



Carrickfergus Borough

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PASSPORT to Carrickfergus

Visitor Information



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ATTRACTIONS

The glory of old made new. A fine list of attractions to be enjoyed by anyone who wants to learn more about the town's history or just looking for a fun day out!



Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre

History coming home... Carrickfergus Museum interprets the long and distinguished history of the town and surrounding district from earliest times to the present day.

Material from the Council's own civic collection, together with Carrickfergus related material on loan from both private and national collections are on display. There are several 'hands on' interactive facilities giving a fun as well as an informative angle to the displays. The separate 'community archive' features local and social history material, relating to the Borough's recent past.

The archive also gives visitors the opportunity to add their own information stories, photographs, documents and newspapers to the collection.

Visitor facilities

- Tourist Information Centre
- Gift shop
- Temporary exhibition gallery
- Education/community room
- Community archive
- Café
- Special events/demonstrations
- Workshops
- Free admission

Information

Museum & Tourist Information Centre

Opening hours

April - September

Monday to Saturday: 10.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday: refer to Local Information Office

October - March

Monday to Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday: refer to Local Information Office

For confirmation of bank holiday opening hours please contact the Tourist Information Centre directly.

Contact details

Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre

11 Antrim Street

Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG

T 028 9335 8049 F 028 9335 0350

E touristinfo@carrickfergus.org

www.carrickfergus.org

Local Information Office

Carrickfergus Marina

3 Quayside

Carrickfergus, BT38 8BJ

T 028 9336 6666 F 028 9335 0505

E marinarec@carrickfergus.org

www.carrickfergus.org

Open 24 hours



Carrickfergus Castle



A striking feature of the landscape from land, sea and air, Carrickfergus Castle greets all visitors with its strength and menace.

It represents over 800 years of military might. Besieged in turn by the Scots, Irish, English and French, the Castle saw action right up to World War II. Today it is maintained by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and can be enjoyed by visitors wanting to learn more about its history or just looking for a fun day out in a unique setting.

Visitor facilities

- Visitor centre
- Guided tours
(advance booking recommended)
- Audio-visual theatre
- Hire facilities
- Gift shop
- Educational packages
- Special events/demonstrations
(contact for details)
- Interpretative models

Opening hours

Easter - September

Monday to Sunday: 10.00am - 6.00pm

October - Easter

Monday to Sunday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Last admission 30 minutes before closing

For confirmation of opening hours please contact the Castle directly.

Admission

Adult: £4.00 **Child/Senior Citizen:** £2.00

Family (2 Adults, 2 Children): £10.00

Group rate: £2.00 per person

(10+ available must be booked in advance)

Contact details

Carrickfergus Castle

Marine Highway

Carrickfergus, BT38 7BG

T 028 9335 1273

www.ni-environment.gov.uk

Andrew Jackson Cottage & US Rangers Centre

The Andrew Jackson Cottage highlights Carrickfergus' strong American and Ulster-Scots connections as well as telling the story of Andrew Jackson, 7th president of the USA, whose parents emigrated to America from Carrickfergus in 1765.

Located less than a mile from the town centre off the Larne Road, this single storey building has been restored to its original state. The interior has been decorated with a dresser, spongeware crockery, iron pots and griddles.

The cottage also has a collection of Ulster patchwork quilts. Beside the Jackson Cottage is an exhibition centre dedicated to the US Rangers, the elite American army regiment. Formed in 1942, the US Rangers were based in Carrickfergus during World War II. The exhibition has an enthralling collection of uniforms, photographs, documents and other material detailing this famed combat unit.

Carrickfergus has established links with Anderson, South Carolina; Danville, Kentucky; and Ruda Slaska, Poland, and maintains relations with former sister city Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



Location

2 Boneybefore, Carrickfergus, BT38 7EQ

Visitor facilities

- Guided tours
- Exhibition gallery
- Special events/workshops
- Car parking
- Free admission

Open by appointment only - contact Tourist Information Centre to book 028 9335 8049

Contact details

Tourist Information Centre

Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre

11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG

T 028 9335 8049 F 028 9335 0350

E touristinfo@carrickfergus.org

www.carrickfergus.org

Flame! The Gasworks Museum of Ireland



Carrickfergus boasts Ireland's sole surviving coal gasworks and is one of only three left in the British Isles. The original gasworks opened in 1855 and supplied the town with gas for over 100 years.

It has now been lovingly and faithfully restored by the Carrickfergus Gasworks Preservation Society and opened to the public. Visit this unique museum and discover how gas was made from coal and used for light, heat and power. Take a nostalgic and educational look at the extensive display of original gas appliances. Groups/school parties are especially welcome to this survivor from a bygone age.

