What's New in England 2027

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Key Stories for 2027

- 2027 is the Year of the Normans, celebrating 1,000 years since William the Conqueror's birth
- The Tour de France will commence in the UK, passing through the Lake District, Morecambe Bay, Liverpool and more
- Tate Liverpool will reopen in autumn, bringing world-class art to England's north-west
- The Bring Me Sunshine Garden – the first phase of Eden Project Morecambe – will open
- The new Birmingham Jewellery Biennial will celebrate 250 years of jewellery making
- UNESCO anniversaries: Bath, Bristol, Blenheim Palace, Lake District, Westminster, Maritime Greenwich and Hadrian's Wall will celebrate landmark anniversaries of their UNESCO status
- Trinity, a 67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus Rex, is heading to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Bamburgh Castle once-in-a-generation restoration to re-roof the castle's King's Hall
- St Cuthbert's Way has been named one of Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027 experiences
- Chichester is the only UK destination to make Expedia's Destination of the Year 2027
- In autumn, Tate St Ives will host the exhibition of the prestigious Turner Prize 2027
- New film *Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* will put Manchester and Bradford on screen in February
- New *Tomb Raider* series tracing Lara Croft's Derbyshire roots, filming in Surrey and Bedfordshire
- New Netflix series: *Peaky Blinders 1954*, filmed throughout the Midlands
- It's 30 years since *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published
- On the 125th anniversary of Beatrix Potter's *Peter Rabbit*, visit her Lake District home
- Southampton will host UK Pride this August – the UK's biggest Pride celebration
- It's the 85th anniversary of Enid Blyton's *Famous Five*, inspired by the likes of Corfe Castle in Dorset
- Shaken, not stirred: Dukes London, the birthplace of 007's martinis, will unveil its new look
- Happy 50th birthday, BRIT Awards! Manchester's Co-op Live will host the iconic music prize
- The Moors at Arne will open, a major new coastal wildlife reserve in Dorset
- Liverpool's Cavern Club, where The Beatles first found their fame, turns 70 this year
- On the 50th anniversary of *Star Wars*, explore its unique filming locations including the magical Puzzlewood
- Game, set, match: Wimbledon will mark its 150th anniversary this summer
- A faster, greener way to get to the Isles of Scilly on board the new *Scillonian IV* ferry
- Birmingham, Solihull & Sandwell will host the Invictus Games Birmingham 2027
- UK City of Culture 2029 reveal: will it be Blackpool, Milton Keynes, Sheffield (or Wrexham)?

Trends & Highlights

Year of the Normans – a nationwide celebration of England's medieval heritage

The **Year of the Normans** will see England mark 1,000 years since the birth of William the Conqueror with a year-long programme of events exploring the legacy of the Norman Conquest. Highlights include the **Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum** in London (until 11 July), **Bayeux, Battles and Making History** at The Box Plymouth (13 February–11 April), **Canterbury's Medieval Pageant** (3–4 July), live shows at the **Tower of London** (17 July–13 August), **Berkeley Castle's living history camp** (30–31 May) and a recreation of the Battle of Hastings during **Hastings Week** (October).

In Berkshire, visitors can see Reading Museum's full-size, **70-metre Victorian replica of the Bayeux Tapestry**, which is on permanent display in its dedicated Bayeux Gallery. RABBLE Theatre's new play ***William the Conqueror*** will tour England in autumn, bringing the king's story to life. There will also be themed exhibitions, tours and trails in **Norwich**, **Carlisle**, **Bristol**, **Wallingford** and **Arundel**, plus the reopening of **Newark Castle Gatehouse** in Nottinghamshire (late 2027). A hand-painted plaster cast of details from the Bayeux Tapestry will **continue its national tour**, calling at **Rievaulx Abbey** in North Yorkshire and **Rochester Cathedral** in Kent (dates TBC).

Norwich Cathedral will be participating in **The Benedictine Way** (1 July – 30 September) an exhibition that brings together art, history, science, and faith. Norwich Castle will display **21 rarely seen pieces of Medieval and Renaissance art** from the private Wyvern Collection (October) and will host a **Norman Festival** exploring how the Norman Conquest shaped England (until September). Spanning castles, cathedrals, museums and historic towns from the South Coast to the North East, the Year of the Normans will be one of 2027's biggest heritage celebrations.

Follow the Tour: England on two wheels

Cycling will take centre stage in 2027, as England hosts both the **Tour de France** and **Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift**, bringing the world's biggest bike race to Yorkshire, Liverpool, Manchester, Derbyshire, the Peak District, Sheffield and London (summer). The Grand Départs will shine a spotlight on England's spectacular landscapes, from challenging climbs to rolling pathways and vibrant cities, inspiring visitors to explore our cycling routes and great outdoors long after the peloton has passed. Visitors can find their own pace on the family-friendly **Tissington Trail** through the Peak District, tackle sections of the challenging **Yorkshire Dales Cycleway**, or swap countryside for culture on a **Beatles-themed electric-bike tour of Liverpool**. 2027's sporting calendar also includes the **150th anniversary of Wimbledon** (summer) and the **Inclusive Sport & Culture Festival** (May) in Liverpool, not forgetting **UEFA EURO 2028** on the horizon with matches being played in five English cities.

Beat the peak: coastal escapes come early

Why save the coast for the summer holidays? In 2027, a wave of coastal openings puts spring at the heart of the English seaside story. With our shores no more than 70 miles away wherever you are in the country, a coastal escape starts close to home. From new nature escapes to returning seaside favourites, there's plenty to plan a pre-peak break around. Dorset's new **Moors at Arne** nature reserve, the free **Bring Me Sunshine Garden** at Eden Project Morecambe and Folkestone's restored **Leas Lift** are all expected to launch in spring. There's more to explore beyond the beach: Bognor Regis's **Alexandra Arts Centre** opens in spring with theatre, live music, dance and exhibitions, while

On The Beach Festival (17–20 June) brings a new seaside festival to Great Yarmouth. For an island escape, March brings new passenger ferry **Scillonian IV**, sailing to the Isles of Scilly with improved accessibility, comfort and lower emissions. April brings another reason to head offshore: **The Isle of Wight Resort** opens its first phase on the site of a former holiday camp overlooking Atherfield Bay, with luxury lodges, an indoor pool and café-restaurant. Back on the mainland, make a stay of it at Cornwall's new **Elysium St Mawes** (opening in January) or the refurbished **Redcliffe Hotel** in Paignton, Devon (spring). For a walking-led escape, **St Cuthbert's Way** ends on Holy Island, Northumberland, and has been named one of Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027 experiences. Later in the year, **Cliffemount Hotel** in North Yorkshire opens in summer, while the **Turner Prize at Tate St Ives** arrives in autumn.

Unsung heroes for 2027

Many of England's lesser-known towns, villages and regions are stepping into the tourism spotlight this year**. Chichester** has been named Expedia's only **UK Destination of the Year for 2027**, recognised for its heritage, coastline, arts and food, with nearby highlights including the South Downs National Park, the beaches of West Wittering and the Goodwood Estate. Meanwhile, **St Cuthbert's Way** in Northumberland has earned a place on **Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2027**, celebrating its spectacular finale on Holy Island. Southampton will host **UK Pride 2027**, bringing the country's largest Pride celebration to the south coast for the first time, while Morecambe will welcome the first phase of **Eden Project Morecambe** (spring 2027). Elsewhere, anticipation will build as the finalists for **UK City of Culture 2029** – including Blackpool, Milton Keynes and Sheffield – await the winner's announcement in early 2027, alongside the nine finalists of **UK Town of Culture 2028**.

Beyond the screen: set-jetting adventures for 2027

From Hogwarts to Narnia, England's screen stories offer fresh inspiration for holidays in 2027. With a new HBO series and 30 years since *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published, fans can revisit film locations including **Alnwick Castle** and **Gloucester Cathedral**, or explore new TV filming locations such as Cornwall's **Cadgwith Cove** and **Windsor Great Park**. *Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* (in cinemas 12 February) puts Manchester's **Victoria Baths** and Bradford's **Little Germany** in the spotlight, while *Star Wars*' 50th anniversary is a reason to venture into **Puzzlewood**'s moss-covered forest or visit **The Force of the Story** exhibition at Newcastle's Life Science Centre (opening in February). New experiences will take visitors behind the scenes in 2027: the **Detectorists Tour** explores Framlingham and the Suffolk countryside (February–November), while **Harewood House** in West Yorkshire pairs *Pride and Prejudice* film tours (February–March) with Regency-inspired afternoon teas. Blenheim Palace's **Beyond the Silver Screen exhibition** opens in spring, exploring its film and TV history, and Buckinghamshire's new **Stowe on Screen** tour follows productions including *Bridgerton*, *The Crown* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

Travel that gives back

England's 2027 calendar offers ways to make local culture, community celebrations and shared spaces part of a holiday. Join **Shaftesbury Carnival** (autumn) in Dorset for its 150th anniversary, or explore **Burnley's Year of Culture 2027**, running throughout the year. Celebrate 60 years of **Leeds West Indian Carnival** (30 August), with a parade through Chapeltown and Caribbean music, food and festivities in Potternewton Park. These celebrations put local identity at the heart of a trip, reflecting the themes of community connection, shared spaces and pride explored in VisitEngland's ***Social Value of Tourism*** research. New places to visit include the first stage of **Eden Project Morecambe**

(spring), a wellness retreat at **Sefton Place** in West Sussex (summer), and the **Studley Lodge** visitor hub in North Yorkshire (winter). Alongside this community-focused story, **The Knot at Courteenhall Estate** in Northamptonshire (July) brings a restaurant and trails with a regenerative approach, while **Haithwaite Farm** in Cumbria adds eco-led accommodation (summer). Domestic holidays also keep spending closer to home: VisitBritain estimates that redirecting 10% of outbound travel spending to domestic holidays would generate **£8 billion for the UK economy**.

