

# DERRY HALLOWEEN 2021



AWAKENING THE WALLED CITY  
29<sup>TH</sup>~31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER



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WELCOME

# A Great Samhain Gathering

Our Walled City comes alive with ancient spirits welcoming you to join our Awakening. Fill yourself with folklore, feasting, and festivity, as Derry-Londonderry reopens the pathways of the Hallowe'en travellers of the past.

- **Awakening The Walled City**
- **Heart of Samhain**
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- **Tours & Trails**
- **Freaky Family Fun**
- **Fireworks Finale** and lots more!

# AWAKENING THE WALLED CITY

Friday 29th ► Saturday 30th October • 5pm ~ 10pm  
Sunday 31st October • 4.30pm ~ 9pm  
FREE • Suitable for all ages


Derry Hallowe'en 2021 will unfold across **five different Worlds**, each representing a different spirit of Samhain. **Three of the Worlds are located in the City, one in Donegal and one in Strabane.** The myths and mischief of Samhain will be interwoven throughout, connecting our city to the Worlds Beyond the Walls.

[https://derryhalloween.com/  
whats-on/spirit-worlds/](https://derryhalloween.com/whats-on/spirit-worlds/)




## WORLD 1

### The Whispering Wharf

 QUEENS QUAY &  
FOYLE EMBANKMENT

## WORLD 2

### The City of Bones

 GUILDHALL SQUARE &  
THE DIAMOND


## WORLD 3

### The Awakening & The Forest of Shadows

 EBRINGTON SQUARE &  
ST. COLUMB'S PARK


## WORLD 4

### The Lost World

 STRABANE TOWN

## WORLD 5

### The Ancients

 BUNCRANA,  
CO. DONEGAL

## The Whispering Wharf



QUEENS QUAY & FOYLE EMBANKMENT  
FREE

As the chilling winds rise from the sea to greet her, **Cailleach, Queen of Winter**, Goddess of the Cold and Winds will lead visitors through Samhain storytelling and the ghost stories that haunt both our World and the World Beyond the Walls.



# The City of Bones



GUILDHALL SQUARE &  
THE DIAMOND • FREE

Prepare yourself to meet **Walter de Burgh** and his ancestors as they haunt the confines of the Walled City, turning it into their very own 'City of Bones'. With installations and guises to chill even the coldest of hearts, the spirit of this starved knight will be welcomed by the people of Derry as they embrace Samhain.

## The Awakening & The Forest of Shadows

 **EBRINGTON SQUARE &  
ST. COLUMB'S PARK • FREE**

As the veil between this world and the next decays, the days of Samhain and Hallowe'en open the door for an Awakening. Portals emerge allowing eager crowds to move through the Samhain circle. As ominous spirits appear... waiting.

Drifting along the banks of the Foyle, nothing is what it seems as you enter the lair of **Phantom Queen Morrigan**. Welcoming you with dancing flames and hypnotic, mesmerising displays, luring you into the depths of the forest. Beware of paths lined with shape-shifting creatures and shadows that disguise whatever Queen Morrigan desires.



# HEART OF SAMHAIN



**GUILDHALL SQUARE & WATERLOO PLACE**

**Friday 29th ► Saturday 30th October • 12noon~10pm**

**Sunday 31st October • 12noon~9pm**

Senses are stirred and taste buds tantalised as musical melodies hang in the cold night air. For three nights, Guildhall Square and Waterloo Place will come alive with all manner of creepy ghosts and ghouls feasting on the sights, sounds and tastes of Hallowe'en. Enjoy the market with live music and relaxed seating in Waterloo Place.

[www.derryhalloween.com/whats-on/heart-of-samhain](http://www.derryhalloween.com/whats-on/heart-of-samhain)



# HEART OF SAMHAIN

## Kidz Farm

**GUILDHALL SQUARE**  
Friday 29th ► Saturday 30th October  
12noon~10pm  
Sunday 31st October • 12noon~9pm  
Family friendly & FREE

Creepy Crawlies and the Wall of Terror. Are you brave enough?

## Samhain Bandstand

**WATERLOO PLACE**  
Friday 29th ► Saturday 30th October  
12noon~10pm  
Sunday 31st October • 12noon~9pm

Enjoy some live music by local artists, sit back and relax in our seating area at Waterloo Place. Hear the rituals & rhymes of the Armagh Rhymers, performing in the style of the ancient Mummers' traditions.

