

# IT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDERLAND...

## MAY 2026

01 FRI	The Bodyguard @ Sunderland Empire Vigilante @ Live Lounge Humour 'Learning Greek UK Tour 2' @ Independent
02 SAT	The Bodyguard @ Sunderland Empire Makers & Bakers Market @ The Bridges Arctic Monkeyz @ Pop Recs The Inmates @ Live Lounge Roulette Festival 2026 @ Independent R&B Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories Georgia Groove @ STACK
03 SUN	Caddyshack @ Live Lounge Algorhythm @ STACK
04 MON	Early May Bank Holiday Star Wars Day Waitress @ Sunderland Empire
05 TUE	Waitress @ Sunderland Empire Rodney Crowell @ The Fire Station
06 WED	Waitress @ Sunderland Empire Cowboy Junkies @ The Fire Station Pubwatch @ Gatsby
07 THU	Waitress @ Sunderland Empire
08 FRI	Sunderland Shorts Film Festival Waitress @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Skipinnish @ The Fire Station The Addiction @ Live Lounge The Futureheads @ Independent The Houndcats @ STACK
09 SAT	Sunderland Shorts Film Festival SAFC vs Manchester United @ Stadium of Light Family Fan Zone @ Beacon of Light Art, Craft & Graze Market @ Sunderland Train Station Waitress @ Sunderland Empire Simon & Garfunkel - Through The Years @ The Fire Station Fossil and Blind @ Live Lounge Paul Michael Gray Trio @ STACK
10 SUN	Fair Trade Day Sunderland Shorts Film Festival Sunday Market @ Sheepfolds Stables Royal Northern Sinfonia @ The Fire Station
11 MON	Eat What You Want Day Sunderland Shorts Film Festival
12 TUE	International Nurses Day Sunderland Shorts Film Festival The Choir of Man @ Sunderland Empire Shopwatch @ Primark
13 WED	The Choir of Man @ Sunderland Empire Gan On @ Independent
14 THU	The Choir of Man @ Sunderland Empire
15 FRI	The Choir of Man @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station The Duellers @ The Fire Station The Codgers @ Live Lounge Redwings @ STACK
16 SAT	The Choir of Man @ Sunderland Empire Sunderland's 5k Evening Run The Magic of Motown @ The Fire Station Amateur Ornithologist Album Launch Party @ Pop Recs The Andy Rayner Band @ Live Lounge R&B Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories Eurovision Grand Final Ultimate Goldplay @ STACK
17 SUN	Active Sunderland's BIG 3k Run, 10k Run and Half Marathon Strictly Come Dancing: The Professionals @ Sunderland Empire Peter Todd Music @ STACK
18 MON	Emmylou Harris - Farewell Tour @ Sunderland Empire Getting to grips with self-assessment @ North East BIC
19 TUE	
20 WED	SAFC End of Season Awards @ Beacon of Light
21 THU	BIDS' Business Breakfast @ The Fire Station
22 FRI	BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Radio 1's Big Weekend Watch Party @ The Fire Station Sticky Fingers @ Live Lounge Plug In Maybe: A Tribute to Muse @ Independent Girls Go Pop! @ STACK
23 SAT	BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend The ELO Experience @ Sunderland Empire Radio 1's Big Weekend Watch Party @ The Fire Station Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges West Coast Band @ Live Lounge Finn Forster Live @ Independent AudioTracer @ STACK
24 SUN	BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend SAFC vs Chelsea @ Stadium of Light Family Fan Zone @ Beacon of Light Radio 1's Big Weekend Watch Party @ The Fire Station Clinton Baptiste: Spectral Intercourse @ The Fire Station Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges Jazz Night @ Hilton Garden Inn Jamagotchi @ Live Lounge
25 MON	Spring Bank Holiday Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges
26 TUE	John Barrowman @ The Fire Station Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges
27 WED	Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges
28 THU	Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges
29 FRI	Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges Sunside Nights @ Sunderland The Zone @ Live Lounge Back to Basics @ Independent Kroud Karaoke @ STACK
30 SAT	Motown Day Party @ The Point Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges Eves Apple @ Live Lounge The 30+ Club: Daytime Blubbing @ Independent R&B Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories
31 SUN	Ever Ready Band @ The Fire Station Soft Play Fun @ The Bridges Born Villains @ Live Lounge Classic Car Show @ Seaburn Recreation Ground