Switch off and reconnect: breaks at a gentler pace

Less scrolling, more time to yourself: England's new openings for 2027 offer ways to slow down, spend time outdoors and reconnect with the world beyond a screen. Whether unwinding at a spa, following a wildflower trail or learning from local experts, there's no need to pack every moment with activity. **Ardencote Manor**'s new destination spa in Warwickshire will add another reason to plan a restorative escape (spring), and Ramble Worldwide's **new Lake District walking holidays** will include wildflower and food-focused itineraries, launching in April. Also in the Lake District, **Elysium Windermere** will combine lake views with a panoramic rooftop spa (opening in spring), while sister property **Elysium St Mawes** will bring a new spa stay to Cornwall's Roseland Peninsula (January). For those who unwind by trying something new, analogue experiences put hands-on learning, local knowledge and human connection at the heart of a break. In Somerset, **Thornfalcon Estate's new Wine School** will combine guided tastings with vineyard and winery visits (TBC 2027), while **Cedar Hollow Oxford** will introduce bee-themed tours and honey tasting alongside its expanded woodland Illusion Trail (summer).

New hotels worth planning a trip for

In the Cotswolds, **CABÜ** will bring chic eco-cabins and hot tubs to rural Oxfordshire (July), while **THE PIG-on the farm** near Stratford-upon-Avon will be the brand's first sustainable-yet-stylish Midlands retreat (late summer). London will welcome England's first **Waldorf Astoria inside Admiralty Arch** (March), **Second Nature York** will introduce a sustainably designed city hotel celebrating local craftsmanship (May) and **Gloucester Cathedral** will launch two characterful cottages in its historic precincts (autumn). In Bristol, the former Guildhall will become the glamorous **Hotel Gotham Bristol** (opening in spring), while **Hotel Gotham Newcastle** will expand with 30 new bedrooms in its former Police Station (spring). On the coast, North Yorkshire's **Cliffemount Hotel** will overlook Runswick Bay with 20 sea-view bedrooms and ambitions to become the UK's first Passivhaus-certified hotel (summer). For an island escape, **The Isle of Wight Resort** will transform a former holiday camp above Atherfield Bay, opening its first phase with luxury lodges, an indoor pool and café-restaurant (April).

Manchester and Liverpool raise the bar for city breaks

These two great north-west cities have plenty of fresh reasons to visit in 2027. In Manchester, the new **Medlock Square** district will expand with new dining and entertainment, while the restored **Manchester Town Hall** will reopen in its 150th anniversary year (spring). The city will also host the UK's first-ever **NBA regular-season game** (17 January), the **50th anniversary BRIT Awards** (27 February), an expanded **Country to Country Festival** (March), and an 11-night **Oasis Live '27 residency** (June), alongside the opening of the city's first **W Hotel** opening in spring. In Liverpool, the legendary **Cavern Club** – where The Beatles had a residency – will celebrate 70 years, **Sir Ken Dodd's centenary** will be honoured at the Museum of Liverpool, **Tate Liverpool** will reopen following its major transformation (autumn), and the new **Liverpool Baltic railway station** will make it even

easier to explore the city's creative quarter (opening in winter). Also, look out for the **Liverpool Biennial** (June–September), and **Manchester International Festival's 20th anniversary** (July).

Trip snacking

Hotels.com has identified "Trip Snacking" – one-night escapes fitted between longer holidays – as a travel trend for 2027, and England's calendar offers plenty of inspiration. Head to Bath to see the **Accidentally Wes Anderson** exhibition at the American Museum & Gardens (13 February–20 June), make a bookish break of Southampton's first **Coastal Crime writing festival** (6 March), or browse some of Britain's top jewellery designers at the new **Birmingham Jewellery Biennial** (May). In summer, **David Bowie: You're Not Alone** at Brighton Dome (16 July–30 August) will be one of the many new reasons to turn a seaside daytrip into an overnight escape.

Holidays built around pure fun

Expedia predicts that 2027 will be the year of "**Un-adulting**", with 57% of travellers seeking carefree, joy-filled escapes focused purely on fun. England is well placed to answer the trend, with major new attractions opening including **Superlekka**'s new "Game Show Olympics" venue in Liverpool (opened in autumn 2026), **Mamma Mia! The Party** in Manchester (late 2027), and **Minecraft World** at Chessington World of Adventures (2027). Revisit childhood memories in time for the big birthdays of Enid Blyton's ***Famous Five*** and Beatrix Potter's ***Peter Rabbit***, and recreate the magic of seaside holidays gone by. Also, look out for the return of the **Brighton Wheel** and **Glastonbury Festival** (both in summer), as well as Wake the Tiger's new **Absurd City** "amazement park" in Westfield London (opened October 2026) and milestone birthdays for **BeWILDerwood** (20 years) and the **Wookey Hole Caves visitor attraction** (100 years). Whether revisiting childhood favourites or discovering entirely new experiences, 2027 offers plenty of excuses to play again.

Anniversaries

Cultural anniversaries: Cavern Club, Leeds West Indian Carnival, Wimbledon & more

Liverpool's iconic **Cavern Club – where The Beatles honed their style – will mark its 70th anniversary** from 16 January with a year-long programme of events, including a major exhibition at the Museum of Liverpool. In Leeds, the **Leeds West Indian Carnival will celebrate its 60th birthday** on 30 August with a vibrant parade through Chapeltown and a day of Caribbean music, food and festivities in Potternewton Park. Dorset's **Shaftesbury Carnival will reach its 150th anniversary** with a special edition of one of the county's oldest community traditions, featuring processions, live entertainment and celebrations in autumn. Meanwhile, **The Championships, Wimbledon will celebrate 150 years** since the first tournament was held in 1877. Running from 28 June to 11 July, the 2027 festivities honour the tournament's remarkable heritage, while visitors can delve deeper into its history at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum through exhibitions and guided tours of the famous grounds.

Literary anniversaries: Harry Potter, Famous Five & Peter Rabbit

England will celebrate three milestones for some of its best-loved literary characters in 2027. June marks **30 years since *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published**, with fans able to visit filming locations from the movies and HBO's recent TV adaptation. September will see the **85th anniversary of Enid Blyton's *Famous Five***, with Dorset's iconic Corfe Castle – thought to have inspired *Five on a Treasure Island* – inviting visitors to explore the landscape behind the classic adventure. October will mark **125 years of Beatrix Potter's *Peter Rabbit***, celebrated at the author's

Lake District home, Hill Top, while nearby Wray Castle will launch a new Peter Rabbit-themed family trail.

July will mark **210 years since Jane Austen's death**, with events at Jane Austen's House and Chawton House in Hampshire, and The Jane Austen Centre in Bath. Dorset will launch Thomas Hardy celebrations from June 2027 to January 2028, exploring the landscapes that inspired *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *Far from the Madding Crowd* ahead of the **centenary of Hardy's death in 2028**.

UNESCO anniversaries: Bath, Bristol, Blenheim Palace, Lake District, Manchester, Westminster, Maritime Greenwich & Hadrian's Wall

Many of England's UNESCO-listed attractions will mark landmark anniversaries of their status in 2027. The city of **Bath**, **Blenheim Palace**, **Hadrian's Wall** and the **Palace of Westminster** will all celebrate 40 years as World Heritage Sites, while it has been 10 years since both **Bristol** was named as a UNESCO City of Film and **Manchester** named a UNESCO City of Literature. It will be 30 years since **Maritime Greenwich** was inscribed on the World Heritage Site list, while the **Lake District** will mark a decade of its status. Expect commemorative events throughout the year. In 2028, the **Tower of London** and **Canterbury Cathedral** will celebrate their 40 years of UNESCO status. It will also be a decade since.

Iconic birthdays and anniversaries: William Blake, Sir Isaac Newton, Jane Austen & more

England will celebrate many of its greatest writers, artists, scientists and performers throughout 2027. The **bicentenary of William Blake's death – Blake200** – in August will be marked with the reopening of William Blake's Cottage in Felpham, West Sussex, following extensive restoration. The Grade II-listed cottage where Blake lived from 1800–1803 will become a new centre dedicated to the visionary poet and artist, forming the heart of a nationwide programme of events. March marks **300 years since the death of Sir Isaac Newton**, with exhibitions and activities celebrating the pioneering scientist in Cambridge, where he studied and taught, and at Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire, the manor where he was born and famously developed many of his groundbreaking ideas.

Liverpool will celebrate the **centenary of comedy legend Sir Ken Dodd** with a year of exhibitions and a permanent display at the Museum of Liverpool, while 6 February will mark the **75th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession**, commemorated through exhibitions, tours and special events at royal residences and historic sites across England.

Music lovers can celebrate **Sir Edward Elgar's 170th birthday** through Worcestershire's Elgar Festival (23 May–6 June) and the Three Choirs Festival (24–31 July), combining concerts, talks and exhibitions in the county that inspired England's great composer. Derbyshire will celebrate **500 years since the birth of Bess of Hardwick**: one of Tudor England's most influential and wealthy women. Explore her legacy at Hardwick Hall and her final resting place at Derby Cathedral.