Visitor facilities

- Group tours/private hire facilities available on request
- Exhibition and audio-visual displays
- KS2 and KS3 education workshops in science, geography and history
- Research and library facilities
- Car park for disabled visitors
(please telephone in advance for details)
- Free admission

For details of opening hours please telephone or email the Museum For confirmation of bank holiday opening hours please contact the office directly.

Contact details

Flame! The Gasworks Museum of Ireland
44 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AT
T 028 9336 9575
E info@flamegasworks.co.uk
www.flamegasworks.co.uk



St. Nicholas' Church

St. Nicholas' Church was established on this site in 1182 by the Anglo Norman, John de Courcy. Symbolism and history are interwoven in the Church's fabric, as illustrated by the famed crooked aisle.

This 'skew', as it is known, was quite deliberately created to represent the head of Christ on the cross falling to the right. There are many impressive stained glass windows, notably the 16th century Flemish hand-painted 'John the Baptist' window, the unique style and colouring of which makes it a constant focus for visitors.

The Donegal/Chichester aisle is dominated by the finest Jacobean Memorial Monument in Ireland, made on site by Italian craftsmen in alabaster and marble in 1625. It depicts Sir Arthur Chichester, his wife Lady Lettice Perrot, the casket of their baby son and a smaller statue of Sir John Chichester. The bell tower was erected by parishioners in memory of the men of Carrickfergus who gave their lives in the First World War.

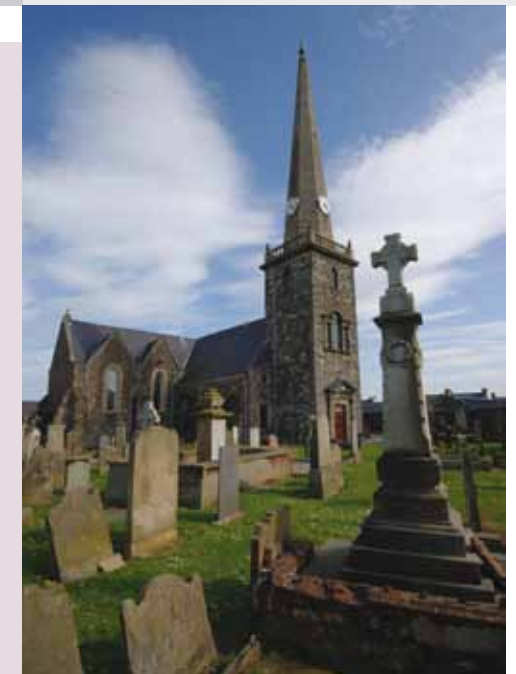
A small window in the chancel is known as the 'leper window'. It is said that those afflicted with the disease were allowed to sit outside the window to hear the Church service.

Although St Nicholas' is an old church, it is a living Church and the gospel message is proclaimed today as it has been for many years.

Contact details

For tours or further information, please contact: Church Office
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 12.00pm
T 028 9336 0061
E office@saintnicholas.org.uk
www.saintnicholas.org.uk

For confirmation of bank holiday opening hours please contact the office directly.



SAILING

Experience this vibrant and diverse destination – the world-class Carrickfergus Marina is more than just a place to berth your boat!



Carrickfergus Marina

I must go down to the seas again...

The marina area at Carrickfergus boasts excellent amenities for berthing, setting sail and relaxing. The impressive marina building hosts the customer service team, who are friendly, confident and experienced, ready to greet any visitor 24 hours a day.

Carrickfergus Marina's excellence has been reflected by receiving the prestigious quality accreditation of 5 Gold Anchor and European Blue Flag status as well as designation as an RYA Sailability Centre. Facilities include showers, personal laundry service and a bespoke marine services area, as well as first-class meeting/conference facilities.

The marina is well located in a hub of activity close to a modern complex accommodating restaurants, hotel, children's play facility, multi-screen cinema, supermarket, free parking and many attractive waterfront apartments. A neighbouring bar/restaurant also enjoys striking views overlooking the marina, ideal for planning your next sea excursion!

The marina local information desk situated on the ground floor of the marina building is where you can be provided with details on a wide range of other activities and places of interest in the surrounding area.

Information

Carrickfergus Marina

3 Quayside
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BJ
T 028 9336 6666 F 028 9335 0505
E marinarec@carrickfergus.org
www.carrickfergus.org

County Antrim Yacht Club

Marine Parade
Whitehead, BT38 9QP
T 028 9337 2322
www.cayc.freeserve.co.uk

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9335 1402
E info@carrickfergussc.org
www.carrickfergussc.org

Ulster Sailing School

The Marina
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BJ
T 028 9332 6304 M 078 0390 1364
E info@ulstersailing.com
www.ulstersailing.com

Belfast Lough Sailability

c/o Carrickfergus Marina
3 Quayside
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BJ
T 028 9335 1501
E info@belfastloughsailability.org.uk



Please note sailing clubs are usually open evenings and weekends only.

