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New Outdoor Café Opens at The Bowes Museum: A Perfect Spot to Enjoy Art, Nature and Food



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Café Bowes, at The Bowes Museum expands its award-winning café to the outdoors from Monday 7 April 2025. Situated on the terrace area at the entrance to the museum, diners can enjoy a range of quality and locally sourced hot and cold food and select from an extensive drink list whilst taking in the scenic views of the 22-acre parkland at the Bowes museum, Teesdale and beyond.

Nestled within the magnificent surroundings of the museum, the new outdoor area will feature comfortable seating and table service whilst enjoying breath-taking views. The space will be equipped with stylish parasols, providing much-needed shade for visitors to relax in comfort while enjoying the sunny weather.

The new outdoor area is designed to cater to a wide range of visitors, including families with children, couples and those visiting with their pets. It offers a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with the bonus of the museum's stunning grounds as the perfect backdrop. Visitors do not need to pay an admission fee for either the museum's shop or indoor or outdoor café, making it the perfect place to enjoy breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea with family and friends.

Whether visitors are enjoying a freshly brewed coffee, indulging in a homemade cake or choosing from a range of mouth-watering lunch options, the outdoor setting promises to enhance the entire experience. This café expansion offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy great food, good company and the beauty of Teesdale, all while supporting local food culture and enjoying the charm the museum.

Head of Commercial and Visitor Welcome, David Nicholls said: "We are excited to launch this brand-new Café Bowes space! It is the same exceptional service as you'd experience inside just outside in the fresh air and hopefully with the sun shining this summer. Whether enjoying a coffee with friends, taking a break from exploring the museum's incredible art collection, or simply soaking up the sun, we're excited to welcome everyone to this new space which we hope will become a cherished spot for visitors."

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Note to editors:

A photograph of afternoon tea at Café Bowes can be found [here](#).

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About The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is a charity managing a Grade 1 listed accredited Museum and Grade 2 listed parkland in Barnard Castle. Founded by Joséphine & John Bowes 150+ years ago, this purpose-built Museum brings together an extraordinary, designated collection of European fine and decorative art as a cultural resource for the people of Northern England, where today we celebrate artists, designers and makers.

The Bowes Museum receives funding from Durham County Council and, as a National Portfolio Organisation, receives support from Arts Council England. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. artscouncil.org.uk

The Bowes Museum is a member of the Discover Durham partnership of attractions, whose commitment is to promote Durham as an exciting and vibrant group travel destination and to provide the travel trade with a professional and knowledgeable service. discoverdurham.co.uk

Admission to The Bowes Museum is £17.70 for local members (residents of County Durham and Darlington), £20.00 for members (residents elsewhere), £19.50 for a day ticket, £21.45 for a day ticket including gift aid. Under 18s, full time students and carers are free.

As a registered charity (number 1079639) The Bowes Museum needs to generate more than half of its income each year to care for the historic collection, buildings and parkland. Your donations are vital to that work. Visit thebowesmuseum.org.uk/support/ for more information.



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