Historic anniversaries: Year of the Normans, Docks 200, Clifton Suspension Bridge & more

2027 will be the Year of the Normans, marking **1,000 years since the birth of William the Conqueror**, with a nationwide programme of castle tours, exhibitions and events exploring England's Norman legacy. Throughout 2027, Docks 200 will commemorate **200 years of Gloucester Docks** with festivities and community events. The city's Norman cathedral – the burial place of Robert Curthose,

Duke of Normandy and son of William the Conqueror, as well as King Edward II – provides a fitting link between the two anniversaries, with 2027 also marking **700 years since Edward II's death**.

November will be **25 years since the rediscovery of the vaults beneath Bristol's Clifton Suspension Bridge**. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel but forgotten for more than a century, the spectacular underground chambers can now be explored on hard-hat tours, offering a unique perspective on one of England's greatest engineering landmarks. **Leicester Cathedral will celebrate 100 years** as a cathedral and **1,100 years as a place of worship** with a year-long programme of concerts and events.

Buckinghamshire's **Waddesdon Manor will mark 150 years** since its construction began and 70 years in the care of the National Trust with major exhibitions – including the British Museum's Holy Thorn Reliquary – and the creation of a new sculpture park. Dorset's **Hall & Woodhouse Brewery will celebrate 250 years** of brewing, while in Bath, the Roman Baths will commemorate **300 years since the discovery of the Golden Head of Sulis Minerva**, with the rare Roman sculpture displayed alongside the Chew Valley Hoard, the highest-value treasure ever recorded in the UK. You can even sip Bath's natural thermal waters from a fountain at The Pump Room next door.

City anniversaries

Hull will mark 10 years since its UK City of Culture title with a landmark year celebrating its cultural renaissance, with visitors able to explore the restored Maritime Museum, the historic Arctic Corsair trawler and Spurn Lightshiphttps://www.culturehull.com/cultural-tides/. Elsewhere, **Derby will mark 50 years of city status** with a programme celebrating its industrial heritage, innovation and culture. In Lancashire, **Lancaster will celebrate 90 years of being a city**, alongside the **40th anniversary of the Dukes Park Show** – the UK's longest-running promenade theatre production, with Andy Serkis as an honorary patron.

Nature anniversaries

Somerset's **Wookey Hole Cave visitor attraction will turn 100 years old** this year, inviting visitors to explore its limestone caverns and underground river, and taste its cave-aged Cheddar. In Norfolk, the wilds of **BeWILDerwood will mark its 20th anniversary** with storytelling and woodland games. Meanwhile in Great Yarmouth, the ornamental gardens and winding canals of the **Venetian Waterways will turn 100**. Jodrell Bank will celebrate **70 years of the Lovell Telescope**, the centrepiece of the UNESCO World Heritage Site that transformed radio astronomy, while Cumbria's historic **Lady of the Lake will mark 150 years** carrying passengers across Ullswater.

Starring England: Films, TV, Theatre & Books

New HBO series: *Harry Potter*, filmed in London, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cornwall and Devon
Christmas 2026
A new television adaptation of J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels will be released on Christmas Day 2026. Cast and crew were spotted on location in London, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Devon and at Cornwall's Kynance Cove, Coverack and Cadgwith. Each season will explore one book in the series, with an entirely new cast set to bring the story to life – including John Lithgow as Dumbledore, Nick

Frost as Hagrid and Katherine Parkinson as Molly Weasley. Filming locations in the capital reportedly include London Zoo, Embankment station and Borough High Street.

Tolkien: 90 years of *The Hobbit* and 50 years of *The Silmarillion*
Throughout 2027
Two major Tolkien anniversaries fall in 2027: 90 years since the publication of *The Hobbit* and 50 years since the publication of *The Silmarillion*. They offer the perfect excuse to revisit Lancashire's Tolkien Trail walking route. A new memorial to J.R.R. Tolkien will also be unveiled in Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey in spring, creating a new place of pilgrimage for fans of one of Britain's most influential fantasy authors.

New *Pride and Prejudice* experiences: Harewood House, West Yorkshire
January–March 2027
Following Harewood House's starring role as Pemberley in Netflix's new *Pride and Prejudice* series (released in December 2026), the estate will host a programme of themed experiences including a Pride and Prejudice Weekend (January), behind-the-scenes film tours (February–March) and Regency-inspired afternoon teas.

New Disney+ series: *Tucci in Great Britain*, filmed in Yorkshire, Cornwall and London
January 2027
After the success of *Tucci in Italy*, Hollywood star and culinary enthusiast Stanley Tucci will explore England's food, culture and regional identities in his new culinary travel series – visiting producers and restaurants throughout Yorkshire, Cornwall, London and beyond.

New film: *Narnia: The Magician's Nephew*, filmed in Surrey, London, Manchester and Bradford
In cinemas 12 February 2027 and streaming on Netflix from 2 April 2027
Netflix will present a star-studded retelling of C.S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia*, written by Greta Gerwig – who also wrote the *Barbie* and *Little Women* films. It will star Daniel Craig, Carey Mulligan and Meryl Streep. Key locations include London's Battersea Park, the Tower of London and St Bartholomew-the-Great Church; Bradford and Manchester's Castlefield and Victoria Baths.

New experience: Detectorists Tour, Framlingham, Suffolk
February–November 2027
Fans of the BBC comedy *Detectorists* can explore more than 15 filming locations around Framlingham and the surrounding Suffolk countryside on this guided tour of the landscapes that became fictional Danebury. The weekly experience offers a new way to discover the region through one of the UK's best-loved television series.

New exhibition: Beyond the Silver Screen at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire
Spring 2027
An immersive exhibition exploring almost 100 years of film and television productions shot at Blenheim Palace, developed in collaboration with leading film studios and streaming companies. Blenheim's screen credits include *The Diplomat*, *Bridgerton* and *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, so expect a tantalising look behind the scenes.

50th anniversary of *Star Wars*

25 May 2027

Half a century has passed since *Star Wars* first hit cinemas, making it a great excuse to revisit some of the epic landscapes that have served as filming locations over the years – including Puzzlewood in the Forest of Dean, and Derwentwater and Keswick in the Lake District. Look out for commemorative events throughout 2027 too, such as The Force of the Story exhibition at Newcastle's Life Science Centre (February) and the National Space Centre's Galactic Gathering in Leicester (3–4 July).

50 years of Brother Cadfael: Shrewsbury, Shropshire

August 2027

This summer marks 50 years since *A Morbid Taste for Bones* (1977) was published, the first of Ellis Peters' medieval mysteries featuring Brother Cadfael, a monk at Shrewsbury Abbey. Shropshire Tours runs themed walking tours to locations including the Abbey and Medieval streets, which feature in the books and the ITV series with Derek Jacobi.

New theatre show: The Traitors – Acts of Betrayal, London

Opens 8 June 2027

The BBC's hit TV series comes to the West End in a new stage production at the Gillian Lynne Theatre. Written by John Finnemore and starring Ted Lasso actor Nick Mohammed as the Host, the show will recreate the deception, banishments and twists of *The Traitors* in a single evening.

New immersive dining experience: Mamma Mia! The Party, The Medlock, Manchester

Late 2027

Following successful runs in London, Rotterdam and Stockholm, Mamma Mia! The Party will open in Manchester's new Medlock Square. Guests will step into a vibrant Greek taverna setting for an immersive evening of live theatre, ABBA's greatest hits, Mediterranean dining and dancing.

New TV series: *Hercule*, filmed in Liverpool, Bolton and Cornwall

Late 2027

Starring Edward Bluemel, the BBC's new mystery drama series will follow Hercule Poirot before he becomes a famous detective. It was filmed on location in Liverpool's city centre, St George's Hall and Canning Street, as well as Le Mans Crescent in Bolton and Cornwall's Cadgwith Cove.

New screen tourism: *Death at the White Hart*, filming in West Dorset

Late 2027/early 2028

Award-winning *Broadchurch* creator Chris Chibnall will return to Dorset in 2027 as filming begins on ITV's adaptation of his bestselling crime novel *Death at the White Hart*. The series is expected to showcase West Dorset's landscapes and villages, creating fresh "set-jetting" opportunities in the region; its release date is expected in late 2027 or early 2028.

New film: *Bend it Like Beckham 2*

TBC 2027

The classic British comedy starring Parminder Nagra, Keira Knightley and Jonathan Rhys Meyers is getting a sequel. 25 years after the first film came out, it will be directed by Gurinder Chadha – who helmed the original movie – and is expected to be filmed in England. It is currently in development.

New Netflix series: *Peaky Blinders 1954*, filmed throughout the Midlands
TBC 2027
Set a decade after the original drama, this spin-off series follows a new generation of the Shelby family amid Birmingham's burgeoning industrial power in the 1950s. It was filmed throughout the city and surrounding region, including Digbeth Loc. Studios, Black Country Living Museum (BCLM) and Burslem in Stoke-on-Trent. Catch BCLM's new *Peaky Blinders* filming location tour (launched August 2026) – now even more accessible, thanks to the new tram stop outside the museum (opening early 2027).

New Netflix series: *Bridgerton* season 5, filmed in London, Richmond and Bath
TBC 2027
Filming of the new *Bridgerton* series again took place throughout England's grand country houses, stately homes and historic locations – including Bath's Royal Crescent, Richmond's Ham House and Goldsmith's Hall in London. The new series follows Francesca Bridgerton and Michaela Stirling in the show's first same-gender central romance. Visit the places that star in the series on a *Bridgerton* tour with Bath Walking Tours, and catch The Holburne Museum's new exhibition The Dance, exploring female identity and representation via works by the likes of Paula Rego and Tracey Emin.