ANGLING

Carrickfergus has a great reputation for quality fishing.



Fishing & Permits

Upper South Woodburn Reservoir

Species: Brown Trout
Season: 1 March – 31 October
Restrictions: 2 fish/rod/day

Middle and Lower South Woodburn Reservoirs

Species: Brown and Rainbow Trout
Season: 1 March – 31 October
Restrictions: 4 fish/rod/day

North Woodburn Reservoir

Species: Rainbow Trout
Season: 1 February – 31 December
Restrictions: 4 fish/rod/day

Marshallstown Reservoir (Copeland)

Species: Brown and Rainbow Trout
Season: 1 March – 31 October
Restrictions: 4 fish/rod/day

Lough Mourne

Species: Brown Trout
Season: 1 March – 31 October
Restrictions: 4 fish/rod/day

Digging for bait or fishing from boats is not permitted on all of the above reservoirs.

Information

Sea Fishing

Sea fishing is available off the rocks and piers at Carrickfergus and Whitehead.

Permits

Fishing permits are available from:

CF Beattie & Son (Gunsmith & Fishing Tackle)
 39 Main Street, Ballycarry, BT38 9HH
T 028 9335 3462

Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
 (Inland Fisheries)
 Causeway Exchange,
 1-7 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7EG
T 028 9051 3101
E dcalangling@dcalni.gov.uk
www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling

Pete's Tackle
 29 Balmoral Avenue, Whitehead, BT38 9QD
T 028 9335 3283

Tourist Information Centre
 Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre
 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG
T 028 9335 8049 **F** 028 9335 0350
E touristinfo@carrickfergus.org
www.carrickfergus.org

Fisheries

Woodford Fly Fishery
 12c Woodburn Road
 Carrickfergus, BT38 8PX
T 028 9336 0225
E woodford.darren@talktalk.net
www.woodfordfly.co.uk

Cairn Farm Fly Fishery
 27 Cairn Road
 Carrickfergus, BT38 9AP
T 028 9336 8273
www.cairnfarmflyfishery.com



AMPHITHEATRE

At the heart of Carrickfergus, Amphitheatre is one of the most sophisticated, modern and green fitness and wellbeing centres in the United Kingdom.



Carrickfergus Amphitheatre

'Amphitheatre' has been created to deliver the next generation of physical culture and wellbeing. A multi-million pound development, 'Amphitheatre' promotes a healthy balance of mind, body and spirit and is designed to be world class in every aspect.

'Amphitheatre' is a venue where all members of the community are welcomed and encouraged to embark on a journey to wellness. At 'Amphitheatre' our goal is to ensure 'a sense of belonging' and thus support every customer to achieve their fitness and lifestyle goals through encouragement and motivation.

'Amphitheatre' provides an extensive offering, a selection of facilities include the 'Gymnasium' fitted with the latest Technogym® equipment; the 'H2O Zone' comprising a 25 metre 6 lane swimming pool and 'US Ranger' themed shallow pool; the 'Therma Spa' - a haven of peace, calm and tranquillity; Ludo Time soft play area where children aged from one to twelve can celebrate their birthday or play with their friends after school; Kinesis Suite to build strength, flexibility and balance; and much more. As well as great facilities we aim to provide excellent customer service to ensure you enjoy the experience.

Information

Amphitheatre...
'At the heart of Carrickfergus'

Contact details

Amphitheatre
Prince William Way
Carrickfergus, BT38 7HP
T 028 9335 8888
E amphitheatre@carrickfergus.org
www.carrickfergus.org



WALKS, PARKS & PLAY AREAS

With a selection of walking groups, guided tours and play areas, experience Carrickfergus outdoors.



Walks

Guided Tours

John O'Mcllvenna
For further details and bookings
T 028 9083 5221 M 078 1696 9350
E toursjo@btinternet.com

Self-Guided

Woodburn Forest (13km)
Start point in car park at North Woodburn Reservoir on the B58, 4 miles North West of Carrickfergus.

Carrickfergus Marina (8km)

Along the length of the 'Timeless Trail' route there are numerous eating venues, also public toilets and car parking.

Highway to Health

Walks in Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Carrickfergus walk: 3.5km
Whitehead walk: 2km
Blackhead Path: up to 3.5km
For further information please contact Parks & Countryside Officer
T 028 9335 8039

www.carrickfergus.org

Ulster Way

At Greenisland, the 'Ulster Way' path takes in the Knockagh Monument with its marvellous views over Carrickfergus and Belfast Lough.

Walking Groups

Carrickfergus Walk 2 Health Group

Meet at Greenisland Library every Monday at 10.00am and also meet at Springsteens' Car Park every Friday at 10.00am.

Whitehead Community Centre

Walking Group meet at Whitehead Community Centre every Monday at 9.30am.