## Arachnobot

**GUILDHALL SQUARE & WATERLOO PLACE**  
Friday 29th ► Sunday 31st October  
Times will vary

Arachnobot, the giant spider puppet, is a first at Derry Hallowe'en - an impressive walkabout act which roams the streets, festivals and spectacular events looking for prey, or anyone brave enough to say hello!



# HEART OF SAMHAIN

## Spark!

**CITY CENTRE**  
Friday 29th ► Sunday 31st October  
Times will vary

Spark! is back! This street theatre show is a magical live music, movement and light spectacular that captivates the audience combining high impact drumming, dynamic choreography, playful characters and colourful lighting design. Performance times vary – keep an eye out as you never know where they will pop up around the City of Bones!

## After Dark

Once you have experienced the spooktacular delights of the Awakening of the Walled City, why not follow our **After Dark Music Trail** to extend your Derry Hallowe'en experience and get your Hallowe'en groove on to our amazing local musical talent!

<https://derryhalloween.com/whats-on/after-dark/>



## Walter's Wake at the City of Bones



THE DIAMOND & SHIPQUAY STREET

Friday 29th ▶ Saturday 30th October • 5pm~10pm

Sunday 31st October • 4.30pm~9pm • FREE

As Walter sits upon the City's coat of arms each year when Samhain arrives... there is always one thing he laments... that the city he so proudly protects never gave him a proper send off.

Well hold onto your chains Walter, because In Your Space Circus has arranged a funeral fit for an EARL! But we won't mourn or cry... oh no... at Derry Hallowe'en, instead we will celebrate the wicked life that Walter Lived and the 'City of Bones' legacy that he left behind.



IN YOUR SPACE presents

## Married At First Fright



GUILDHALL

Friday 29th ► Sunday 31st October

10am, 12noon, 2pm & 4pm

Family Friendly

Relaxed, autism friendly session:

Sunday 31st October • 10am

Adm: £3pp (for 2 years+)

We all know **Walter the Skeleton** (famous for appearing on the city coat of arms) but have you met his happily withered wife? They have both travelled the globe looking for love since the beginning of time and their quest has always brought them back to the Walled City, where they have met some of Derry's most renowned characters. From Colmcille to Cuchulainn and the Siege to shirt factories, these two have seen it all!

Join them now to hear the story of how fate brought these two corpses together under a full moon in the City of Bones...

Tickets online at:

<https://derryhalloween.com/whats-on/little-horrors>



# LITTLE HORRORS



## Creepy Curiosity Club

 **VOID, STRAND ROAD**  
16th, 23rd, 28th, 29th & 31st October  
11.30am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm  
Adm: **£3.83**

Curiosity Club gets spooky from the 16th October. Come and make some Hallowe'en inspired crafts!

**Tickets at:** [bit.ly/Curiosityclub](https://bit.ly/Curiosityclub)

## Hallowe'en in the Park

 **ST. COLUMB'S PARK HOUSE**  
Thursday 28th October • 12noon~3pm  
Adm: **FREE**

The grounds of St. Columb's Park House will play host to a very spooky spectacular! Booking essential.

**Booking from 9am on 18th October**  
**at:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/preview?eid=182584303567/>

# TOURS & TRAILS



## Lost Souls

 **WATERSIDE LIBRARY BUILDING**  
Thursdays ► Sundays in October  
Adm: £22 / conc. £20 • Age 18+

Experience terrifying tales and sinister stories of Derry's past on this tour, combining history, the hellish paranormal and poltergeist tales of Derry's lost souls.

Tickets at <https://bit.ly/lostsoulstour>



## Silent Disco Tours

 **SHIPQUAY STREET**  
Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st October

Join us as we lead you in song and dance around the beautiful streets of Derry. Put on your costumes and get ready to dance!

Tickets at <https://northwestsilentdiscotours.com>

## Hallowe'en Origins Tour

 **STABLES INN**  
Friday 29th ► Sunday 31st October  
Adm: £62.58 • Age 17+

An intriguing minibus and walking tour that explores a number of prehistoric sites and ancient habitats in the countryside. The sites and natural features can be linked with many of the rituals and traditions of the Celtic Festival of Samhain - "Hallowe'en".