New film: *You Are Here*, filmed in the Lake District, Manchester and Derbyshire
TBC 2027
Based on David Nicholls' bestselling novel, a love story of a couple who meet on the long-distance Coast to Coast walk across northern England, this new eight-part series for the BBC will showcase some of England's most dramatic landscapes. Filming is taking place in the Lake District, wider Cumbria, Manchester and Derbyshire.

New Netflix series: *The Woods*, filmed in Bolton and Greater Manchester
TBC 2027
The next addition to the Harlan Coben series, this Netflix thriller was filmed across Bolton and the Greater Manchester region. It will bring Coben's bestselling mystery novel to life against a backdrop of urban streets and woodland landscapes, starring Tom Bateman, Michelle Keegan and Mandeep Dhillon.

New TV series: *Open Water*, filmed in Birmingham and London
TBC 2027
Based on Caleb Azumah Nelson's award-winning debut novel, this new BBC series was filmed in Birmingham and London. The eight-part drama will star Toheeb Jimoh and Dujonna Gift, exploring love, identity and belonging against a dynamic urban backdrop.

New TV series: *Bergerac* Series 3, filmed in Devon
TBC 2027
The latest instalment of BBC's modern-day *Bergerac* will extend its filming locations from Jersey to England's South West, with scenes shot in Plymouth and wider Devon. Key locations include Ivybridge, Torquay, Newton Abbot's Old Forde House, Plymouth's Central Park and Boringdon Hall.

New Amazon Prime Video series: *Tomb Raider*, filmed in Surrey and Bedfordshire
TBC 2027

Lara Croft will return in a new live-action *Tomb Raider* series, starring Sophie Turner as Lara and created by Phoebe Waller-Bridge. The original video game was famously created in Derbyshire, while the series was filmed in Spain and England, including Surrey and Bedfordshire's Wrest Park.

Recommencing filming: *28 Years Later: Part III*, filmed throughout England
TBC 2027
Filming will resume for the final movie in the *28 Years Later: Part III* trilogy. Director Danny Boyle has said that it is "set in an area of Britain [where] you can only film in certain times of the year", and that in 2026 the team "ran out of time". The second part of the trilogy, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Jodie Comer and Cillian Murphy, was shot in Northumberland, North Yorkshire and Somerset.

New film: *Chork*, filmed on England's East Coast
TBC 2027
Directed by Shane Meadows, director of the cult Brit indie drama "This Is England", *Chork* will follow siblings 15-year-old Kit and 11-year-old Ani as they leave their foster home in search of a better life. Filmed on location throughout England's East Coast, Chork will feature locations including Kent, Skegness, Grimsby and Yorkshire.

New Netflix series featuring Catanger Llamas, Weedon Lois, Northamptonshire
TBC 2027
The furry residents of Catanger Llamas are set to become stars after appearing in a new Netflix series, with details to be announced soon. You can take a countryside walk with the llamas, meet them on their farm, and even stay in a shepherd's hut near their enclosure. The llamas have already featured in the Netflix film *The Thursday Murder Club*, and their latest screen appearance is expected to bring fresh attention.

New tour: Stowe on Screen: Stowe House, Buckinghamshire
TBC 2027
A new guided tour will explore Stowe House's appearances in films, television and advertising, while highlighting former pupils who have gone on to careers in the entertainment industry. Its screen credits include *Bridgerton*, *The Crown* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

New TV series: *The Cadburys*, filmed in the Midlands
TBC 2027
A new drama charting the rise of the Cadbury family has been filmed across Birmingham, Dudley and Staffordshire. It will follow the "underdogs of the cocoa world" as they create the iconic Cadbury's chocolate bar – the perfect excuse to visit Cadbury World in Bourneville, Birmingham. *The Cadburys* will launch on streaming service U.

New film: *First Christmas*, filmed in Shrewsbury, Shropshire
TBC 2027
Historic Shrewsbury will provide the backdrop for *First Christmas*, a new festive feature starring Mark Addy, Russell Tovey and Eleanor Tomlinson. Visitors can also discover the town's rich Christmas film heritage on guided tours of locations featured in the classic 1984 *A Christmas Carol*.

Visitor Attractions, Museums & Galleries

New visitor district: Medlock Square, Etihad Campus, Manchester
Throughout 2027
A major new entertainment and hospitality destination has launched at Manchester's Etihad Campus, creating a new base for visitors attending events at the Etihad Stadium and Co-op Live. Its Manchester City FC museum (opened late 2026) combines memorabilia and technology, while ABBA-inspired dinner show Mamma Mia! The Party will open in late 2027. At its centre is The Medlock, a 401-bedroom Radisson Blu hotel, alongside restaurants, cafés, bars and a sky bar.

Bamburgh Castle restoration begins, Northumberland
Throughout 2027
Bamburgh Castle will begin its biggest conservation project in 130 years as the roof of the King's Hall is replaced. Visitors will be able to watch the work unfold from a new rooftop viewing platform, explore a new exhibition on the castle's history and follow the restoration via a live video feed.

Partial reopening of Wray Castle in Lake District
Spring 2027
Following a major restoration project, the National Trust's Wray Castle will partially reopen in spring, revealing its dramatic church-like entrance hall and carved wooden interiors for the first time since 2025. The reopening of the Gothic Revival treasure forms part of a wider investment to conserve its 64-acre estate, with upgrades to historic buildings, infrastructure and visitor facilities in the works.

Reopening: Leas Lift, Folkestone, Kent
Spring 2027
One of Britain's oldest funicular railways, built in 1885, will return after a decade-long closure and £6.6 million restoration. The Victorian water-balance lift (one of just three of its kind remaining) will reconnect Folkestone's clifftop with the seafront, alongside improvements to the café, waiting room and terrace. While you're there, look out for Folkestone's Banksy and Antony Gormley artworks too.

New cultural venue: Alexandra Arts Centre, Bognor Regis, West Sussex
Spring 2027
After a £15 million transformation, this coastal cultural hub will feature a refurbished 386-seat auditorium, five creative studios, exhibition spaces, improved café and bar facilities and enhanced accessibility. The venue will host year-round theatre, live music, dance, arts and cultural events.

Reopening: Manchester Town Hall, Manchester
Spring 2027
Manchester Town Hall will reopen to the public in its 150th anniversary year, following a nine-year restoration project. The Grade I listed Victorian landmark will offer improved access, new visitor routes and tours of spaces previously closed to the public, alongside a transformed Albert Square.

New exhibition: Trinity the Tyrannosaurus rex, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
February 2027
A 67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex called Trinity will make its UK public debut at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Measuring 11.6 metres long and featuring 293 genuine fossil bones, Trinity will headline a new interactive exhibition exploring one of history's greatest predators.

New ferry: *Scillonian IV*, Isles of Scilly
March 2027
This new ferry sailing the Penzance–Isles of Scilly route will replace the *Scillonian III* after 49 years of service. Designed for comfort, reliability and efficiency, *Scillonian IV* will carry up to 600 passengers to and from St Mary's island with better stability, speed, efficiency and accessibility.

New experience: Bricks & Paper – A Story in Light, Elizabeth Gaskell's House, Manchester
March–October 2027
Manchester's Elizabeth Gaskell's House will launch a new immersive projection experience as the city celebrates ten years as a UNESCO City of Literature. Animated projections, illuminated interiors and interactive displays will bring the Victorian author's home and stories to life.

New exhibition: The Dance: Seven Women Artists at The Holburne Museum, Bath
May–October 2027
Curated by art historian Katy Hessel (who founded the @thegreatwomenartists Instagram account), The Dance will feature seven contemporary artists – including Paula Rego, Tracey Emin, Chantal Joffe and Antonia Showering – all examining themes of identity, representation and everyday life.

Return of the Brighton Wheel: Brighton Seafront, East Sussex
Summer 2027
After an absence of 11 years, the Brighton Wheel is set to return to the city's seafront. Operated by the team behind several of the city's seafront attractions, the observation wheel will once again provide panoramic views across the coast and city skyline.

New cultural venue: Scala Arts Centre, Worcester
Summer 2027
A £26 million regeneration project will transform the old Scala Theatre and Corn Exchange into a new creative destination for Worcester. It will feature a cinema, live music, theatre, comedy, exhibitions, learning spaces and food and drink facilities, as part of the city's emerging Creative Quarter.

New experience: Victorian Village at Kynren – The Storied Lands, County Durham
7 July 2027
Following the launch of Kynren: The Storied Lands in summer 2026, a new indoor Victorian Village experience will open with more than 40 faithfully recreated shops, homes and scenes – including a corsetière, blacksmith, milliner, grocer and cobbler. Built around an extensive collection of authentic artefacts from Flambards Theme Park, the attraction will bring the Victorian world to life in immersive detail.

Reopening of Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, Merseyside
Autumn 2027
Tate Liverpool will reopen in autumn 2027 following a £30 million redevelopment, with *Surrealism: Staging Dream Worlds* exploring the movement's links to theatre, dance and performance. The northern home of the national collection of British and international modern and contemporary art will also present the first major retrospective of Liverpool-born artist Chila Kumari Singh Burman.

