

Major Events in Cheshire, North Wales, Warrington and Wirral in 2026

January

1st January 2026

New Year's Day Bank Holiday

To 4th January 2026

Christmas Tree Festival

Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh Street, Chester

Over 50 Christmas trees will sparkle and shimmer throughout the Cathedral.

<https://chestercathedral.com/>

24th January 2026

Holly Holy Day

Nantwich

Spectacular 'Sealed Knot' re-enactment of the 1644 Civil War Battle of Nantwich – 50th Anniversary.

<https://www.battleofnantwich.org/>

February

Feb-Oct

Warrington Wolves

Engage Super League XVI

<https://warringtonwolves.com>

Feb-March

Snowdrop Walks

Rode Hall & Gardens, Congleton

Discover over 40 varieties of snowdrops.

<https://www.rodehall.co.uk>

6th February 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

7th-8th February 2026

Cheshire Crime Writers Festival
Frodsham

<https://thecuriouscatbookshop.co.uk/>

10th-17th February 2026

Storyhouse Queer 2026

Storyhouse, Hunter Street

A bold, joyful and community-powered celebration of LGBTQIA+ stories, creativity and connection, created with local communities in partnership with Chester Pride.

<https://www.storyhouse.com/seasons/storyhouse-queer/>

16th-22nd February 2026

Various locations

Chester Restaurant Week

<https://walkingfoodtoursuk.co.uk/chester-restaurant-week-2026/>

21st February 2026, 11.00am (provisional)

Chinese New Year Celebrations – Year of The Fire Horse
Eastgate Street & Storyhouse

25th February 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

March

March-October

Motor Racing

Oulton Park, near Tarporley

<https://www.oultontpark.co.uk/calendar>

17th February 2026

Shrove Tuesday – National Pancake Day

20th-22nd February 2026

The Cheshire Decorative, Antiques and Fine Art Fair
Chester Racecourse

<http://www.cooperevents.com>

13th-22nd March 2026

Chester International Film Festival
Storyhouse

<https://www.chesterfilmsociety.co.uk>

21st March 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

31st March 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

April

2nd- 6th April 2026

Nantwich Jazz, Blues and Music Festival

<https://www.nantwichjazz.com>

3rd April 2026

Good Friday Bank Holiday

3rd-5th April 2026

Cheshire & North Wales

Food and Drink Festival

Chester Racecourse,

<https://www.cnwfoodanddrinkfestival.com/>

6th April 2026

Easter Monday Bank Holiday

18th April 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

25th-26th April 2026

Sandbach Transport Festival

<https://www.sandbachtransportfestival.com/>

End April-late May
Bluebell Festival
Capesthorne Hall
Explore the six-acre Woodland Walk.
<https://www.capesthorne.com/>

April & May

Bluebell Festival
Cheshire's Gardens of Distinction -
Bluebell Cottage Gardens,
Capesthorne Hall, Norton
Priory Museum & Gardens,
Adlington Hall, Quarry Bank
Mill, Arley Hall and Gardens
<https://www.visitcheshire.com/things-to-do/things-to-do-in-cheshire/gardens/glorious-gardens>

May

2nd-4th May 2026
Victorian Extravaganza Llandudno
https://www.facebook.com/victorian.extravaganza/?locale=en_GB

4th May 2026
Early May Bank Holiday

6th-8th May 2026
Chester Races
Chester Racecourse, Chester
<https://www.chester-races.com/>

16th May 2026
Bangor on Dee races
<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

17th May 2026
Essar Chester Half Marathon
Chester Racecourse

<https://www.activeleisureevents.co.uk/half-marathon/route>

12th May-14th June 2026

Chester Literature Festival

Storyhouse

<https://www.storyhouse.com/chester-literature-festival>

23rd May 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

22nd-25th May 2026

Chester Folk Festival

Kelsall, Nr Chester

Concerts, ceilidhs, workshops,
sing-arounds, sessions, displays, craft fair,
family events & children's entertainment.