Greenisland Walking Club

Meet at Church of Ireland car park every Thursday at 6.00pm.

For further information on any of the walks, parks and play areas please contact:
Tourist Information Centre
Carrickfergus Museum & Civic Centre
11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG

T 028 9335 8049 F 028 9335 0350

E touristinfo@carrickfergus.org

www.carrickfergus.org

Parks & Play Areas

Indoor

Ludo at Amphitheatre, Prince William Way, Carrickfergus
Zoo Park Café, Rodgers Quay, Carrickfergus

Outdoor

Bashfordsland Wood, Carrickfergus
Knot Garden, Joymount, Carrickfergus
Legg Park, Belfast Road, Carrickfergus
Marine Gardens, Marine Highway, Carrickfergus
Shaftesbury Park, Joymount, Carrickfergus
Recreation Grounds, Slaughterford Road, Whitehead



GOLFING & BOWLING

At Carrickfergus, Greenisland and Whitehead the avid player or enthusiastic beginner has ideal facilities for two of the areas most popular sporting pursuits.



Golf

Bentra Golf Course

Slaughterford Road
Whitehead, BT38 7TG
T 028 9337 8996
E mail@bentragolf.co.uk
www.bentragolf.co.uk

Carrickfergus Golf Club

35 North Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8LP
T 028 9336 3713/028 9335 1803 (Pro Shop)
E carrickfergusgc@btconnect.com
www.carrickfergusgolfclub.co.uk

Greenisland Golf Club

156 Upper Road
Greenisland, BT38 8RW
T 028 9086 2236
E greenislandgc@gmail.com
www.greenislandgolfclub.co.uk

Whitehead Golf Club

McCrae's Brae
Whitehead, BT38 9NZ
T 028 9337 0820 F 028 9337 0825
E info@whiteheadgolfclub.com
www.whiteheadgolfclub.com

Bowling

Greenisland Bowling Green

Glenkeen Drive
Greenisland, BT38 8XG
T 028 9335 8888

Shaftesbury Park & Bowling Green

St Bride's Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AF
T 028 9335 8888

Whitehead Bowling Green

Islandmagee Road
Whitehead, BT38 9NE
T 028 9335 8888



ACCOMMODATION

Relax, unwind and find your home from home when staying with us in Carrickfergus.



Hotels

Clarion Hotel
75 Belfast Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9PH
T 028 9336 4556 **F** 028 93 351620
E reception1@clarioncarrick.com
www.clarioncarrick.com

Dobbin's Inn Hotel
6-8 High Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AF
T 028 9335 1905 **F** 028 9335 1689
E bookingdobbins@btconnect.com
www.dobbinsinnhotel.co.uk

Knockagh Lodge Hotel
236 Upper Road
Greenisland, Carrickfergus, BT38 8RP
T 028 9086 1444 **F** 028 9086 9911
E info@knockaghlodge.com
www.knockaghlodge.com

Premier Inn
Alexandra Pier, Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 087 0850 6308 **F** 028 9336 9341
E carrickfergusnorthernireland.pti@whitbread.com
www.premierinn.com

Bed & Breakfast

Carrickfergus

Beechgrove B&B **
412 Upper Road, Trooperslane
Carrickfergus, BT38 8PW
T 028 9336 3304
E enquiries@beechgrovefarm.co.uk
www.beechgrovefarm.co.uk

Daneil Farm B&B
90 Hillhead Road
Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, BT38 9JF
T 028 9335 3769
M 079 1229 2342
E misshamiltons12@hotmail.com
www.daneilfarm.com

Drumgart B&B
48 Hillhead Road
Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, BT38 9HE
T 028 9335 3507
E drumgartbb@aol.com
www.drumgart.com

Hillcrest B&B ****
66 Bellahill Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9DB
T 028 9336 7342
E info@hillcrestbb.plus.com
www.hillcrestireland.co.uk

Leafield House B&B
56 Larne Road
Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, BT38 9JR
T 028 9337 8692
E leafieldhouse@talk21.com

Loughside B&B
69 Larne Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 7NB
T 028 9336 8102
M 077 9466 8215
E info@loughsidebandb.com
www.loughsidebandb.com

Bed & Breakfast

Parklands B&B

320 Upper Road, Trooperslane
Carrickfergus, BT38 8PN
T 028 9336 2528
E info@parklandsfarmhouse.co.uk
www.parklandsfarmhouse.co.uk

The Keep B&B

93 Irish Quarter South
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BW

T 028 9336 7007
M 079 8120 2169
E thekeepcarrick3@aol.com
www.thekeepguesthousecarrickfergus.co.uk

