



Enjoy a week of
entertainment at
**Carrickfergus
Museum &
Civic Centre**



Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre

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Opening Times

Monday - Friday:
10am - 4pm

Saturday:
10am - 4pm

Car Parking

Carrickfergus museum
is within easy walking
distance of town centre
car parks. Disabled
parking is adjacent
to the building.



Carrickfergus & District Historical Society

Delivered in partnership with the Carrickfergus
and District Historical Society.

C&DHS promotes understanding of the past through education.
Regular monthly meetings are held in Carrickfergus Town Hall.

In addition to a talks and outings programme, the Society also
undertakes projects related to the heritage of the district. The
Society benefits from a partnership with Carrickfergus Museum
which supports the monthly meetings and other projects.

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📍 Heritage Carrickfergus

Book a workshop: carrickfergushistoricalsociety.org.uk



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Victorian Carrickfergus Week

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Sat 1 - Sat 8 November



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SATURDAY 1

Christmas Tree Workshop

10am - 11.30am | All Ages | £5

Christmas trees became widely popular during the Victorian era thanks to Prince Albert's enthusiasm for decorating the trees at Windsor. And so cemented our tradition of having Christmas trees in our homes every year! Create your own unique Victorian-style mini tree from various recycled materials and embellishments.

Ghost Writer: The Story of East Antrim's Charlotte Riddell, by Dr David Hume

2pm - 3pm | Free

David Hume reveals the life and times of Carrickfergus-born, Charlotte Riddell - the Queen of Ghost Stories.

Micah Meets the Victorians

11am | Ages 1 - 5 | Free

Join us for a special Victorian themed Super Saturdays. Music, craft and storytelling with Tale Time.

FRIDAY 7

NEW EXHIBITION LAUNCH:

Our Town Our Stories

7pm

'Vital Signs' explores the life of Carrickfergus-born Dr Eleanor Sproull, one of the first wave of female doctors, and the experience of health and wellness in Victorian Carrickfergus. Hear from project participants who researched and developed the exhibition as part of a community engagement initiative delivered by Positive Carrickfergus and Carrickfergus Museum, funded by the Department for Foreign Affairs.

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carrickfergushistoricalsociety.org.uk

SATURDAY 8

Victorian Blooms and Felted Treasures

10am - 12pm | Suitable 16+ | £5

In this workshop, learn about Floriography - the 'Language of Flowers', popularised during Victorian times. Discover the history, meanings assigned to individual flowers and how they can send a hidden message. This will be followed by a needle felting workshop. All materials will be provided.

Pinhole Camera Workshop

11.30am - 1pm | All Ages | £5

Make your own pinhole camera using household objects - a beer can, toilet roll or maybe even a Pringles tin! Learn about the principles of light and optics with this fun and educational workshop.

Punch and Judy Show

1pm | Suitable For All Ages | Free

Recapture the magic of Punch & Judy - the worlds most famous Puppets. Enjoy slapstick humour with that lovable rogue Mr Punch, the long suffering Miss Judy and a cast of other colourful characters. Delivered by Carnival Promotions. *Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Victorian Childhood Talk: Ron Bishop

2pm - 3pm | Free

What it was really like to be a child in Victorian times in small-town Ulster? Thanks to Mrs Coe born in Carrickfergus in 1875 we can get an insight into a very different world. Her extraordinary recall of her childhood is captured in her memoirs, published by the Carrickfergus & District Historical Society as, 'Mrs Coe's Carrickfergus'.

The Secret Bookshelf

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Carrickfergus's award winning 'The Secret Bookshelf' joins us with books for all ages.



WEEKDAY

FREE LUNCH TIME TALKS:

12.30pm - 1pm

Monday 3 November

Smoky Old Town: Industry in Victorian Carrickfergus

Tuesday 4 November

Carrickfergus and the Last Crusade: Legacies of the Crimean War

Wednesday 5 November

Slievetrue to the Silver Screen... The Story of Shipbuilding in Carrickfergus

Thursday 6 November

Behind and Beyond The Prison Gates: The History of Carrickfergus Goal and Its Inmates

Friday 7 November

The Victorian Cult of Mourning