<https://www.chesterfolk.org.uk/>

25th May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday

30th May 2026

Chester Races Roman Day

Chester Racecourse, Chester

<https://www.chester-races.com/>

June

June-August

Chester Town Crier public
proclamations

The High Cross, Chester

12 noon Tues-Sat, June-August (11am on race days)

<https://chestertowncriers.com/chester-cross-proclamation/>

12th-13th June 2026

Chester Races

Chester Racecourse, Chester

<https://www.chester-races.com/>

16th-17th June 2026

Royal Cheshire County Show

Tabley, Knutsford

Large equestrian section, farm livestock classes, dog shows, flowers, a superb food hall, cheese, crafts, shoppers mews and country pursuits.

<https://www.royalcheshireshow.org/>

17th June 2026, 17.00

Forest Live: The Kooks

Delamere Forest

0300 068 0400

<https://www.forestlive.com/delamereforest>

18th June 2026, 19.00

Forest Live: Skunk Anansie & Garbage

Delamere Forest

0300 068 0400

<https://www.forestlive.com/delamereforest>

19th-20th June 2025 (tbc)

Midsummer Watch Parade

Chester City Centre

A colourful re-enactment of a traditional medieval celebration marking the summer solstice featuring a colourful cavalcade of characters including the Festival of Giants.

<http://www.midsummerwatch.co.uk/>

19th June 2026, 19.00

Forest Live: UB40 featuring Ali Campbell

Delamere Forest

0300 068 0400

<https://www.forestlive.com/delamereforest>

19th June 2026

Could Be Real Tribute Festival

Walton Hall, Warrington

<https://waltonhallgardens.co.uk/events/could-be-real/>

20th June 2026, 19.00

Forest Live: Fatboy Slim

Delamere Forest

0300 068 0400

<https://www.forestlive.com/delamereforest>

21st June 2026, 19.00

Forest Live: McFly

Delamere Forest

0300 068 0400

<https://www.forestlive.com/delamereforest>

20th-21st June 2026

Kelsall Steam and Vintage Rally

Ashton, Nr. Chester, CH3 8BH

One of the largest displays of commercial vehicles in the country including classic, vintage and modern trucks.

<https://www.kelsallsteamrally.co.uk>

20th June 2026

Daresbury Festival

A boutique festival of House, Disco and Happiness

<https://waltonhallgardens.co.uk/events/>

26th June 2026 (eve)

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

27th June 2026

Chester Races

Chester Racecourse, Chester

<https://www.chester-races.com/>

July

July-August

Open Air Theatre

Gawsworth Hall, near Macclesfield

Outdoor entertainment takes centre stage in the grounds of the stately home featuring the best from the world of comedy and music.

<https://gawsworthhall.com/events/>

2nd-5th July 2026

The Britfest Cheshire 2026

Ashley Hall, Altrincham

ABC, Holly Johnson, Happy Mondays, Wet Wet Wet, Jason Donovan, Eternal, Peter Hook & The Light, Cast and many more artistes! Plus: Special Thursday Night Show- Symphonic Ibiza

www.thebritfest.co.uk

4th July-31st August 2025

Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre

4th July-31st August: Pride & Prejudice

18th July-31st August: The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

www.storyhouse.com

7th-12th July 2026

Llangollen International Eisteddfod

Llangollen, North Wales

Featuring dancers, musicians and choirs

from across the world in friendly

competition plus concerts by well-known artistes.

<https://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/>:

24th June; Rick Astley

25th June: Pete Tong Ibiza Classics

26th June: David Gray

27th June: Billy Ocean with very special guest, Marty Pellow

28th June: Alex James' Britpop Classical

2nd July: Super Furry Animals

3rd July: Bowling for Soup, Frank Turner & Sleeping Souls

4th July: Deacon Blue

5th July: Tom Grennan

7th July: Uniting Nations: One World

8th July: Global Rhythms: Made in Wales

9th July: Orchestral Qawwali Project

10th July: Emily Sande
11th July: Michael Ball

10th July-25th August 2025

Moonlight Flicks – Outdoor Cinema
Grosvenor Park, Chester and Claremont Farm, Wirral

10th-12th July 2026

The Foodies Festival
Tatton Park

<https://foodiesfestival.com/events/cheshire-2/>

10th-11th July 2026

Chester Races
Ibiza Classics (10th eve)
Music Weekend (11th)
Chester Racecourse, Chester

<https://www.chester-races.com/>

24th-26 July 2026

Together Again Festival with Becky Hill, James Arthur, Ministry of Sound Classical, Jax Jones, Scouting for Girls, The Fratellis, Heather Small and many more!