Woodbine Farm B&B

98 Carrickfergus Road
Ballynure
Carrickfergus, BT39 9QP
T 028 9335 2092

Greenisland

Whiteford Lodge B&B

75 Shore Road
Greenisland, Carrickfergus, BT38 8TZ
T 028 9085 1704
E whitefordlodge@hotmail.co.uk

Whitehead

Seascape B&B

59a Quay Lane
Whitehead, Carrickfergus, BT38 9SS
T 028 9337 3828 **F** 028 9337 2287
M 078 8784 4983
E enquiries@seascapecountryhouse.co.uk
www.seascapecountryhouse.co.uk

Self Catering

Carrickfergus

Acres End

6 Neills Lane
Greenisland, Carrickfergus, BT38 8UD
T 028 9337 8330
M 077 0286 1690
E away-days@hotmail.com

Anchorage

21 Horse Park
Carrickfergus, BT38 7ED
T 077 0286 1690
E away-days@hotmail.com

Anchor's Rest Apartment

25 Maritime Drive
Carrickfergus, BT38 8GQ
T 028 9336 9997
E info@anchorsrest.net
www.anchorsrest.net

Angel Nook

6 Robinson's Row
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DW
T 028 9337 8330
M 077 0286 1690
E bookings@angelnookcarrickfergus.com
www.angelnookcarrickfergus.com

Drumgart Cottage

48 Hillhead Road
Ballycarry, Carrickfergus, BT38 9HE
T 028 9335 3507
M 078 0137 5918
E drumgartbb@aol.com
www.drumgart.com

Fool's Haven Thatched Cottage

33 Boneybefore
Carrickfergus, BT38 7EQ
T 028 9336 3880
M 078 6623 9705
E info@fools-haven.com
www.fools-haven.com

Hillcrest Cottage

66 Bellahill Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9DB
T 028 9336 7342
E info@hillcrestbb.plus.com
www.hillcrestireland.co.uk

The Wee House

Ballystrudder Road
Whitehead, Carrickfergus, BT38 9NY
T 078 8798 8331
E isable@sprint-print.co.uk
www.antrimcoastcottage.com

Whitehead

Blackhead Lightkeepers' Houses

McCrae's Brae
Whitehead, Carrickfergus, BT38 9NZ
T 003531 670 4733 **F** 003531 670 4887
E info@irishlandmark.com
www.irishlandmark.com

Loughview Apartment

5 Donegall Avenue
Whitehead, Carrickfergus, BT38 9NB
M 079 6974 9495
E arcon45@hotmail.com
www.arconholidaylets.com

WHERE TO EAT...

Carrickfergus provides you with a wide range of places to eat across the Borough. With a mix of venues and styles you are never far from a refreshing drink or snack.



Restaurants

Bentra Grill

1 Slaughterford Road
Whitehead, Carrickfergus,
BT38 9TG
T 028 9337 2363

Brewers Fayre

Alexandra Pier, Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 087 0850 6308

Dobbins Inn Hotel

6-8 High Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AF
T 028 9335 1905

Dragon Inn

75a Belfast Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BX
T 028 9336 9100

Four Seasons

9 Governors Place
Carrickfergus, BT38 7BN
T 028 9335 1226

Glass House Bistro (outside catering also)

Museum & Civic Centre
11 Antrim Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG
T 028 9336 7444

Harbour Wine Bar

Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9336 8575

Indian Ocean

75a Belfast Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BX
T 028 9335 5422

KFC

75a Belfast Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BX
T 028 9336 9428

Knockagh Lodge

236 Upper Road
Greenisland, Carrickfergus, BT38 8RP
T 028 9086 1444

Lupa Indian Restaurant

2a Woodburn Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8HQ
T 028 9335 9547

McDonald's

Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9335 9990

Ownies Bar & Bistro

16-18 Joymount
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN
T 028 9336 2213

PaPa Browns Grill

Marine Highway
Carrickfergus, BT38 7FG
T 028 9336 8889

Pizza Hut

Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9335 7820

Pizza Worx and Red Pepper Restaurant at Clarion Hotel

75 Belfast Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9PH
T 028 9336 4556

Sozo Good

2 North Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AQ
T 028 9332 6060

Springsteen's Diner

Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9335 0551

The Central Bar (J. D. Wetherspoon)

13-15 High Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AN
T 028 9335 7840

The Old Tea House

1 Kings Road
Whitehead, BT38 9PU
M 075 4056 7003

The Open Door Centre

32 Bridewell Drive
Carrickfergus, BT38 8LU
T 028 9336 0364

The Windrose Bistro & Marina Restaurant

Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9335 1164

Coffee Shops



Amphitheatre Café Pi
Prince William Way
Carrickfergus, BT38 7HP
T 028 9335 8888

Avenance
Tesco Minorca Place
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AU
T 028 9336 6571

Coffee & Cream
14 Kings Road
Whitehead, Carrickfergus
BT38 9PU
M 077 5414 8983

Coffee by Grow
22 Marshallstown Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9DE
T 028 9336 5003