New theatre: Malvern Theatres, Malvern, Worcestershire
Autumn 2027
A boost for the creative town of Malvern, the major expansion of Malvern Theatres will create a 240-seat studio theatre, improved accessibility and upgraded visitor facilities. The project will also introduce a new outdoor amphitheatre overlooking Priory Park, seating up to 100 people, adding a new space for performances and events against the backdrop of the Malvern Hills.

New railway station: Liverpool Baltic, Liverpool
Winter 2027
A new £100 million railway station will open in Liverpool's Baltic Triangle, improving sustainable access to one of the city's fastest-growing creative and cultural districts. With step-free access, cycle facilities and improved public transport links, the station will make it easier for visitors to explore the area's independent businesses, food, music and events.

Reopening: Newark Castle Gatehouse, Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire
Late 2027
Newark Castle will unveil its new interactive displays, reconstructed historic rooms, gallery spaces and improved accessibility. Visitors will also be able to explore previously hidden underground areas, including three historic dungeons. Built by the Normans in the 12th century, the reopening provides a timely addition to England's Year of the Normans celebrations.

New attraction: Bath Assembly Rooms, Bath
TBC 2027
The National Trust is transforming the Assembly Rooms into a multi-sensory "Georgian Experience" that will recreate an extravagant 18th Century costume ball. Visitors will step into a world of music, dance and revelry, with costumed characters projected into the building's grand spaces – all based on real Bath residents of the Georgian era.

New attraction: Minecraft World at Chessington World of Adventures, Surrey
TBC 2027
A new immersive Minecraft-themed land is coming to Chessington World of Adventures, bringing the global gaming phenomenon to a theme park setting. The £50 million development will feature the UK's first Minecraft rollercoaster, interactive block-built play areas, and themed food and drink.

New conservation centre: Twycross Zoo, Leicestershire
TBC 2027
This Midlands attraction will unveil a new conservation centre with an orangutan-viewing lecture theatre, plus a major new Indonesia zone introducing two new species to the zoo. The development will also include its first on-site visitor accommodation.

Reopening: River Caves, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Lancashire
TBC 2027
One of the world's oldest dark rides will return after a major reimagining. Dating back to 1905, the River Caves (which closed in 2024) will reopen with refreshed scenes and new theming, while

retaining elements of its historic Egyptian and jungle-inspired journey through caves, temples and lost landscapes.

New museum: The Beatles at 3 Savile Row, London
TBC 2027
A museum dedicated to The Beatles is set to open at 3 Savile Row in London, where the band recorded *Let It Be*. It will feature previously unseen material from the Apple Corps archives, alongside exhibitions, a retail space and a recreation of the original studio where *Let It Be* was recorded. Visitors will also be able to access the rooftop where The Beatles performed their legendary concert.

Great Outdoors, Tours & Trails

St Cuthbert's Way named one of *Lonely Planet*'s Best in Travel experiences, Northumberland
2027
St Cuthbert's Way has been recognised as one of Lonely Planet's top travel experiences for 2027. The 62-mile long-distance trail crosses the Scottish Borders before ending on the tidal island of Northumberland's Lindisfarne (Holy Island), where the dramatic causeway and links to Christian heritage add a magnificent final chapter.

New walking holidays: Ramble Worldwide, Lake District, Cumbria
From April 2027
Ramble Worldwide will expand its UK programme with five new guided walking holidays, including dedicated men's and women's trips based at Hassness House on the shores of Buttermere. New itineraries also include a Lake District wildflower trail and a food-focused Cumbrian walking holiday, combining classic fell walks with local foodie experiences.

New opening: Bring Me Sunshine Garden at Eden Project Morecambe, Lancashire
Spring 2027
The first part of the £100 million Eden Project Morecambe development will open this year, with free entry. Designed around nature and sustainability, the garden – which debuted at the 2026 RHS Chelsea Flower Show – will feature pines, wildflower meadows, grasses and a solar-powered pavilion with rainwater harvesting. The full attraction will open in 2028; see And Beyond.

New Accessible Viewpoints Guide: Shropshire
Spring 2027
A new guide to 11 accessible viewpoints will make Shropshire's landscapes easier to explore, with independently audited access information, audio descriptions for blind and partially sighted visitors, and tactile artworks inspired by the surrounding scenery. Also this spring, the county will debut four additional themed trails, covering great outdoors, food and drink, heritage and free attractions.

Wyre Estuary Country Park visitor centre: Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire
Spring 2027
A new visitor centre and education hub will open at Wyre Estuary Country Park, offering interactive displays celebrating the River Wyre and its wildlife. It will also showcase conservation work protecting saltmarsh habitats and natural flood defences along the Lancashire coast.

Cumbria's first Tulip Festival at Walby Farm Park, near Carlisle
Spring 2027
Inspired by the famous Dutch tulip fields they saw on a trip to Holland, the owners of Walby Farm planted an entire field with tulips in spring 2026 – which will bloom this spring. Expect thousands of colourful flowers at Cumbria's first dedicated tulip festival, with photo opportunities, family-friendly activities and seasonal food and drink.

New nature reserve: The Moors at Arne, near Wareham, Dorset
Spring 2027
A new 370-acre nature reserve is set to open at RSPB Arne, creating a major new coastal wildlife landscape in Dorset. It will restore and adapt former farmland into habitats for wildlife, and create new opportunities to explore the changing coastline through walking trails and nature experiences.

New camper adventure experiences: LandyCampers, Suffolk & Norfolk
Spring–autumn 2027
Award-winning LandyCampers will debut a new way to explore East Anglia: classic Land Rover Defender camper adventures in Suffolk and Norfolk. Guests will travel with fully equipped vehicles, complete with rooftop tent, bedding, cooking equipment, fridge and off-grid power. Itineraries will feature vineyards, independent food producers, market towns, countryside and coastline.

Expanded tours and trail: Cedar Hollow Oxford, Headington, Oxfordshire
Summer 2027
This woodland retreat will expand its outdoor Illusion Trail, which was created by a member of the Magic Circle. It will double the number of interactive optical illusions hidden across its 12-acre forest, which so far include the "infinity well" and "invisibility cloak". It will also debut new bee-themed experiences around its Bee Museum and hives, such as themed tours and honey tasting.

New visitor hub: Studley Lodge at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal, North Yorkshire
Winter 2027
The National Trust will unveil Studley Lodge as the centrepiece of its £5.8 million Studley Revealed project at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal. Creating a new gateway to the historic water gardens, it will include an accessible café, improved visitor facilities and exhibitions telling the story of one of Europe's finest Georgian water gardens.

Food, Drink & Shopping

Lea & Perrins 190th anniversary, Worcester, Worcestershire
Throughout 2027
Whether dashed into Bloody Mary cocktails, bolognese sauce or cheese-on-toast, Lea & Perrins is a beloved staple of British cooking – and this year it turns 190. Founded in Worcester in 1837, it remains one of the county's most famous exports, so look out for celebratory events.

New festival: Lewes Whisky Festival: Lewes, East Sussex
13 February 2027

More than 100 whiskies from over 30 producers will be showcased at the historic Corn Exchange. This debut festival will bring together distilleries, independent bottlers and whisky experts for tastings, talks and masterclasses suitable for enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

Freight Island food court expansion, Leeds
Summer 2027
The team behind Freight Island plans to take over Trinity Kitchen in Leeds and expand the popular food court in a £15m redevelopment. Set to open in summer, the redevelopment will add 15,000 sq. ft to Trinity Kitchen, creating an expansive food and leisure destination that includes a new outdoor terrace overlooking the city.

New launch: The Knot at Courteenhall Estate, Courteenhall, Northamptonshire
July 2027
This new visitor destination at Northamptonshire's Courteenhall Estate will focus on regenerative living, with a farm shop, restaurant, café, cycling trails, nature walks, events and an "innovation theatre". Guided by B Corp and Michelin Green ambitions, the first phase of The Knot will be a year-round attraction, with future plans including an outdoor lido, wellness zone, padel courts, forest school and pick-your-own flower experiences.

New experience: Thornfalcon Estate Wine School, Somerset
TBC 2027
Learn the art and science of wine at Thornfalcon Estate's new six-session Wine School. Led by WSET Diploma holder Robert England, the relaxed course combines guided tastings with vineyard and winery visits, covering everything from English terroir and grape varieties to food pairing, winemaking and sparkling wines.

Festivals, Exhibitions & Events

Bayeux Around Britain: nationwide exhibitions and events across England
Until July 2027
As part of The Year of the Normans, The British Museum's Bayeux Around Britain programme is bringing the story of the Bayeux Tapestry to more than 60 museums, galleries, cathedrals and heritage sites across England. It launched in September 2026, and will continue until July 2027. Highlights include the UK's largest public digital screening of the tapestry at The Box in Plymouth, a full-size reproduction displayed inside Tewkesbury Abbey, large-scale digital projections at North Lincolnshire Museum, Norman-themed displays at Exeter's RAMM, and rare 19th Century Bayeux casts at Rievaulx Abbey. In Berkshire, visitors can see Reading Museum's full-size, 70-metre Victorian replica of the Bayeux Tapestry year-round, which is on permanent display in its dedicated Bayeux Gallery. Alongside exhibitions, visitors can discover trails, talks, family activities and community events exploring the legacy of 1066 and the Norman Conquest, making this landmark cultural moment accessible far beyond London.

Burnley Year of Culture: Burnley, Lancashire
Throughout 2027

Burnley's Year of Culture will celebrate the town's creativity with a programme of festivals, exhibitions, performances and food events. Highlights include the return of the Burnley Soapbox Challenge (12 June), alongside community-led projects designed to showcase local talent throughout the year.

