heritage open days
6-9 & 13-16 September 2018
This is durham
Durham County Council
Heritage Open Days is an annual event taking place every September. It is a celebration of England’s fantastic architecture, parks, gardens and culture, offering free access to properties that may usually be closed to the public or normally charge an admission fee. On a national level, the programme is managed by the National Trust and funded by players of the People’s Postcode Lottery.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk
www.facebook.com/heritageopendays
www.twitter.com/heritageopenday
www.instagram.com/heritageopendays

Travel Information
We hope that the maps and postcodes will assist you in finding the venues. Directions particular to each site are given under each entry. Where public transport is within easy reach we have indicated this using appropriate symbols. Look out for the Heritage Open Day signs as you approach the venue. For more general travel information about routes and times of public transport in the North East, please refer to Traveline:

0871 200 22 33

See QR link to Heritage Open Days Durham County Council

Additional information
We have tried to ensure all information was correct at the time of printing this brochure however any changes or additions may be found at the website:

www.durham.gov.uk/heritageopendays

County Durham Heritage Open Days
Welcome to the 2018 Heritage Open Days in County Durham.
This booklet lists the venues and activities for this year’s programme which takes place over a double weekend from 6-9 and 13-16 September. It includes many opportunities to participate, from short visits to full days out.
Discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture. We hope you enjoy Heritage Open Days in County Durham.

Planning your visits
Please note that some tours and activities require booking. Although there are sometimes still places on the day, we would encourage you to book in advance to avoid disappointment.
To help plan your visit, we have listed the places to visit within five geographical areas shown on maps at the back of the booklet.

- Reasonable walking distance from Durham City centre
- Within 30 minutes easy drive of the Durham City centre
- North of County Durham
- East of County Durham
- West of County Durham
- Entry charge waived for Heritage Open Days
- Event especially put on for Heritage Open Days
- Public convenience

- Public convenience - with disabled access
- Partial disabled access
- Full disabled access
- Parking
- Disabled parking
- Family friendly
- Baby changing
- Refreshments
- Hearing loop
- Sign
- New to Heritage Open Days

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Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 09.30 - 16.30
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00 - 16.30
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00 - 16.30

There are car parks and metered roadside parking in Durham City.
A Park and Ride service runs from Belmont, Sniperley and Howlands to the city centre.
Monday - Saturday 7.00am - 7.00pm every 10 minutes
No service Sunday.

Feedback from 2017 Heritage Open Days visitors
‘Loved the whole experience, a very good teacher... buffet was an added treat.’

1. 5 THE COLLEGE
South Bailey, DH1 3EH
Western Art Collection ‘Behind The Scenes’. An opportunity to see University artworks not on public display, while learning more about the collection and how we care for it.
Pre-booking required.
artcollection@durham.ac.uk
Saturday 08 Sept: 11.00

2. ALINGTON HOUSE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
4 North Bailey, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3ET
www.alingtonhouse.org.uk
For the first time this year an exhibition of history boards will be on display depicting the life of Alington House from the 1930’s to the present (Heritage Lottery Funded). A Grade 2* listed 17th Century building, built to house the Castle Guard and incorporating sections of the Castle walls.
The house was requisitioned by the military during the second world war it was used by the Women’s Reserves Club to serve lunches to the public, and as accommodation for lady lecturers of the University. Today Alington House runs as a vibrant Community Centre.
No wheelchair access to upstairs.
Tours last approximately 15 mins. Maximum 6 people.
Thursday 06 Sept: 10.00-14.00  Thursday 13 Sept: 10.00-14.00
Coffee morning  11.00-14.00  Coffee morning  11.00-14.00
Friday 07 Sept: 10.00-14.00  Friday 14 Sept: 10.00-14.00
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-14.00  Saturday 15 Sept: 10.00-14.00
assistance dogs welcome

3. DURHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
AT SHAKESPEARE HALL
Shakespeare Hall, North Road, DH1 4SQ
www.durhamcommunityassociation.co.uk
See what happens behind the green door at Shakespeare Hall.
Find out more about the work of Durham Community Association and the Shakespeare Temperance Trust at our ‘Talks and Tour’ events.
Please contact us to discuss wheelchair access.
Pre-booking required. Maximum 20 people.
Tours last approximately 1.5hrs
0191 3842748
durhamdca@yahoo.com
Thursday 13 Sept: 10.00-16.00  Talk & Tour: 10.30-11.30; 14.30-15.30

4. DURHAM CASTLE
Palace Green, DH1 3RW
www.dur.ac.uk/durham.castle/
Take part in a free tour of Durham Castle on Thursday or experience a self-guided visit and stroll around at your own pace on Sunday.
Our knowledgeable guides and volunteers will be around Durham Castle to answer your questions and share some of the stories and hidden histories of the Castle.
Please contact us to discuss wheelchair access.
Pre-booking required for Thursday.
0191 334 2932
castle.tours@durham.ac.uk
Thursday 13 Sept: 10.15-16.15  Tours: 10:15; 11.15; 12.15; 13:15; 14;15 15.15; 16.15
Sunday 16 Sept: 12.15-15.15

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Open to visitors:
Monday - Saturday until 6.00pm, Sundays until 5.30pm.
Celebrate this year’s Heritage Open Days with free events at Durham Cathedral and explore unique hidden areas usually closed to members of the public.