Bolesworth Castle

<https://www.togetheragainfestival.co.uk>

25th July-30th August 2025

Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre

Alice in Wonderland

www.storyhouse.com

25th July 2026

Chester Races Midsummer Meeting
Chester Racecourse, Chester

<https://www.chester-races.com/>

29th July 2026

Nantwich Show
Reaseheath Old Hall, Nantwich

<https://nantwichshow.org/>

July-August
Open Air Theatre
Gawsworth Hall, near Macclesfield
Outdoor entertainment takes centre stage in the grounds of the stately home featuring the best from the world of comedy and music.
<https://gawsworthhall.com/theatre/>

August

2nd August 2026

Chester Races Family Fun Day
Racecourse, Chester
<https://www.chester-races.com/>

6th-9th August 2026

Devafest - three days of the finest entertainment, fairground rides and the most sumptuous food.
Cholmondeley Castle, Malpas
<https://devafest.co.uk/>

14th August 2026, 4.30pm

Chester Racecourse
Tom Jones and Nile Rogers & Chic
<https://www.chester-races.com/whats-on/tom-jones-nile-rodgers-with-chic/>

15th-16th August 2026

Passion for Power Classic Motor Show
Tatton Park
<https://www.tattonpassionforpower.com/>

22nd August 2026

Chester Races Ladies Day
Chester Racecourse, Chester
<https://www.chester-races.com/>

27th-30th August 2026

Creamfields North – 20th Anniversary Year
Daresbury, Warrington

<https://creamfields.com/>

31st August 2026

Summer Bank Holiday

September

8th September 2026

Bangor on Dee races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

11th-12th September 2026

Chester Races

Chester Racecourse, Chester

<https://www.chester-races.com/>

12th -13th September 2026

Malpas Yesteryear Rally

featuring a host of vintage vehicles and steam engines.
and lots more including historic fairground.

Hampton, Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8JN.

<https://malpas-yesteryear-rally.co.uk/>

19th September 2026

Chester Races

Chester Racecourse, Chester

https://www.chester-races.com

20th September 2026

New Balance

English Half Marathon

Warrington

<https://www.warringtonrunningfestival.com/>

October

11th October 2025

MBNA Chester Marathon

<https://www.activeleisureevents.co.uk/marathon>

16th-18th October 2026

The Cheshire Decorative, Antiques and Fine Art Fair
Chester Racecourse

<http://www.cooperevents.com>

26th-31st October 2026

Halloween Ghost Tours – exploring the haunted heritage of the city
Chester

<https://chesterghosttour.co.uk/>

27th October 2026

Bangor on Dee Races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

November

11th November 2026

Bangor on Dee Races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

19th November 2025, 19.00hrs (tbc)

Christmas Lights Switch-On plus Chester 12 Days of Christmas
Parade

Town Hall

<https://www.visitcheshire.com/chester/christmas>

26th November 2025, 19.00hrs (tbc)

Lantern Parade

Chester Town Hall Square

<https://www.visitcheshire.com/chester/christmas>

28th November 2026

Bangor on Dee Races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

December

3rd December 2026, 19.00 (tbc)

Winter Watch Parade

Chester Town Hall Square

Re-enactment of traditional celebrations
dating from the Middle Ages,
orchestrated by the Lord of Misrule!

<https://www.midsummerwatch.co.uk/winter-watch-parade/>

11th December 2026

Bangor on Dee Races

<https://www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk/>

10th December 2026, 19.00 (tbc)

Winter Watch Parade & Feast of Saturnalia

Re-enactment of traditional celebrations

dating from the Middle Ages,

orchestrated by the Lord of Misrule and Roman Torch-Lit Procession
featuring legionaries in full battle-gear

Chester Town Hall Square

<https://www.midsummerwatch.co.uk/winter-watch-parade/>

25th December 2026

Christmas Day (Friday)

28th December 2026

Boxing Day (Monday)

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