NBA Basketball comes to Manchester's Co-op Live
17 January 2027
Basketball history will be made when Manchester hosts its first ever NBA regular-season game, marking only the second time an NBA team has played in the city. The New Orleans Pelicans will clash with the San Antonio Spurs, one of just a handful of times the NBA has played in the UK.

Exhibition: Accidentally Wes Anderson at The American Museum & Gardens, Bath
13 February – 20 June 2027
Following previous editions in cities including London, Seoul, Melbourne and Hong Kong, this exhibition will showcase 100 photographs of architecture, travel and design in the distinctive cinematic style of filmmaker Wes Anderson. Inspired by the viral @AccidentallyWesAnderson Instagram account, interactive highlights include "dial a story" narration by Jeff Goldblum, virtual postcards and films of AWA on location.

New festival: What Women Want Bristol
1–12 March 2027
Coinciding with International Women's Day, this will be a city-wide celebration of women's leadership, creativity and activism – co-led by Lynne Franks OBE and local charity Bristol Women's Voice. It will include workshops, panels, film screenings, markets, yoga and wellbeing sessions.

New festival: Coastal Crime – The South's Crime Fiction Festival: Southampton, Hampshire
6 March 2027
Southampton will host the inaugural Coastal Crime festival, bringing together bestselling crime writers including Sarah Pinborough, Luke Jennings, M.J. Arlidge and Vaseem Khan. Alongside author talks and panels, the one-day event will feature publishing workshops, agent sessions and discussions exploring everything from coastal noir to page-to-screen adaptations.

250 years of jewellery making: Birmingham Jewellery Biennial, Birmingham
1–31 May 2027
A month-long festival of exhibitions, commissions, talks and contemporary design will celebrate 250 years of jewellery making in Birmingham's world-famous Jewellery Quarter. Birmingham was officially awarded World Craft City status by the World Crafts Council in 2025, commemorating the heritage and craftsmanship of its historic Jewellery Quarter.

New: Inclusive Sport & Culture Festival, Liverpool Waterfront
2–8 May 2027
A pioneering festival combining elite Paralympic sport with a disabled-led cultural programme will provide a major platform for disabled and neurodivergent artists alongside leading para-athletes. Wheelchair rugby, the World Boccia Cup, paracanoe and para athletics will feature alongside performances and exhibitions – culminating in a free celebration on Liverpool Waterfront on 8 May.

Together with the IWBF Wheelchair Basketball European Championships this gives Liverpool a year-round accessible sport and culture story for 2027.

Beyond the Page Festival: Stonyhurst College, Lancashire
5 June 2027
Fantasy romance fans can immerse themselves in Lancashire's first "romantasy" book festival. Expect bestselling authors, immersive experiences and a celebration of one of publishing's fastest-growing genres at a venue with literary links to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Lancaster Fringe Festival: Lancaster, Lancashire
24–27 June 2027
Lancaster will launch its debut Fringe Festival with four days of theatre, comedy, music and live performance across venues throughout the city. Inspired by leading fringe festivals, the new event aims to showcase emerging talent alongside established performers.

Invictus Games Birmingham 2027: Birmingham, Solihull & Sandwell
10–17 July 2027
The Invictus Games will return to the UK for the first time since 2014, bringing together service personnel and veterans from around the world for international sport and celebration. The games were founded in 2014 by the Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry, to support the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, injured and ill service personnel and veterans.

Tour de France Grand Départ GB 2027: multiple locations throughout England
2–4 July 2027
The 2027 Tour de France will kick off in the UK, passing through England (along with Scotland and Wales) prior to heading across the channel, marking the first time the Tour's stages will start in three different nations. England will host key sections of the men's race, with Stage One finishing in Carlisle (from Scotland), before Stage Two travels from Keswick through the Lake District, Milnthorpe, Morecambe Bay, Lancaster, the Lancashire fells and Liverpool. The route will showcase some of England's most dramatic landscapes, from the fells and lakes of Cumbria to the urban landmarks of Liverpool. Stage three will take place in Wales.

Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift Grand Départ, England
30 July – 1 August 2027
For the first time in its history, the Tour de France Femmes will begin in Britain, with three opening stages across England. The race starts in Leeds before travelling to Manchester on Stage One, crosses the Peak District to Sheffield on Stage Two, then concludes the Grand Départ with the event's first-ever team time trial through central London, finishing on The Mall.

New event: RHS Flower Show at Prospect Building, Bristol
8–11 July 2027
The Royal Horticultural Society will bring its first major flower show to Bristol, transforming the city's Prospect Building – a former torpedo warehouse – into a celebration of gardening and sustainability. Expect immersive gardens, pop-up botanical displays, workshops and talks focused on plants, urban gardening and greener city living.

Southampton to host UK Pride: Southampton, Hampshire
28–29 August 2027
Southampton will welcome one of the country's biggest annual Pride celebration to the South Coast. Expect a city-wide Pride march, live music, drag performances and a vibrant programme of events, building on Southampton's reputation as an accessible and inclusive city.

Turner Prize 2027, Tate St Ives, Cornwall
21 October 2027 – 17 April 2028
Tate St Ives will host the exhibition of the prestigious Turner Prize 2027, displaying works by the shortlisted artists for one of the world's most influential contemporary art awards. The winner will be announced in December 2027.

New archiving workshops at The UnMuseum, Bristol
TBC 2027
The UnMuseum is an online space where Black and Minoritised cultural producers can upload content and curate collections of their experiences. Throughout 2027, it will host a series of community archiving workshops, preserving the stories of those who live in and around Bristol – and growing its archive of explorations into identity, belonging, decolonisation and history.

Gig Tripping

The BRIT Awards: 50th Anniversary, Co-op Live, Manchester
27 February 2027
The 50th anniversary of the BRIT Awards will bring the ceremony back to Manchester, marking only the second time the UK's biggest music awards have been held outside London. Following a successful debut at Co-op Live, the milestone will reinforce Manchester's status as one of the UK's leading music cities.

Country to Country (C2C) festival expands to Manchester
12–14 March 2027
Europe's biggest country music festival will add Manchester as a third main host city alongside London and Glasgow. The expansion brings even more international country stars to England, reinforcing Manchester's growing reputation as a destination for major live music events.

New festival: Wildflower Festival, near Chippenham, Wiltshire
16–18 April 2027
A brand-new arts, wellbeing and music festival created exclusively for women, at Wellington Barns in Wiltshire. Expect live music, line dancing, crafting workshops, wellness sessions, karaoke, country and folk music. A weekend celebration of creativity, connection and womanhood.

50th anniversary of the Sex Pistols' *God Save the Queen*
27 May 2027
This year is the 50th anniversary of *God Save the Queen*, the Sex Pistols single released in 1977 that became an anthem of the punk movement – which profoundly influenced British music, fashion and

design. On 13 March, London's V&A South Kensington will present its Punk to Pop exhibition, exploring how punk's DIY ethos shaped contemporary popular culture.

New festival: Escape Reality, Town Moor, Newcastle upon Tyne
29–30 May 2027
A new electronic music festival will debut on Newcastle's Town Moor, combining international DJs with immersive art, large-scale production and interactive experiences. The inaugural line-up will be announced ahead of the festival.

New festival location: On The Beach Festival: Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
17–20 June 2027
The popular On The Beach concert series will expand beyond Brighton for the first time with a new seaside festival in Great Yarmouth. Set on the Golden Mile, the inaugural edition will feature major live music acts, with Olly Murs already confirmed as one of the headline performers.

25th anniversary of Isle of Wight Festival's revival
17–20 June 2027
This summer, The Isle of Wight Festival will celebrate the 25th edition since its revival in 2002. Robbie Williams, Kings of Leon and Fatboy Slim will headline the 2027 event.

New David Bowie attractions: David Bowie: On Tour & David Bowie: You're Not Alone, nationwide
30 June 2027 – September 2028
Featuring 100 highlights from the V&A's David Bowie archive – including many items never previously seen in public – **David Bowie: On Tour** will tour the UK. It will visit Showtown, Blackpool (30 June – 26 September 2027); The Bowes Museum, County Durham (October 2027 – January 2028); Ferens Art Gallery, Hull (February – May 2028) and Bristol Museum & Art Gallery (June – September 2028). Also, don't miss **David Bowie: You're Not Alone**, the acclaimed immersive 360-degree David Bowie experience at Brighton Dome, East Sussex. Rare archive footage, iconic performances and first-look material combine in a celebration of one of Britain's most influential musicians (16 July – 30 August).

Oasis Live '27: Manchester & Knebworth
June & September 2027
Following their record-breaking reunion tour in 2025, Oasis will return for even bigger stadium shows – including an 11-night residency at Manchester's Etihad Stadium and a return to Knebworth Park, 31 years after their legendary 1996 concerts. In October 2026, the documentary *Oasis: Don't Look Back in Anger* revisited the reunion of Liam and Noel Gallagher for their Oasis Live '25 tour (Disney+).

Accommodation

Accommodation: New Openings

New openings: Elysium Windermere, Lake District, Cumbria and Elysium St Mawes, Cornwall
Spring 2027

Overlooking Lake Windermere, this luxury 74-room property will include a panoramic rooftop spa, with bedrooms offering lake views and air conditioning. It joins Elysium's new hotel on Cornwall's Roseland Peninsula – Elysium St Mawes – which will open on 4 January, with 56 bedrooms and a spa.