ALLOTMENT GARDEN
South Bailey, DH1 3EE
Cathedral gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-16.00

DEANERY WALL PAINTINGS
The College, DH1 3EH
A unique opportunity to see the rare medieval wall paintings which decorate the hallway of the Deanery.
Pre-booking required. Maximum 12 people.
0191 338 7178
www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00; 12.00; 14.00

CHAPTER HOUSE
The College, DH1 3EH
Rarely open to the public as it is used by our clergy as a preparation space for services. You might recognise the Chapter House as Professor McGonagall’s classroom from the Harry Potter films.
Saturday 15 Sept: 10.00-14.00
assistance dogs welcome

Durham County Record Office
County Hall, Durham, DL1 5UL
A chance to look behind the scenes in the archive strong rooms and listen to archivists and conservators revealing how County Durham’s written heritage is preserved and used today.
Includes hands-on activities for adults and children.
Pre-booking required. Maximum 15 people.
03000 267626
record.office@durham.gov.uk
Friday 07 Sept:
10.00-11.00 Have a go at reading old handwriting
11.00-12.00 CSI: Seaham: investigate an unusual First World War crime scene
14.00-1500 Introduction to the archives and strong room tour.
Ask an archivist for advice about your own family records
15.00-16.00 And the bride wore… amazing wedding photos from the past

Saturday 15 September:
10.00-11.00 Introduction to archive conservation and ‘ask a conservator’
Bring your own treasured records for free conservation advice
10.00-10.30 Making ships: family learning workshop and craft activity
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Heritage Open Days is England’s biggest heritage festival involving 40,000 volunteers. It celebrates our fantastic history, architecture and culture; offering people the chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences - all of which are free to explore.

If you think that your area is under-represented or know of other venues or organisations that might like to take part next year then we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on 03000 267133
Durham Market Hall
Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

Opened in 1960, designed by JP Chaplin. This is a rare chance to see behind the scenes, learn about cremation and view this rich and beautifully detailed building and its grounds. Pre-booking required. Maximum 25 people.

Thursday 13 Sept: Tour: 16.15
Friday 14 Sept: Tour: 16.15
Saturday 15 Sept: Tour: 09.30; 10.30; 11.30
Sunday 16 Sept: Tour: 10.30; 11.30

Please keep your booklet for your all year guide

Durham Crematorium
South Road, DH1 3TQ

Opened in 1960, designed by JP Chaplin. This is a rare chance to see behind the scenes, learn about cremation and view this rich and beautifully detailed building and its grounds. Pre-booking required. Maximum 25 people.

03000 262626

Thursday 13 Sept: Tour: 16.15
Friday 14 Sept: Tour: 16.15
Saturday 15 Sept: Tour: 09.30; 10.30; 11.30

Durham School Chapel & School
Chapel Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4SZ

Durham School is one the country’s oldest and can trace its origins back to the monastic communities of Lindisfarne and Iona. It was refounded in 1414 by Bishop Thomas Langley and moved to its current site in 1844. A modern coeducational day/boarding school, Durham School is home to over 600 pupils aged 3-18, and so guests wishing to see more than the Chapel are asked to join a tour, starting at the School Chapel at the times below.

Durham School Chapel was completed and dedicated in 1926 as a memorial to the 104 Old Dunelmians who died in conflict during World War I. The names of these individuals, along with the names of those who died in World War II are inscribed on the pillars in the nave of the Chapel. Although a place of memorial, the Chapel is a very positive and peaceful space. It sits atop Chapel Hill and commands a unique view of the Cathedral. The view of Durham City from the Chapel is well worth the 98 steps.

Please contact us to discuss wheelchair access.

Pre-booking preferred. Maximum 20 people.

0191 7319270

events@durhamschool.co.uk

Saturday 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00 Tours: 10.00-11.30; 14.00-15.30
Sunday 16 Sept: 10.00-12.30

limited parking Saturday

Feedback from a 2017 visitor

‘Excellent tour, brilliant informative guide. A good chance to see something not normally accessible.’

Feedback from a 2017 visitor

‘An amazing guide who loves the venue. This came across really well. A beautiful venue which local people only usually see from the outside.’
**DURHAM TOWN HALL AND GUILDHALL**

*Market Place, DH1 3NJ*

Do not miss this opportunity to discover a true hidden gem. Dating back to the 14th century Durham Town Hall has been at the centre of Civic life for centuries and houses many fascinating stories, histories and long standing traditions; many of which continue to this day. It is still the official office of the Mayor of Durham and the Mayoral Bodyguard, a tradition dating back to 1602.

The oldest part of the Town Hall is the Guildhall and this room remains the historic home of the Durham City Freemen; a group whose craft guilds and political decisions shaped Durham for more than 500 years.