Tickets at <https://bit.ly/halloweenorigins>



## Tours of Derry City Cemetery

 **Friday 29th ► Sunday 31st October**  
1pm • Adm: £5pp

Uncover the City's history through the carved aging headstones where the City's bones have been laid to rest for over 300 years.

Book at [bit.ly/citycemeterytour](http://bit.ly/citycemeterytour)

## The Hunt for the Derry Vampire



### CITY CENTRE TOUR

Friday 29th ► Sunday 31st October

12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm

Cost: £3pp • Family Friendly

Ancient Derry is no place for the faint of heart.

Our tale began in Derry's Docklands where a doddering ship made berth. The authorities are baffled but one man knows better. Abraham Van Helsing has seen this all before. The darkness that now stalks the streets of Derry is no animal... it is the work of an ancient creature from the other world..., the Arbhartach, the vampire of Derry.

I bid you to seek out Van Helsing and join him as he continues his hunt. Explore the walls of Derry, seek out the truth, question the suspicious and see if you can capture the King of the Vampires.

**Tickets at: <https://bit.ly/derryvampire>**



# FREAKY FAMILY FUN



## Monster Hallowe'en Funfair

 **EBRINGTON**  
Friday 22nd ▶ Saturday 30th October  
2pm~10pm  
Sunday 31st October • 2pm~9pm

Scare yourself silly on the Ghost Train or a trip on the Panoramic Wheel! Lots of thrill rides and family attractions with rides for all ages.

## Kids' Hallowe'en at Central Library

 **STRAND ROAD, DERRY**

### Digital Day

26th October • 10am~4.30pm

### Hallowe'en Rhymes in Fancy Dress

27th & 29th October • 10.30am~11.15am

### Hallowe'en Stories in Fancy Dress

28th October • 2pm~3pm

### Hallowe'en Crafts

30th October • 2pm~3pm

Adm: **FREE**. Booking essential.

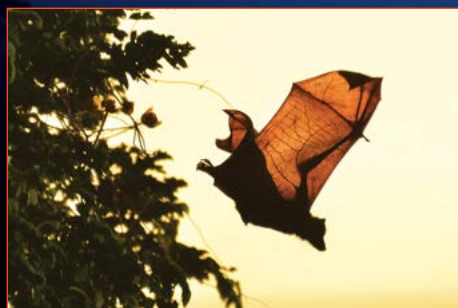
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## Hallowe'en Harvest Festival in the Park

 **BROOKE PARK**  
Saturday 30th October • 12noon~4pm  
Family Friendly

Hallowe'en Harvest Festival is bringing you a spooky day of family fun to keep everyone entertained. As well as the Scary Scavenger Hunt to find the golden pumpkin, enjoy a host of 'tricks and treats' that includes Storytelling, Pumpkin Art & Rock Art, Hallowe'en Face Paint and lots lots more...

# FREAKY FAMILY FUN



## The Park After Dark



**CREGGAN COUNTRY PARK**

**Saturday 30th October • 12noon~4pm**

**Adm: £10pp • Ages 7+**

Go on a moonlit bat safari around the park with special bat detecting equipment. You will 'hear' bats as they fly around the woodland & water. On the walk, you will also hear some scary local ghost tales. On return to the activity centre, you will be treated to a BBQ at Tasty Reel.

**Book at: [admin@creggancountrypark.com](mailto:admin@creggancountrypark.com)**

## Creepy Quest



**CREGGAN COUNTRY PARK**

**Saturday 30th October • 12noon~4pm**

**Adm: FREE • Ages 3~8**

*Take part in our Creepy Quest,  
Let's see who's best,  
Put on your costume, go out the door,  
To Creggan Country Park, you'll explore  
Walk around the path, take care  
Find all the clues if you dare!*

This is a self led walk. Collect your activity sheet from staff.

