

Railway Tavern in Darlington among list of 16 remarkable historic places listed in 2023

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Nine historic gems related to the Stockton & Darlington Railway have been added to Historic England's National Heritage List for England over the past year. Among the listings featured is the Railway Tavern in Darlington, which has been listed at Grade II.

This is one of three pubs built in 1826, which could be considered proto railway stations. It's one of nine new listings this year relating to the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

Here is full list:

- 1. Dene Beck Culvert
- 2. Railway accommodation bridge 60m south of Dene Beck
- 3. Stockton & Darlington Railway: Etherley Inclines, summit and upper sections
- 4. Stockton & Darlington Railway: lower section of the southern Etherley Incline
- 5. Stockton & Darlington Railway: route alongside the River Gaunless
- 6. Stockton & Darlington Railway: Brusselton Inclines
- 7. Stockton & Darlington Railway: earthworks of the 1825 main line and associated features within Preston Park
- 8. The Railway Tavern, a former Stockton and Darlington Railway inn
- 9. Walling of former railway coal depot, Stockton and Darlington Railway

It is one of 16 remarkable historic gems which have been added to the National Heritage List for England over the past year.



This also includes a carriage wash dating to 1600 believed to be England's earliest known 'modern day car wash' in Hertfordshire; a striking Post-War church designed to reflect an upturned boat in Lancashire; an inventive 1980s giant leisure dome in Yorkshire and a rare purpose-built Arts and Crafts clubhouse at a golf club in Buckinghamshire, linked to winning European 2023 and current Ryder Cup Captain Luke Donald, feature in Historic England's round-up of unusual places listed over the past year.

The round-up also includes a rare intact Second World War radar station in Northumberland; an exceptional manor house in Norfolk with interiors spanning 500 years of history, which has been upgraded to Grade II*(star); and an extremely rare Iron Age cave known as a fogou in Cornwall which has had its list entry amended with new information to help with its future management.

In total, 227 historic places have been added to the National Heritage List for England in 2023.

Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Historic England said: "A range of remarkable historic buildings and sites are added to the List each year and 2023 is no exception. We've examined and protected some amazing sites this year, which together give us a window into our rich and varied historic environment. The festive period is a great time to find out more about the historic places all around us. I encourage everyone to explore the heritage on our doorsteps and to add what they discover to our Missing Pieces Project for everyone to see and enjoy."

The Missing Pieces Project: Uncover hidden histories and highlight overlooked stories

Historic England is urging people to add their stories about protected places in their area to the Missing Pieces Project. It could be a new photo, memories, or something they know about the historic place. You can add photos, drawings, audio, film, or text.

Visit Missing Pieces Project for more details.