New opening: Hotel Gotham Bristol

Spring 2027

The Guildhall in Bristol is currently undergoing major development and will be transformed into a lavish new hotel – featuring 75 bedrooms, a restaurant, spa and a rooftop terrace bar. The listed building will form part of the Hotel Gotham Group, whose Manchester property is renowned for its glitzy rooms and suites, so we can expect it to be daring, glamorous and opulent.

New opening: W Manchester, St Michael's, Manchester

Spring 2027

The international W Hotels brand – part of the Marriott group – will make its North of England debut at St Michael's, Manchester's landmark development. Located in the city centre, the hotel will add high-end accommodation alongside restaurants, offices and public spaces within the major regeneration scheme – which already includes the rooftop restaurant Chotto Matte.

New hotel: Waldorf Astoria London - Admiralty Arch, London

March 2027

Admiralty Arch will become a five-star hotel and serviced residences: England's first Waldorf Astoria. It will feature a spa, bars and a Royal Suite spanning the bridge – the first time that the building is opened to the public. It is rich in heritage; Winston Churchill was based here as First Lord of the Admiralty, it was a hub for WW1 code-breaking operations, and Ian Fleming worked here during WW2. Royal processions still pass under the main arch today, as they have done for over a century.

New hotel: Second Nature York, North Yorkshire

May 2027

Second Nature's first property in northern England will feature 116 rooms, a fitness centre and a café-bar specialising in homemade dishes prepared with locally sourced ingredients. The design will be inspired by York's rich history and architectural heritage, incorporating reclaimed timber flooring, recycled textiles and restored joinery.

New opening: The Isle of Wight Resort, Atherfield Bay

April 2027

A former holiday camp is being transformed into a new coastal resort overlooking Atherfield Bay. The first phase includes luxury lodges, an indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym and café-restaurant, with additional accommodation to follow.

New eco retreat: CABÜ in the Cotswolds, Langley, Oxfordshire

Spring/Summer 2027

CABÜ is set to bring its chic eco-cabins to the Cotswolds, creating a new sustainable retreat on a former Marconi radio transmission works. Facilities will include the Cabin Club bar, an indoor pool, spa, shop and summerhouse-style "sitooterie" for al fresco barbecues, dining and gatherings. It will champion wellness, featuring outdoor hot tubs, saunas and plunge pools.

New opening: Haithwaite Farm, near Penton, Cumbria
Phased from summer 2027
A new regenerative attraction combining food, heritage, wellness and accommodation. Opening in stages, it will include a farm shop, café, micro-distillery, taproom, heritage centre and wellness facilities, creating a new hub for eco-tourism in northern Cumbria.

Capri by Fraser, Kensington: London
Summer 2027
The UK debut of Capri by Fraser will transform seven Victorian buildings on Cromwell Road into a 180-room hotel. Blending historic architecture with contemporary design, studios and apartment suites, it will offer a smart base for exploring nearby landmarks including the Royal Albert Hall, V&A and Natural History Museum.

New opening: Sefton Place, near Arundel, West Sussex
Summer 2027
This aparthotel and wellness retreat will overlook the Arun Valley, with a strong focus on ecology, local produce and immersive outdoor experiences. Alongside wellbeing retreats, guests will find nature-based experiences including dark skies and stargazing events, with sustainability and regenerative tourism at its heart.

New opening: Cliffemount Hotel, Runswick Bay, North Yorkshire
Summer 2027
This new luxury eco-hotel will overlook Runswick Bay, with 20 sea-view bedrooms, a restaurant and pub. It aims to become the UK's first Passivhaus-certified hotel (warmed by the sun, and using very little energy for heating and cooling), combining low-impact design with a spectacular coastal setting.

New hotel: THE PIG-on the farm, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire
Late summer 2027
The latest addition to THE PIG collection will open on a 53-acre farm south of Stratford-upon-Avon, marking the brand's first hotel in the Midlands. Set within a sensitively restored 16th Century farmhouse, it will feature characterful bedrooms, THE PIG's largest restaurant to date and a kitchen garden at the heart of the estate. It will be committed to local produce and eco-friendly practices.

New holiday cottages at Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucestershire
Autumn 2027
Two 17th Century cottages within the grounds of Gloucester Cathedral are being transformed into distinctive holiday lets, offering the rare chance to stay in one of England's most remarkable cathedral precincts. Sleeping four and six guests, the cottages also provide easy access to the cathedral's famous cloisters, which featured in several *Harry Potter* films.

New Daylesford Hotel, Kingham, Oxfordshire
Phased opening from TBC 2027
Owners of Daylesford Farm, the Bamford family, will expand into hospitality with a 38-bedroom hotel centred on a restored historic mill in Kingham. It will also include a restaurant, alehouse,

holiday cottages and self-catering accommodation, creating a new luxury base for exploring the Cotswolds.

Launch of PEAK Gateway resort, hotel and activities centre, Chesterfield, Peak District, Derbyshire
TBC 2027 or 2028
A major new resort will open on 300 acres of reclaimed land near the Peak District. More than 30 years and £120m in the making, it will feature a 2,000-bed hotel, holiday lodges and a wellness centre. 70% of the estate will be dedicated to nature, after a 35-year rewilding project. A zero-carbon transport network – the PEAK Express – will connect to the National Park, enabling car-free journeys.

Accommodation: Reopenings & Enhanced Facilities

New accommodation: Keeper's Cottage: Old Langho, Lancashire
Early 2027
The Black Bull at Old Langho is expanding with the opening of Keeper's Cottage, a boutique retreat featuring seven individually designed bedrooms and three hot tub lodges. It will adjoin one of the Ribble Valley's best-known gastropubs, creating a new base for exploring the Lancashire countryside.

New destination spa: Ardencote Manor, Warwickshire
Early 2027
Ardencote Manor's £25 million transformation will include a major expansion of the hotel's wellness facilities and upgraded accommodation, making it one of the UK's biggest spa retreats. The redevelopment is under the ownership of Hiddenwell, which also operates the award-winning spa hotels Hoar Cross Hall and Eden Hall.Hoar Cross Hall and Eden Hall.

New accommodation: The Dairy at Avebury, Wiltshire
January 2027
The family behind the award-winning Stables at Avebury will open The Dairy, adding four self-catering stays for up to 20 guests on their working Wiltshire farm. Alongside stylish interiors, visitors can enjoy a children's play barn, farm-reared produce, home-cooked meals and an authentic countryside stay close to Avebury's prehistoric landscape.

New refurbishment: Harbour Hotel Bristol
February 2027
Harbour Hotel Bristol will expand to 72 rooms, following the acquisition and refurbishment of neighbouring Brooks Guesthouse. Alongside refreshed boutique interiors, the hotel will retain one of Bristol's most unusual places to stay: the four retro rocket caravans on the rooftop overlooking the Old City and St Nicholas Market.

Reopening: The Vineyard, Stockcross, Berkshire
February 2027
The first phase of this multi-million-pound relaunch will feature redesigned bedrooms and suites, a new gastronomic restaurant and contemporary brasserie, a stylish bar, wine shop, tasting room and chocolate kitchen. The hotel is renowned for housing one of England's finest wine collections. Later in the year, a spa, additional bedrooms, wellness facilities and an outdoor spa garden will be added.

Refurbished: The Eastbury, Sherborne, Dorset

Spring 2027

The Eastbury will reopen following a complete refurbishment; all 25 bedrooms are being redesigned alongside a new restaurant and bar and a dedicated bakery. Expect a fresh look and expanded food offering for this historic Sherborne hotel.

Reopening: The Iron Duke, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk

Spring 2027

This Art Deco pub will reopen following a £2.4 million restoration, with two heritage holiday apartments. The Grade II-listed landmark will also feature a restored historic bar serving local beers, and a separate dining area showcasing Norfolk and Suffolk meat and produce.

Revamped: Dukes London, Mayfair, London

Spring 2027

Home to the cocktail bar whose tableside martini trolley is said to have inspired James Bond's signature order – "shaken, not stirred" – Dukes London will reveal a major refurbishment this year. As well as redesigned rooms and suites, it will feature a new Wolseley restaurant in partnership with the fine-dining brand. Previous high-profile guests include Ian Fleming, Princess Diana and Edward Elgar.

New bedrooms: Hotel Gotham Newcastle

Spring 2027

Hotel Gotham Newcastle – the home of the one-of-a-kind Greggs-themed suite – will expand with 30 new bedrooms in its former Police Station. They follow the 2026 launch of The Courtrooms, an events venue featuring four original spaces including the Judges' Chamber, two historic courtrooms – one retaining its prisoner's dock – and a museum celebrating the building's policing history.

New opening: Oxford Witney Hotel, Witney, West Oxfordshire

Spring 2027

After a significant refurbishment, this hotel in Witney is being transformed as part of Hyatt's upscale JdV by Hyatt lifestyle collection. The redevelopment will add bedrooms, including new duplex family rooms, alongside a new restaurant and bar, landscaped gardens and upgraded meeting facilities.

Refurbishment: The Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton, Devon

Spring 2027

One of Paignton's best-known seafront hotels is undergoing a year-long transformation, and will reopen with 55 bedrooms, a new restaurant and bar and enhanced spa facilities. Renowned for its Indian-inspired architecture, the hotel sits directly beside Paignton Beach and Preston Sands.