# FREAKY FAMILY FUN

## House of Horrors

**OLD HOUSE OF VALUE,  
LONG'S SUPERMARKET, STRAND RD.**  
Monday 25th ► Saturday 30th October  
Adm: £5pp

Tickets at **028 71 268 748**



## Zombie Apocalypse

**LOCK 'N' LOAD, DERRY**  
Wed 27th ► Sun 31st October  
Adm: £12pp

Can you make it out alive?!?!  
We need the bravest squad to go in and defeat the zombies battle it out in a live action Laser Tag Game in a 5,000 sqft ultra violet lit themed arena filled with dense fog, eerie sounds and worst of all killer zombies!!

Book at: [www.locknloadderry.com](http://www.locknloadderry.com)

## NK Hauntings Cinema Screening

**WATERSIDE THEATRE**  
Friday 29th October • 7.30pm

Join local paranormal investigators NK Hauntings for an exclusive cinema screening of one of their haunted adventures. The screening will not be available on any other platform so don't miss out.

Adm: £6pp including £1 booking fee.  
<https://watersidetheatre.cloudvenue.co.uk/nkhauntingscinemascreening>



## Gothic Organ Performance

**GUILDHALL MAIN HALL**  
Sunday 31st October • 7.30~8.30pm

Come and get into the Hallowe'en Spirit with Count Dracula (Stewart Smith) playing gothic music that will send you off with a spooky feeling ready for the firework display.

# DERRY HALLOWE'EN 2021


## Fireworks Finale!

 **RIVER FOYLE**  
Sunday 31st October  
9pm

We are delighted that our breathtaking fireworks will return to Derry Hallowe'en 2021! Watch the Samhain skies come alive with colour as this decade-old tradition returns with a bang!



## The Lost World

 **STRABANE**  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Spooky shenanigans are set to return to Strabane this autumn as Hallowe'en descends on the town once again. A gruesome programme of animation and festivities will occur around the town. Explore the unknown through Strabane town centre, but remember to keep your guard as you may discover some strange unwanted characters lurking that have got lost on their way to the Awakening and come through the wrong portal, landing in Strabane. Stories and tall tales to be told! Start at the Alley Theatre Courtyard and follow the trail with interesting characters along the way through the spooky streets of Strabane.

<https://derryhalloween.com/whats-on-strabane>

## The Lost World Characters

 **THE ALLEY COURTYARD, STRABANE**  
Friday 15th ► Sunday 31st October  
1pm~5pm

Get a glance at **The Lost World Characters** at The Alley Courtyard Community Gallery. Get to know the characters through the images in the walls, before they get to know you and give you a fright!



## Hay Bale Sculpture Trail

 **DISTRICT WIDE**  
Friday 15th ► Sunday 31st October

From Castleterg to Strabane to Newtonstewart, catch sightings of scary witches, creepy spiders and weird aliens created by our young farmers and community groups. Find the full list of locations at [strabanehalloween.com](http://strabanehalloween.com)



# The Ancients

 SWAN PARK, BUNCRANA  
CO. DONEGAL

The ancient **Red Branch Knights** of Ulster (An Croabh Rua) lie sleeping in full battle armour, ready to ride forth at Ireland's moment of greatest need. Be prepared as they ready themselves to ride forth to Swan Park Bunrana, where you can experience legends, lore, and characters associated with the Red Branch Knights. Imagine how they might march again towards Lough Swilly on Hallowe'en night, telling and reliving their stories.



# CARNIVAL CARE

Please enjoy the Derry Hallowe'en celebrations safely and sensibly.

Visit [www.derryhalloween.com/carnivalcare](http://www.derryhalloween.com/carnivalcare) for information.

Expect to see some people – lots of people! Be aware that visitor numbers may be high – measures will be in place to manage crowds and keep things running smoothly. But why not spread your visit over two nights after all it's a 5km walk around Derry alone !!!!

For the latest guidance from the Government and health authorities regarding Covid 19, visit

[www.derrystrabane.com/coronavirus](http://www.derrystrabane.com/coronavirus)

## Plan Your Journey

Plan your journey via the Translink NI App or use the online journey planner at [translink.co.uk](http://translink.co.uk).

Translink has partnered with Derry Hallowe'en to offer a **FREE shuttle bus** from **Friday 29th-Sunday 31st October, between 5pm-10pm**. The service will transport passengers between the NW Transport Hub and Foyle Street, and we encourage to use public transport wherever possible.



See **derryhalloween.com** and our social channels for all event updates:

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