traditional Art Deco cinema showing current releases, classics and art house movies. ulverston.nm-cinemas.co.uk

On the ground floor of the Roxy building is the **Laurel and Hardy Museum** 15. It's a treasure trove of memorabilia including letters, photographs, personal items and furniture which once belonged to Stan Laurel. Classic Laurel & Hardy films are shown all day in the cinema. laurel-and-hardy.co.uk

Ulverston also boasts a **Leisure Centre** 16 offering a 25m swimming pool, gym facility, Cumbria's largest tennis centre and more. better.org.uk

Exploring the outskirts
In addition to being surrounded by countryside, there is lots of greenery to be found close to town centre. Gill Banks for instance, offers a leafy stroll beside fast running water and **Ford Park** 17, a couple of minutes walk from the town centre, is a community run park with restaurant, walled kitchen garden, adventure playground, trails, and a programme of cultural events and family activities. It also hosts a Park Run every Saturday and offers access to the Hoad Hill. ford-park.org.uk

Also worth a diversion from the town centre is **Conishead Priory** 18. Home to one of the largest Buddhist communities in Europe, the Buddhist temple and historic mansion are set in 70 acres of

woodlands and parkland right next to Morecambe Bay. manjushri.org

If you are feeling a bit more adventurous, head for **Birkrigg Common** 19. You can reach it on foot from the town centre, but you may wish you brought your car on the way back! Its bracken-covered and sheep-grazed limestone upland, is home to the remains of ancient settlements, tumuli and a double stone circle known as the Druid's Temple, and testify to the occupation of Neolithic and Bronze Age peoples in this area. You are also rewarded with panoramic views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake District Fells.

Free Guided Walks
There are a series of free, guided walking leaflets, to help visitors explore not just the history of the town but also the wonderful countryside and historic landmarks on the outskirts. They are available from Booths supermarket, the Market Hall and from a number of retailers, cafes and pubs around town.

To learn more of Ulverston's absorbing history, pick up a copy of 'Stan's Ulverston Town Trail' and experience the town as Ulverston's most famous son, Stan Laurel would have known it.

Or explore further afield with 'Six gentle walks around Ulverston' each starting from the Coronation Hall and encompassing sites such as Swarthmoor Hall and Ford Park.

For the more energetic, 'A tour of Ulverston from coast to hills' is the leaflet for you. Walkers choosing the Hoad Hill route to the Sir John Barrow Monument will be astounded by the breath-taking views from the top or if you prefer a stroll more on the level, then saunter along Ulverston Canal to the Bay Horse for a leisurely lunch or well earned coffee break.

Alternatively you can simply wander the town's streets which still retain many fine Georgian and Victorian buildings, and seek out the blue plaques telling their history.

The chooseulverston.co.uk website and the 'LoyalFree' app also offer a number of trails which take you around the quirky, cobbled streets and ginnels of the town, helping you discover dog friendly shops and eateries, as well as child orientated activities. New is the 'augmented reality' trail, allowing you to view on the spot historic views of the town.

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- Railway Line

RAIL JOURNEY TIMES TO ULVERSTON FROM

- LANCASTER 37mins
- PRESTON 53mins
- BOLTON 80mins
- MANCHESTER 100mins

How to find us

BY ROAD Leave M6 J 36 and follow the signs for A590 Barrow & Ulverston.

BY BUS For timetables and fare enquiries telephone **0871 200 22 33**

BY RAIL The Furness Line, north from Lancashire or south from Carlisle is a scenic coastal journey, calling at Ulverston. Services from Manchester Airport to Barrow-in-Furness also call at Ulverston.

For details of all public transport in Cumbria contact Travel Line on **0871 200 22 33** or www.traveline.info Calls to Traveline from BT landlines cost 10p plus network extras. Costs of other providers may vary.

FURTHER INFORMATION For enquiries about transport, booking accommodation or events, please go to www.chooseulverston.co.uk

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