New accommodation: Wildhive Eshott Hall, Northumberland

Spring 2027

After unveiling its major refurbishment in December 2026, this country house retreat will debut new accommodation: self-contained rooms in The Stables, and a two-bedroom, dog-friendly woodland stay in the Forester's Bothy. The Coach House spa facilities will also open in spring. The hotel is set across 37 acres of gardens and ancient forest, combining a Georgian manor with woodland cabins.

Redevelopment: Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, Oxfordshire
Summer 2027
The famous Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons hotel, founded by Raymond Blanc OBE, closed at the end of 2025 for a full renovation. The new-look manor house will reopen with enhanced gardens, elevated accommodation, new courses and a fresh focus on its philosophy of garden gastronomy. Expect a high-profile reopening of this Michelin-starred property in summer 2027.

New accommodation at The Bathurst Estate, Cirencester, Gloucestershire
Late summer 2027
The Bathurst Estate is expanding its visitor accommodation with 12 new guest rooms at Ewe Pens. The rooms will support weddings at nearby Ivy Lodge while offering a stylish new base for exploring the Cotswolds. The development forms part of the estate's wider investment in its accommodation portfolio.

Major redevelopment: Farthingstone Hotel, Towcester, Northamptonshire
TBC 2027
The former Farthingstone Hotel & Golf Course is being transformed into a modern wellness and leisure complex, with plans for a five-star hotel. Replacing the former hotel and golf offering, the complex will create a major new luxury and wellbeing destination in Towcester, Northamptonshire.

Expansion and heritage restoration: The Lygon Arms, Broadway, Worcestershire
TBC 2027
This historic Cotswolds hotel is embarking on a major expansion, which will include new guest accommodation, restoration of its garden buildings and a new events venue. The project will increase the hotel's capacity while bringing original parts of the property back into use.

2028 And Beyond

British stadiums to host UEFA EURO 2028, Nationwide
9 June to 9 July 2028
UK and Ireland will host the UEFA European Football Championship in 2028 – the third time that the Euros will be played in England, after 1996 and 2021. The matches will be held at London's Wembley Stadium, London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Manchester's City of Manchester Stadium, Liverpool's Everton Stadium (new stadium), Newcastle's St James' Park and Birmingham's Villa Park.

Cultural programme: Thomas Hardy Centenary, Dorset
Throughout 2028
January 2028 will mark 100 years since the death of novelist and poet Thomas Hardy. In Dorchester, his home for much of his life and the inspiration for his famous Casterbridge, visitors will be able to dance to music Hardy played on his violin with his family at ceilidh events. There will also be live performances featuring modern interpretations of his works, and walking and cycling trails linking key Hardy sites. Dorset Museum & Art Gallery will display manuscripts, correspondence, photos and personal belongings, many of which have never been exhibited before. The bedroom in which Hardy died at Hardy's House, Max Gate, is being reinterpreted, allowing visitors to experience it as it may have appeared at the time of his death in 1928 (opening from Easter 2028).

The Beatles attractions: *The Beatles – A Four-Film Cinematic Event* & The Beatles: Liverpool 2028
April 2028
Sam Mendes' ambitious four-part Beatles film series is currently filming across landmark locations associated with the band's story, including Liverpool and London's Abbey Road. Starring Harris Dickinson (John Lennon), Paul Mescal (Paul McCartney), Joseph Quinn (George Harrison) and Barry Keoghan (Ringo Starr), the films are scheduled for simultaneous worldwide release. Also launching in 2028, The Beatles: Liverpool 2028 is an upcoming 100,000-square-foot Beatles museum experience opening in Liverpool. Backed by Sir Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, Apple Corps Ltd. is taking over The Beatles Story and moving it from the Royal Albert Dock to the former St Johns Market site opposite Liverpool Lime Street station, quadrupling its current size.

750 years since the Statute of Gloucester
August 2028
2028 will mark 750 years since King Edward I held Parliament in the city and enacted the Statute of Gloucester in 1278, which enabled him to reclaim royal powers lost during the reign of his father, King Henry III. A defining moment in English legal and parliamentary history.

New events arena to open at The Sage, Newcastle Gateshead, Tyne and Wear
TBC
On the banks of the Tyne, The Sage will be a state-of-the-art events arena. Costing £260m, the 12,500-15,000 capacity venue will also feature restaurants and two hotels. There will be a conference centre with 5,700 square metres of exhibition space, green areas, an outdoor performance square and food venues.

Film release: *The Batman – Part II*
February 2028
The sequel to the 2022 film *The Batman* will continue director Matt Reeves' dark and gritty take on Gotham's Caped Crusader. Details of the plot are tightly under wraps, but the film is set for release in February 2028; Robert Pattinson will once again star as Batman, with filming locations in London, Liverpool and Runcorn in Cheshire.

New venue: Aviva Arena, Brabazon, Bristol
Winter 2028
Plans are underway to transform the Brabazon Hangar – the birthplace of the Brabazon aircraft and supersonic Concorde – into the UK's third largest arena. It will be the most sustainable arena in Europe, and carbon neutral "from day one". The development will anchor a major new district including hotels, restaurants, a conference centre, parks and a new railway station, creating one of the South West's biggest destinations for live music, sport and events.

Opening of Therme Manchester, Trafford City, Greater Manchester
Winter 2028
The UK's first city-based wellbeing resort, Therme Manchester will combine hundreds of water-based activities with spa treatments, art, nature and technology. Visitors will unwind in a 28-acre tropical environment (that's the size of 19 football pitches!) with warm-water lagoons and botanical gardens. Expect more than 25 pools, urban farms, beehives and dedicated family and adults-only sections.

100 years since the Equal Franchise Act, nationwide
2028
The Equal Franchise Act gave women the right to vote on equal terms with men. Prior to the ruling in 1928, women weren't allowed to vote until they were 30, and only if they were property owners, but the stipulations were revised to mirror the rules for men. All major political parties have committed to gender-equal representation in parliament by 2028

New attraction: Eden Project Morecambe, Morecambe Bay, Lancashire
Winter 2028
Eden Project Morecambe is a £100 million regeneration and climate education project set to transform Morecambe Bay's seafront. Two landmark structures, the Realm of the Sun and Realm of the Moon, will connect visitors with the natural world. The Sun will house a bright, lush landscape imagining a future in which humanity has repaired its relationship with nature; the Moon will offer an immersive exploration of the Bay, with accelerated tides, days and seasons creating a world of storytelling and discovery. Outside, the All Seasons Garden will showcase nature throughout the year, while the Rhythm Gardens will celebrate nature and community, with space for Eden Sessions. The first completed feature, the Bring Me Sunshine Garden, is under construction and planned to open in spring 2027.

Transformation: Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Sunderland
December 2028
Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens is undergoing a £13.6 million transformation that will create new galleries celebrating the city's heritage, a new entrance connecting directly to Mowbray Park and a community learning hub known as The Growing Space.

New attraction: MEMO Portland, Portland, Dorset
TBC 2028
MEMO Portland will be a biodiversity, conservation and educational visitor hub inside an underground stone labyrinth. Portland's white stone has been used to build the likes of St Paul's Cathedral and the UN building in New York. Housed in the former mine tunnels, the £32m project will train young stonemasons and will operate with local charities and conservation initiatives.

New stadium: Eco Park, Stroud, Gloucestershire
TBC 2028
Forest Green Rovers' new Eco Park will feature a 5,000-seat wooden stadium designed by Zaha Hadid Architects, forming the centrepiece of a low-carbon sports and business destination. Designed to become one of the world's most sustainable football venues, the development will also include green business space and community facilities.

Victorian Winter Gardens, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
TBC 2028
An £18 million project will transform the UK's last surviving cast iron and glass seaside winter garden into a year-round attraction with indoor gardens, cafés, community spaces and sustainable design inspired by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

New wellbeing destination: Stroud Waters, Kings Stanley, Gloucestershire

Proposed for 2028

Currently at design stage, Stroud Waters is envisioned as a natural outdoor pool and wellbeing hub. Designed as a hybrid between a lido and wild swimming spot, the project will feature biofiltered pools for families, leisure users and lane swimmers, alongside a sauna and community space. The site has been identified on farmland in the Cotswolds village of Kings Stanley.

New restoration: Cotswold Canals Connected, Gloucestershire

TBC 2029

The next phase of the Cotswold Canals restoration will reconnect the Stroudwater Navigation with the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal, completing a key section of the historic waterway ahead of its 250th anniversary in 2029. The project is expected to boost biodiversity, boating and tourism across the Cotswolds.

New theme park: Puy du Fou, Oxfordshire

TBC 2029

Celebrated in France for its spellbinding live shows and painstakingly recreated historical villages, Puy du Fou will launch its first UK park in Oxfordshire. The £600m attraction will immerse visitors in Hollywood-scale historical performances and evocative storytelling, offering a dramatic journey through the past.

New theme park: Universal United Kingdom Resort, Bedfordshire

TBC 2031

Universal will bring its world-class cinematic theme park experience to the UK for the first time in Bedfordshire. Expect state-of-the-art cinematic rides and attractions inspired by blockbuster films, with the park set to attract more than 8.5m visitors annually once it opens its doors.

New hotel: Nobu Hospitality coming to Manchester

TBC 2031

Manchester's Viadux 2 skyscraper will become the third tallest building in England after London's The Shard and 22 Bishopsgate when it opens in 2031. Featuring Nobu-branded hotel rooms, residences and a Nobu restaurant, the 76-storey tower will raise the bar for luxury accommodation in the city. Nobu Hospitality was founded by Chef Nobu Matsuhisa, Robert De Niro and Meir Teper.