## JUNE 2026

01 MON	Pride Month begins Volunteers' Week
02 TUE	Volunteers' Week
03 WED	Volunteers' Week Pubwatch @ Gatsby
04 THU	Volunteers' Week Rich Hall: Chin Music @ The Fire Station Ibiza Soul Duo @ STACK
05 FRI	Sunderland Food & Drink Festival @ Keel Square & High Street West Volunteers' Week Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Blistered Molly @ Live Lounge All Star Rock Anthems @ STACK
06 SAT	Sunderland Food & Drink Festival @ Keel Square & High Street West Volunteers' Week D-Day Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Makers & Bakers Market @ The Bridges Ultimate Goldplay @ The Fire Station Open Day @ University of Sunderland Sunderland Pride @ The Bridges Merciless MMA @ The Point Brassneck @ Live Lounge An Evening With Peter Reid @ Roker Hotel
07 SUN	Sunderland Food & Drink Festival @ Keel Square & High Street West Volunteers' Week Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire CopaCabana Magic @ The Fire Station Beatles Anthology @ Live Lounge
08 MON	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
09 TUE	Take That @ Stadium of Light Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Teddy Thompson @ The Fire Station Shopwatch @ Primark
10 WED	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
11 THU	World Cup begins Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
12 FRI	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station From The Jam @ The Fire Station The Stones Story @ Live Lounge Soden & Sons @ STACK
13 SAT	Art, Craft & Graze Market @ Sunderland Train Station Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Daytime Disco for Grown Ups @ The Fire Station The Dambusters @ Live Lounge Ibiza Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories Clubland Reborn @ STACK
14 SUN	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Sunday Market @ Sheepfolds Stables
15 MON	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
16 TUE	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
17 WED	World Cup: England vs Croatia @ across the city Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire The Folk Soul Bros @ STACK
18 THU	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Music Cities Network Summer Summit
19 FRI	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Music Cities Network Summer Summit The Deeks @ Live Lounge Creative Tech Hub @ Sheepfolds Stables The 80's Girls @ STACK
20 SAT	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Fathers Day Fun @ The Bridges Music Cities Network Summer Summit Copperhead @ Live Lounge Soundwalk @ STACK
21 SUN	Fathers Day Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Music Cities Network Summer Summit Jason Isaacs @ STACK
22 MON	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
23 TUE	World Cup: England vs Ghana @ across the city Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire The Good Souls @ STACK
24 WED	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
25 THU	Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire BIDS' Business Breakfast Kerry Katona stars in ABBA Mia @ The Fire Station The Night Market @ STACK
26 FRI	Bring Your Dog To Work Day Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Kroud Karaoke @ STACK Starbreaker @ Live Lounge Armed Forces Weekend @ Seaburn Recreation Ground
27 SAT	World Cup: England vs Panama @ across the city Moulin Rouge! The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Ultra Boxing @ The Point The Rabble Rousers @ Live Lounge Ibiza Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories Riverdance - 25th Anniversary Show @ The Fire Station The Pine Barrens @ STACK
28 SUN	The Brooke Band @ Live Lounge Elite Dance Takeover Showcase @ The Fire Station
29 MON	
30 TUE	Pride Month ends

## JULY 2026

01 WED	Pubwatch @ Gatsby
02 THU	
03 FRI	Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Rebel Radio @ Live Lounge UK Foo Fighters @ The Fire Station Redwings @ STACK
04 SAT	Michael Starring Ben @ Sunderland Empire Makers & Bakers Market @ The Bridges Mug Shot @ Live Lounge Summer Streets @ Cliffe Park Bon Jovi Forever @ The Fire Station ABBA Fabulous @ STACK
05 SUN	Workaholics Day Electric Sheep @ Live Lounge Summer Streets @ Cliffe Park
06 MON	
07 TUE	World Chocolate Day Shopwatch @ Primark CRUK Road Show @ Whitburn Road
08 WED	Dance Schools of Sunderland Festival 2026 @ Sunderland Empire
09 THU	World Cup Quarter Finals
10 FRI	World Cup Quarter Finals Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Eli @ Live Lounge
11 SAT	World Cup Quarter Finals Art, Craft & Graze Market @ Sunderland Train Station The Spitting Vics @ Live Lounge NEKI Fighting Championship @ The Point 80's Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories
12 SUN	World Cup Quarter Finals Active Sunderland's BIG Bike Ride Sunday Market @ Sheepfolds Stables Heatsaker @ Live Lounge The Pitmen Poets @ The Fire Station
13 MON	
14 TUE	World Cup Semi Finals The Karate Kid The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
15 WED	World Cup Semi Finals City Watch The Karate Kid The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
16 THU	National Cherry Day The Karate Kid The Musical @ Sunderland Empire
17 FRI	The Karate Kid The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station Krakatoa @ Live Lounge K-Pop All Stars Tribute @ The Fire Station
18 SAT	World Cup Play Off The Karate Kid The Musical @ Sunderland Empire Common People @ Live Lounge
19 SUN	World Cup Final National Ice Cream Day
20 MON	International Chess Day
21 TUE	
22 WED	
23 THU	The Proclaimers @ Sunderland Empire City Picnic @ Keel Square
24 FRI	The Illegal Eagles @ Sunderland Empire Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station In At The Deep End @ Live Lounge The Smyths @ The Fire Station
25 SAT	Andthensome @ Live Lounge West End Daytime Disco @ The Point 80's Bottomless Brunch @ The 3 Stories BBC Proms: Mozart and Mendelssohn @ The Fire Station
26 SUN	
27 MON	Musical Theatre Summer School @ The Fire Station
28 TUE	Fireman Sam Live! @ The Fire Station
29 WED	National Lipstick Day
30 THU	BIDS' Business Breakfast International Friendship Day The Bootleg Eagles @ The Fire Station
31 FRI	Mackem Market @ Sunderland Train Station The Inmates @ Live Lounge ATG INSPIRE Summer School @ Sunderland Empire Silent Disco @ The Fire Station

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