CULLERCOATS FESTIVAL

The Cullercoats Festival was revived successfully in 2024 as a one-day free arts, culture and leisure festival based in and around the coastal village of Cullercoats. It is organised and led by the local community via a steering group, consultation, support from local organisations, arts, culture, heritage and leisure groups, venues and businesses - and a dedicated team of volunteers.



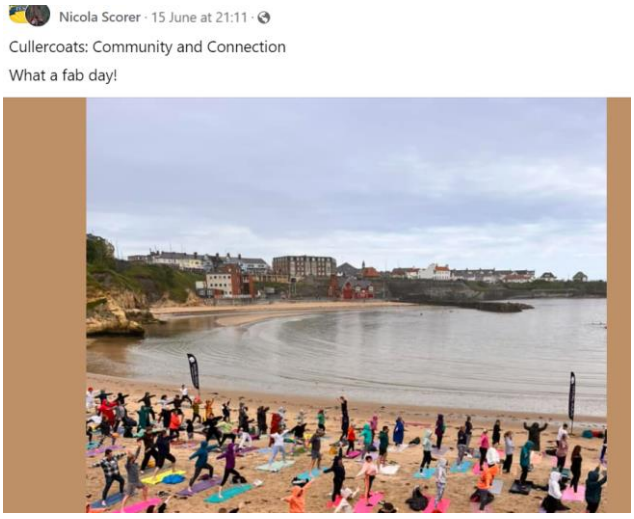


Festival Aims

1. Building new connections and collaborations.
2. Fostering a sense of belonging and pride in the locale.
3. Developing an enhanced sense of community and identity in participants.
4. Showcasing local community groups, leisure activities and local businesses.

AIM for 2025

5. Engaging young people, older people, mums, and marginalised communities in the above.



5400 visitors

45 local businesses engaged





Community Photography Competition





Contact Us

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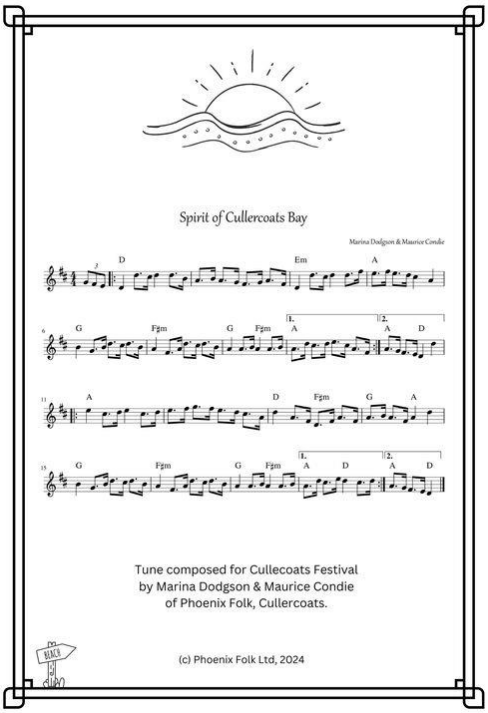
Photo credits: Emma Solomon Photography, Lesley Griffin and Cullercoats Festival Volunteers

Six new artworks created, with community participation









1. The Cullercoats Textile Map
2. The Digital Story Map
3. Graffiti art in the underpass
4. The "Spirit of Cullercoats Bay" tune
5. A circle dance
6. A Festival poem.



The Watch House and the RNLI featured heritage displays and talks.
Dove Marine Laboratory presented marine research and artworks.





Thank you to all our volunteers, supporters, venue partners, sponsors and funders, and everyone who came along on the day!

Music, dance and spoken word













Sport, beach & wellbeing







Participants were offered tasters of paddleboarding, swimming, children's martial arts, children's and adults' yoga 5 or 6 forms of dance taster classes. They were invited to contribute to writing activities and sewing the Textile Map. Community choirs performed and were able to recruit new members. Community charities and support groups had stalls, including Beach Access NE, Harbour, Be Kind No Excuses, and Women's Voices North Tyneside.

Over 100 people doing beach yoga at 8 am.	287 people visited CBK watersports hub.	87 people visited one of the dance venues to try a class.







FEEDBACK









"You all did a fantastic job I have never seen the community together like that for a lot of years."
Passer-by on the seafront

"Cullercoats came alive for the day, well done."
Lady in the library

"We at Creative Space North-East ran the children's craft workshop at the Watch House. It was a real success with over 20 children and their parents joining us. Lots of fun had by all. … A wonderful turn out and a real sense of community in our locality :)"

"I just did a salsa lesson. I've been wanting to do salsa for ages, and I've signed up for their class in Whitley Bay. Thank you for the opportunity."
Cullercoats resident

A great day for us, lots of visitors, positive comments, sales and new recruits."
Bay Artists group, Cullercoats

Into the future

We are keen to celebrate our context within North Tyneside in 2025, and the future, by reaching out to our neighbours. To fulfil this ambition the Festival has become a series of linked events throughout the year and will culminate in a free celebration day with arts, culture, heritage, leisure and sport. In 2025 it will be Saturday 14th June.

Ideas and plans are being developed in consultation with a steering and advisory group comprising businesses, groups and individuals from across North Tyneside and participants from the first Festival. We plan this year to make opportunities available to folk beyond Cullercoats.