Courtyard Coffee House
38 Scotch Quarter
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DP
T 028 9335 1881

Delacey's
3 North Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AQ
T 028 9336 6771

Maud's Ice Cream Shop
52 Scotch Quarter
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DP
T 028 9336 7428

Oakfield Centre Café
2 Oakfield Drive
Carrickfergus, BT38 7SP
M 079 8806 6631

Ollie's Bistro
16 Market Place
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AW

O'Neill's Home Bakery
27 North Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AQ
T 028 9335 1546

Sainsbury's Café
Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9333 5200

Take Thyme Delicatessen
The Courtyard
38 Scotch Quarter
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DP
T 028 9336 6767

**Whitehead Video and
Mauds Ice Cream**
12 Victoria Avenue
Whitehead, Carrickfergus
BT38 9QF
T 028 9337 2688

Zoo Park Café & Play Area
Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE
T 028 9335 1966

Food to Go

Avenue Hot Food Bar
9 Victoria Avenue
Whitehead, BT38 9QF
T 028 9335 3009

Big Ying
200 Larne Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 7NL
T 028 9336 6099

Billal Curry House (4 in 1)
161 Larne Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 7NN
T 028 9336 1177
T 028 9336 0264

**Bodrum Turkish Kebab
& Pizza House**
21 North Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AQ
T 028 9336 8515

**Castle Traditional
Fish & Chips**
10 Castle Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7BE
T 079 6866 7184

China Garden
12a North Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7AQ
T 028 9336 4141

The Chippy
59 Bridewell Drive
Carrickfergus, BT38 8JN
T 028 9335 1181

China Kitchen
4 Woodburn Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8HQ
T 028 9335 1035

Cod House
4b Woodburn Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8HQ
T 028 9332 9060

Dominos Pizza
6c Woodburn Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 8HQ
T 028 9336 4555

Evergreen Chinese
182 Station Road
Greenisland, Carrickfergus
BT38 8TS
T 028 9086 0146

**The Frying Squad
(Milestone Garage)**
26-28 Middle Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9DN
T 028 9332 8711

Greenisland Chippy
9 Glassillan Court
Greenisland, BT38 8TD
T 028 9086 7586

Golden Chip
Unit 8 Hawthorn Grove
Woodburn Shopping Centre
Carrickfergus, BT38 8HE

Golden Wok
45a Ellis Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AY
T 028 9336 9111

Happy Garden
14 Joymount
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN
T 028 9335 1598

Indian Cottage
63 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AT
T 028 9336 3962

Johnnies Chef
3a Chester Avenue
Whitehead, Carrickfergus
BT38 9QQ
T 028 9337 3877

Lucky Chili
1 Hawthorne Grove
Carrickfergus, BT38 8ER
T 028 9335 0808

Moghul 4 in 1 Take Away
43 Ellis Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AY
T 028 9336 1992

Pappas Kitchen
8 Antrim Street
Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG
T 075 1850 6035

RJ's Traditional Fish & Chips
159 Larne Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 7NL
T 028 9336 5893

**Royal Dynasty
Chinese Takeaway**
23-27 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AS
T 028 9335 5700

Simply Pizza
71 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AT
T 028 9336 3191

**Subway Milestone
(inside Spar garage)**
26-28 Middle Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 9DN
T 028 9336 1619

Super Fry
61 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AT
T 028 9335 1089

The Munchies
81 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AT
T 028 9336 7011

Tung Sing
79 Irish Quarter West
Carrickfergus, BT38 8AT
T 028 9335 1516

**Victoria Hot Spot
(Fresh Cod & Chips)**
3 Victoria Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 7JE
T 028 9335 1320

Wilson's Plaice
43a Victoria Road
Carrickfergus, BT38 7JE
T 028 9336 9900

CARRICKFERGUS

Steeped in wall to wall history, Carrickfergus' past extends back over 800 eventful years.



The town...

The town of Carrickfergus is steeped in a past of over 800 eventful years. The earliest known name of the area was Dun-so-barky meaning strong rock or Carrigna Fhearghus after drowned King Fergus.

The Castle was founded by the Norman Knight John De Courcy in 1180 and completed by Hugh De Lacy in 1205. De Courcy also established St Nicholas' Church and Woodburn Priory while De Lacy endowed a Franciscan Friary.

In 1210 King John arrived in Carrickfergus, expelling Hugh De Lacy and taking the Castle into royal authority.

In May of 1315, Lord Edward Bruce, brother of Robert, the legendary Scottish King, besieged the Castle for over a year. Lord Bruce was later defeated and killed near Dundalk. The town was further attacked on many occasions by Irish and Scottish marauders.

