

## #newsin30seconds

### A cultural tale of two cities

Two client cities are celebrating this week after making it through to the longlist of places in the running to be UK City of Culture 2025. From a record entry of 20 areas aiming for the prestigious title, Derby (<https://bit.ly/3iSLVnr>) and Southampton (<https://bit.ly/3iQzb0A>) were among the eight successful bids unveiled by Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries. For the first time, each bidder will now receive £40,000 to develop a full application, with the winner to be revealed early next year.

### Forget Hollywood, head to Hull for a star-studded staycation

Hull's growing reputation as a set-jetting destination has been given another boost, thanks to Superman actor Henry Cavill and award-winning actress Millie Bobby Brown. The two stars were in Hull last week to film a sequel to one of the most successful movies from streaming giant Netflix. Hull Old Town's cobbled streets became Victorian London for the follow-up to *Enola Holmes*, about the sleuthing adventures of the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes. <https://bit.ly/3v4HsmA>

### Hampshire's 'world-first' LED steam train illuminations are back

Hampshire's spectacular steam train experience, featuring a train covered in thousands of LEDs, makes a welcome return this Winter - promising even more sparkle for Christmas. Last year's inaugural event, described as a 'world first', was a sell-out success following the easing of restrictions. Now, the Watercress Line's Steam Illuminations are set to return to the tracks from 26 November to January 2022. <https://bit.ly/3m5g4kd>

### Assemble at the Museum of Making later this month

*Assemble* is Derby's 'Festival of Making' - a new, annual gathering that celebrates makers of all shapes and sizes at the Museum of Making. The ultimate hands-on experience on the site of the world's first factory, this family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, allows visitors to 'meet the makers' (23rd October 2021). <https://bit.ly/3mjAhTy>

### 100m viewers turn-on, and tune-in to Yorkshire Wolds wildlife

East Yorkshire's leading wildlife artist Robert Fuller is celebrating the success of his YouTube channel - which has reached 100 million views. Fuller, who welcomes visitors to his gallery in the Yorkshire Wolds, also has more than 100 hidden cameras positioned in his garden and the countryside surrounding the gallery - including those hidden inside the nests of barn owls, tawny owls, kestrels and stoats, which relay online images 24 hours a day. <https://bit.ly/3imvq2O>

### A nine-metre-long robot snail called Luma helps bring Lincoln to life

Every two years, the medieval streets of the heritage city of Lincoln are transformed into a hub for digital arts – and this October will once again see quirky and innovative displays light-up the city. Marking its 10th anniversary, the four-day *Frequency Festival of Digital Culture* returns 28 to 31 October, bringing Lincoln to life as digital, electronic and hybrid art springing up across the city. Among the stars for 2021 will be *Luma*, a 9m long inflatable robot snail. <https://bit.ly/3Fztca5>

### Mermaids will mesmerise visitors to Hull this autumn

Hull is set for a series of spectacular light and sound shows in October, featuring sea creatures, mermaids and bioluminescent lifeforms, all inspired by its links with the sea. New for autumn 2021, Yorkshire's Maritime City will come alive with moving animations, light installations and atmospheric music, including holographic projections of mermaids swimming in the water below the city's Princes Quay shopping centre between 22-24 October. <https://bit.ly/2Yn0iJ2>