2024 Programme

Funded by UK Government

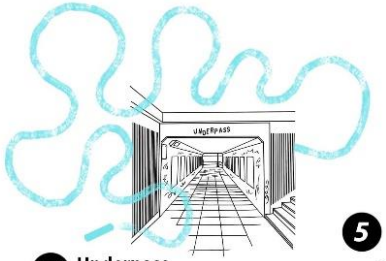
EVENTS FREE UNLESS MARKED *
FOR UP TO DATE DETAILS & BOOKINGS VISIT
www.cullercoatsfestival.com

Friday 14th June
Cullercoats Festival Ceilidh with Miggins Fiddle Ceilidh band
at St George's Hall (BYOB)
6pm * Family ceilidh
8pm * Ceilidh for everyone
Tickets: www.phoenixfolk.co.uk

putting Cullercoats on the map!
CULLERCOATS FESTIVAL

Festival Opening 10:30
at The Headland
with special guest Ann Cleeves

Keep an eye out for late changes to the programme which will be advertised on our website, social media and a board in the Festival Hub.



1 Community Garden & Belle Vue Car Park
4 Belle Vue St. NE30 4PP

All Day
- Festival Hub
- Information & Programmes
- Family Activities & Stalls
- Face Painter *
- Refreshments
- **First Aid**



2 Crescent Club
Victoria Cres., NE30 4PN

All Day Bar & Refreshments
Cullercoats Up! Poets Display (Buffet Room)
Bay Artists: Putting Cullercoats on the Map (Sea View Room)
Cullercoats WI (Sea View Room)
10:00 Storytelling
recommended for over 5s
11:00 Wallsend Writers Group
12:00 Porritt and Barrett, music
1:00 Steve Lancaster/Renata Connors
2:00 Cullercoats Primary School Choir
3:00 The Lovely Nellys & the Seaton Sluice Singers
4:00 Harry Gallagher, Mariners & Marras
5:00 Mouths of the Tyne Choir
6:00 John E Thornton, music
After-Party

3 Underpass
Victoria Cres

10:00-3:00 Interactive Chalk Mural with artist Rosie Stronach



4 Cullercoats Watch House
Front St. NE30 4QB

All Day Heritage Textile Map Display
Heritage Talks and Displays
Refreshments
10:00 Unveiling of Textile Map
2.30 Storytelling with Martin Manasse
3:00 Children's activities with Creative Space NE and Rockpool School
free but booking essential



Swim in the sea at your own risk, find safety information about wild swimming at
rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming

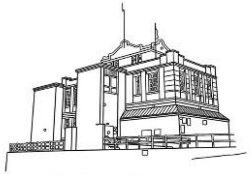


5 Beach and Bay

8:00 Community Beach Yoga with Shore Yoga
10:00-12:15 Kayak and SUP taster sessions with CBK Adventures *
12:30 SUP Relay Race with CBK Adventures
1:00 Joe Robinson Challenge Heaving Stick Competition
6:00 Silent Disco with Groove with Melanie *booking essential* *

RNLI
10:00-3:00 Open Boat Hall, Shop & Talks

Brae/Beach
1:00-2:00 Spanish City Rollers
2:00-3:00 Bay Uke



6 Dove Marine Laboratory
Cullercoats Bay, NE30 4PZ

All Day Picture This: Marine Biology in Action
Message in a Bottle Glass Art Exhibition by Elena Fleury-Rojo
4:00 An Afternoon Chat with the Dove Marine Laboratory
Free: booking essential





7 The Fountain

All Day from 10:00 Dance demos including Dance Distraction Jive & Tango





8 The Headland

12:30-2:00 Family Yoga (3 x 20min sessions)
Dance Mini-Demos:
10:00 Capoeira
11:15 Belly Dance





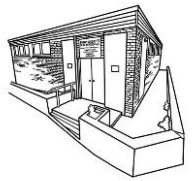
9 St George's
1 Beverley Gardens, NE30 4NS

10:00-3:00 Craft Stalls *in the Church Hall*
3:00 Come and play the Festival Tune with Phoenix Folk *in the Vicarage Garden*
7:00 Phoenix Chamber Folk Ensemble concert *in the Church tickets available at phoenixfolk.co.uk* *



10 Library
16 St George's Rd. NE30 3LA

10:00-1:00 Pop in to write your Message in a Bottle (family activity)



11 Burns School of Martial Arts 2 Studio
Back Beverly Terr., NE30 4NX (Behind Rocket Garage)

11:00-1:00 Family Martial Arts Demo & Taster Drop-in



12 CBK Adventures
1 Norma Cres., NE26 2PD

All Day Pop-up shops and crafts
Refreshments
Changing rooms, lockers & snug
9:00-11:00 Drop-in Interactive Calligraphy and Lettering with Tim Sokell



13 Methodist Church
Broadway, NE30 3LJ
Tickets on the door

Major Hall
11:00-12:00 Capoeira Workshop
1:00-2:00 Tango Workshop *
3:00-5:00 Tango Milonga *

Jubilee Room
12:00-1:00 Belly Dance Talk *

Minor Hall
11:00-12:00 Kizomba Taster Workshop
12:00-1:00 Capoeira Demo with instruments
1:00-2:00 Belly Dance Workshop 1 *
2:00-3:00 Belly Dance Workshop 2 *
3:00-4:00 Salsa Workshop
4:00-5:00 Salsa Rueda Workshop & Social



14 Fishermen's Mission
13 Promontory Terrace, NE26 2PF

10:00-3:00 Board Games Tasters and Tournaments with Bay Games
Refreshments

M Cullercoats Metro Station

12:30 Yellow Line Poetry
1:00 Wallsend Poets

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