...of Carrickfergus

In 1597, the Governor of Carrickfergus, Sir John Chichester, was killed in an ambush by the MacDonnells near Ballycarry. His brother, Sir Arthur Chichester, assumed governorship of the Castle. A professional soldier, he forcefully settled the countryside and successfully planted the town with English and lowland Scots. Chichester ordered the building of the Town Walls which were started in 1608. In 1610 work started on Joymount Palace, Chichester's Jacobean mansion on the site of the former Franciscan Friary. In 1614 he commenced the restoration of St Nicholas' Church.

In April 1641 General Robert Munro took over the Castle and the town for the Scots and Presbyterian Ministers in his forces were to found the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Frederick, Duke of Schomberg, landed with Williamite forces at Groomsport in August 1689 to take the Castle and the town from the Jacobite forces. The siege lasted seven days causing severe damage to the town. On 14th June 1690, King William III landed at Carrickfergus making for Belfast and to the Battle of the Boyne where he was to defeat his uncle and father-in-law James II.

In February 1760, Commodore Thurot's French forces attacked the town. After taking on provisions, the French left only to be caught at sea by the British Navy, Thurot was killed in action off the Isle of Man.

The American privateer John Paul Jones engaged his ship "Ranger" with HMS Drake off Carrickfergus Castle in 1778.



Carrickfergus



He is credited as being one of the founding fathers of the American Navy and was the first to fly the stars and stripes flag.

United Irishman William Orr was tried and hanged on Gallows Green in 1797. Meanwhile the commercial development of the town moved on. In the 1830s a new pier was begun at Scotch Quarter and in 1836 a branch of the Northern Banking Company was established. In 1848 a rail link between Belfast and the town was opened which was later extended to Larne.

During the 19th century numerous textile mills, associated bleaching and dyeing works, along with the mining of salt, tanning, brewing and distilling, fishing and brick-making works were established. The town gasworks opened in 1855 and with it came street lighting and later domestic use.

So come to Carrickfergus and take a closer look at the 'Glory of Old Made New'

Paul Rogers shipyard from 1870 to the turn of the century built wooden boats and took cargo carrying steel schooners and brigantines. Harbour improvements were started in 1885 with the construction of the new piers Albert Edward and Alexandra, named after the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Castle was used as a garrison and ordnance store during World Wars I and II. The courthouse building was renovated and refurbished beginning a new life as the Town Hall on 11th July 1935.

In 1949 Carrickfergus regained its Borough status and Carrickfergus Borough Council came into being.

In 1953/4 the textile giant Courtaulds built its man-made fibres plant on the site of the old Woodburn Priory.

In August 1961 Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the town. In 1963, ICI built its man-made fibres manufacturing plant at Kilroot.

As the town and the borough flourished economically a harbour extension programme was embarked upon at the beginning of the 1970s.

In 1980 the 800th anniversary of the founding of Carrickfergus Castle and St. Nicholas' Church was celebrated.

On 4th July 1984, the Andrew Jackson Cottage at Boneybefore was opened to celebrate the Borough's links with the great American President. Beside the

Jackson Cottage is an exhibition centre dedicated to the US Rangers who were formed in Carrickfergus during World War II.

In 1985, Carrickfergus Marina was opened providing over 300 berths.

In 1990 Carrickfergus marked the Williamite Tercentenary and the landing of 1690 was celebrated with the location of a bronze statue on Castle Green by sculptor Edward Barrett Barton.

On 29 April 2011 Queen Elizabeth II bestowed upon Prince William and his new bride Catherine Middleton, the titles of Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Earl and Countess of Strathearn and finally Baron and Baroness Carrickfergus, a title extinct since 1883.

Today the Borough is a welcoming place to visit, playing host to thousands of visitors each year from all over the world. A burgeoning calendar of events holds wide appeal including the popular historical pageant, international ladies football festival, sailing and sporting events, music and dancing festivals and much more.

Take time to visit the Knockagh Monument in Greenisland for unparalleled views over Belfast Lough, followed by a leisurely stroll in the scenic countryside of forest and reservoirs. To the east of the Borough lies the Victorian seaside town of Whitehead, home to the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland and the scenic Blackhead paths.

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TOURIST INFO & CONTACTS

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Sunday: refer to Local Information Office

October - March

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Public Conveniences

Carrickfergus

Harbour Toilets

May - August: 8.00am - 10.00pm
September - April: 8.30am - 7.30pm
Baby changing facilities
available at the Museum & Civic Centre

Whitehead

Chester Avenue

May - August: 8.00am - 9.00pm
September - April: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Baby changing facilities available
Automatic convenience available 24hrs

Motor Homes

Motor Home Services Units

The first motor home service units to be purchased by a local government authority in Northern Ireland have been installed in the Borough. Both Aires de Service units are operated by tokens which can be purchased for £1.00 from the Tourist Information Centre, the Marina Administration Building in Carrickfergus and from Bentra Golf Course in Whitehead. Each token provides one hour's usage of water, electric and sewage facilities. Contact the Tourist Information Centre for further details.

