

Dazzling Flamborough Fire Festival lights up New Year's Eve night

Vikings bearing flaming fireballs and torches descend on fishing village for a night like no other

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The Flamborough Fire Festival held on New Year's Eve in Flamborough near Bridlington (Image: Danny Lawson/PA)

Forecasts for heavy rain did not deter a horde of Vikings descending on the east coast village of Flamborough, near Bridlington, for a New Year's Eve celebration like no other.

Thousands turned out for the annual Flamborough Fire Festival, a spectacular re-enactment night including a Viking torchlight procession, a strongest Viking challenge and a whirling display of flame
c Privacy Flamborough Fireballs.

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Organisers of the unique event, which draws people from across the globe, said the 2022 festival was to be their best yet. A burst of fireworks and flaming fireballs signalled the official start of the festival, when the village was stormed by handsome Viking warriors and shield maidens, and drummers.

Highlights of the night included the UK's strongest Viking, Thorkell the Tall – aka Ryan Linley of Hull - pulling the festival's famous Viking Longship across the arena in Mereside, 30 Flamborough Fireballers, and the 1,200-strong flaming torchlight procession.

Earlier in the evening, the Volsung Vikings, led by Jarl Thorstein Oxleg, re-enacted their 850AD invasion, with young Vikings encouraged to join them in the arena. The festivities concluded with a fireworks finale.

Flamborough Fire Festival is held in aid of local community groups and charities.



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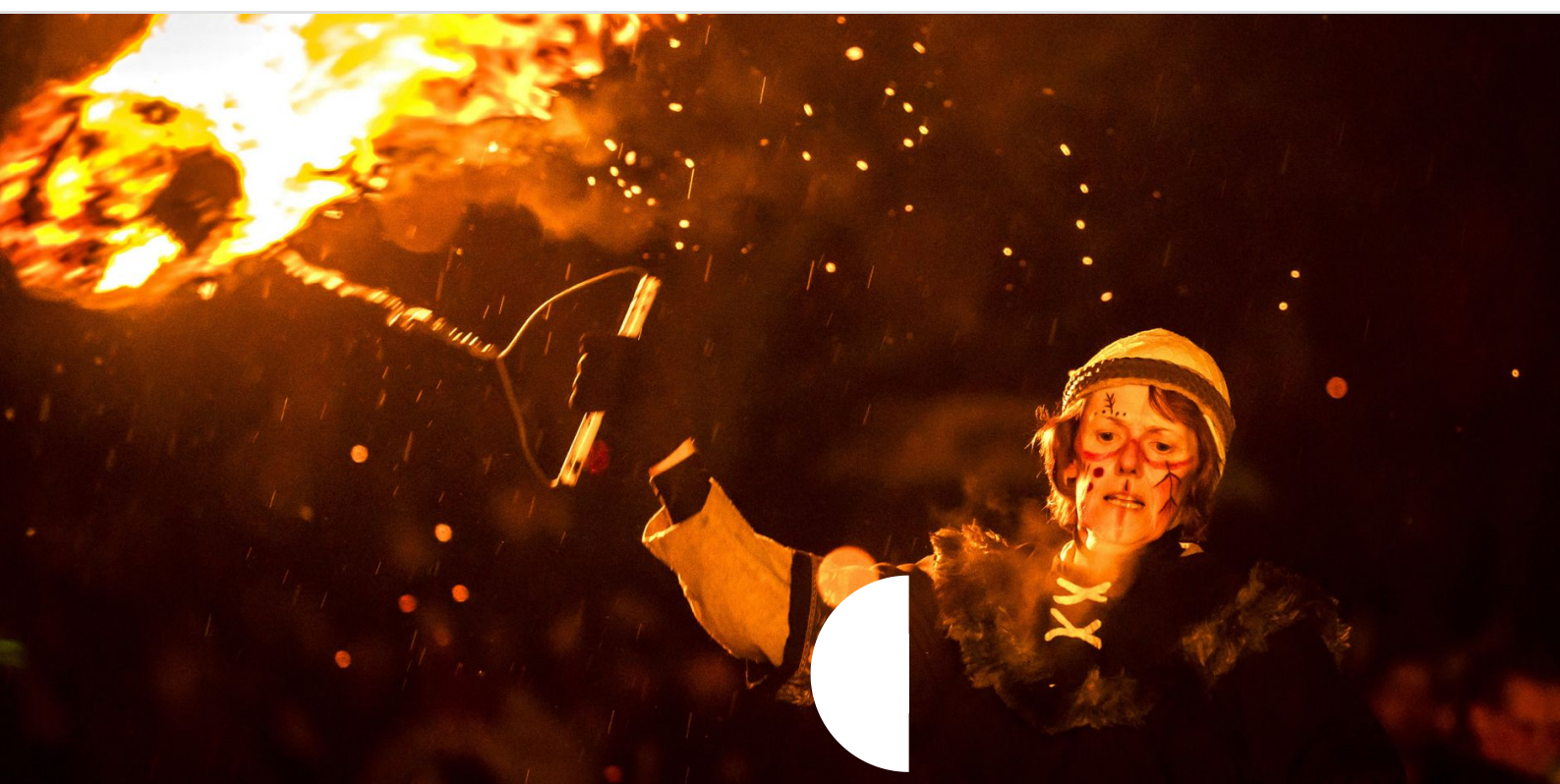
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Vikings and fireworks in the mix
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Display from the Flamborough Fireballs
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The procession with a traditional Viking Longship
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Getting into character
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