Unit Location

Carrickfergus

Carrickfergus Harbour Car Park
Rodgers Quay
Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE

Whitehead

Bentra Golf Course
Slaughterford Road
Whitehead, BT38 7TG



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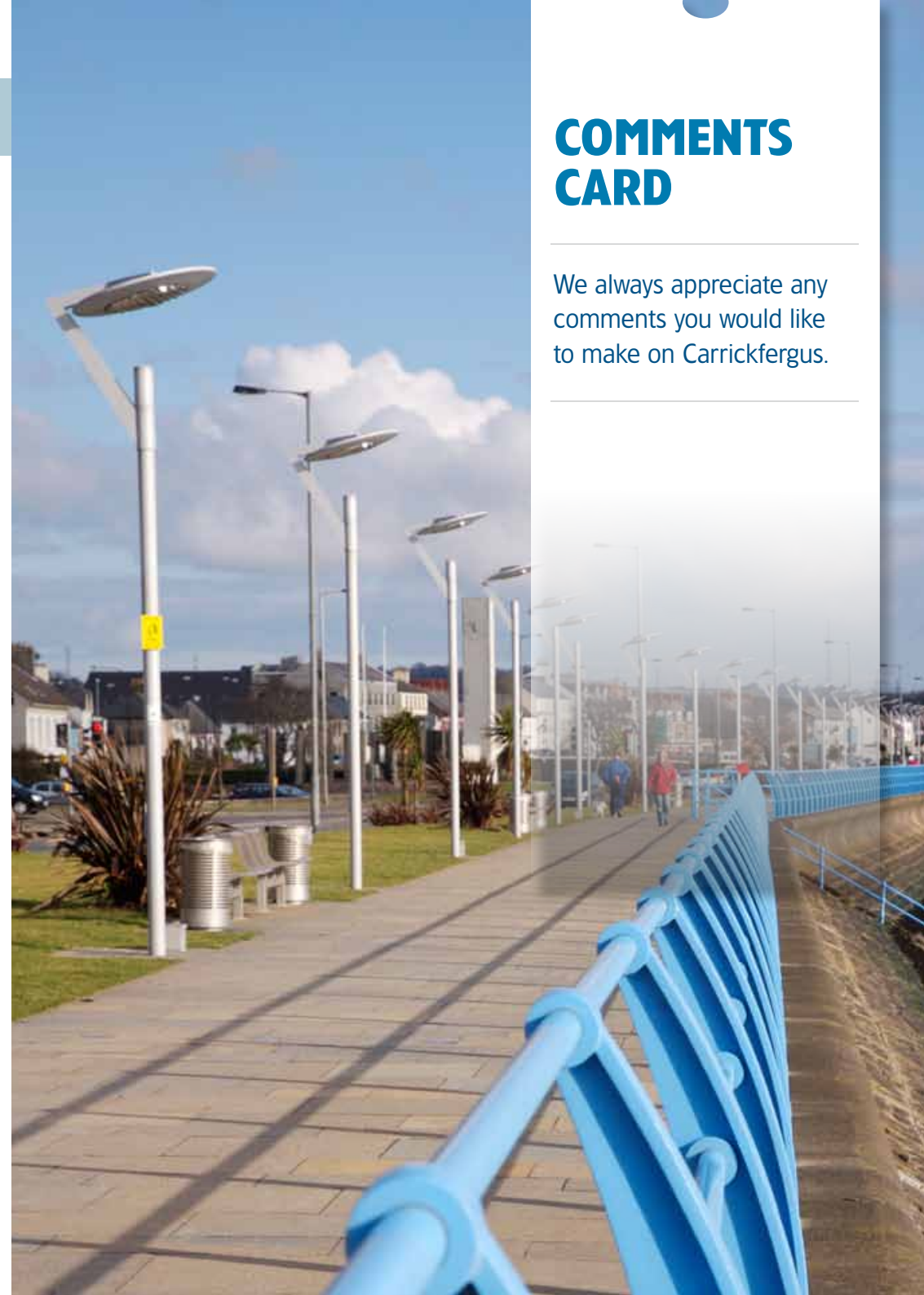
Taxis

Available locally



COMMENTS CARD

We always appreciate any comments you would like to make on Carrickfergus.



Comments Card

Which area would you like to comment on? _____

Date of visit _____ Time of visit _____

Your comments _____

If you would like feedback on your comments, please fill in your details below:

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A black metal signpost with white lettering, listing local landmarks. The signpost is mounted on a dark metal pole. The text on the signpost is: TOURIST INFO ; ST. NICHOLAS GAS WORKS RAIL STATION CASTLE.

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