Enter via the glass fronted reception area in the corner of the Market Place. Please contact us to discuss wheelchair access.

Tours last approximately 1 hour. Pre-booking required. Maximum 20 people.

Durham Town Hall
03000 267955
DurhamTownHall@durham.gov.uk

Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 10.00-15.00 Tours: 13.00
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-15.00 Tours: 13.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-15.00 Tours: 13.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-15.00 Tours: 13.00

**Feedback from a 2017 visitor**

‘I gained lots more information than reading leaflets or walking around on one’s own.... about the history of building, mayor’s guards and of the city in general.’

**DURHAM WORLD HERITAGE SITE: AN OVERVIEW**

*7 Owengate, DH1 3HB*

A guided walk around Palace Green with the World Heritage Site Team, explaining the significance of the Durham World Heritage Site, and how the site evolved over time.

Please bring a waterproof/umbrella if necessary. Tours last approximately 1 hour.

Pre-booking required. Maximum 20 people.

Visitor Centre
0191 334 3805
Visitor Centre@durham.ac.uk

Saturday 15 Sept: Tours: 11.00; 14.00

**DURHAM WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

**STONEMASON DEMONSTRATIONS**

*7 Owengate, DH1 3HB*

Demonstrations by our visiting stonemason, Neil Molloy in the World Heritage Site Visitor Centre. Enjoy the interactives to learn more about the site and visit the current exhibition.

Saturday 08 Sept: 9.30-17.00

**FLASS VALE TOUR**

*Durham, DH1 4BG*

Flass Vale is a wooded valley close to the centre of Durham City. Entering from the south look out for an old orchard, a bronze age monument and Spice Pudding Hill. After a tour of the old Curling Pond we walk up to Hangman’s Hill from where we see views of the cathedral and castle. We return by North End allotments, then past Shaw Wood and leave by the King’s Lodge Hotel.

Can be muddy and there are some steep steps. Meet at Waddington St under the Kingslodge Hotel sign.

Walk lasts approximately 1.5 hours.

Sunday 16 Sept: 14.00-16.00

**dogs welcome**
16. **KEPIER HOSPITAL AND LOGGIA**
The Sands, DH1 1LB
Medieval hospital buildings and 16th/17th century walled garden and ruined consolidated loggia.
unned From city centre, onto Claypath down Providence Row, turn right past the Sands keeping the River Wear. Tours last approximately 60-90mins. Pre-booking required. Maximum 25 people.
Friday 14 Sept: Tour: 14.00
Sunday 16 Sept: Tour: 11.00
assistance dogs welcome

17. **NORTH END ALLOTMENTS**
North End, DH1 4NL
Set on a south facing slope overlooking Flas Vale you will find the beautiful North End Allotments. The plots are tended by people from all walks of life. A wide range of fruit, vegetables and flowers are grown and are a delight to wander around, with poetry scattered across the site. Stop for a refreshments and guess the name of the scarecrow before you leave.
The paths are uneven and steep in places.
Sunday 16 Sept: 12.00-16.00
assistance dogs welcome

18. **OLD DURHAM GARDENS**
Old Durham, Benthouse Lane, South of Sherburn Road (A181), DH1 2RY
www.olddurhamgardens.co.uk
Restored 17th to early 18th century formal gardens.
A listed historic stone gazebo structure, walled garden, unique historic designed seats, a developing parterre layout, an elevated terrace flower border and extensive grassed orchard with authentic fruit and rose planting. Friends of Old Durham Gardens will be on hand.
Limited disabled only parking at the Gardens.
Access via the Maiden Castle footbridge.
No hard access paths at the gardens.
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 10.00-16.00
dogs welcome

19. **ORIENTAL MUSEUM**
Elvet Hill, Durham, DH1 3TH
Free entry at this special event.
A tour of the galleries, tells the stories of the people who have donated their collections to the museum; dukes, diplomats, travellers, missionaries and many more.
Saturday 08 Sept: 12.00-17.00  Tour: 15.00-16.00
Saturday 15 Sept: 12.00-17.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 12.00-17.00
Sunday 16 Sept: 12.00-17.00
assistance dogs welcome

20. **PALACE GREEN LIBRARY, MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY**
Palace Green, DH1 3RN
www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology.museum/
Free entry to permanent exhibition, ‘Living on the Hills: 10,000 Years of Durham’.
Located between the Castle and the Cathedral.
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-17.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-17.00

21. **RC CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF MERCY & ST GODRIC**
2 Castle Chare, DH1 4RD
Stands proudly in an oasis of peace in the bustle of the city. Built 1864, once known as the ‘Penny Church’.
Enjoy a photographic quiz to uncover the riches of this beautiful building.
There is a slope and a single step.
Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 11.00-13.30; 15.30-17.00
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 11.00-13.30; 15.30-17.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 11.00-13.30; 15.30-17.00
assistance dogs welcome
22 ST CHAD’S COLLEGE
St. Chads College, 18 North Bailey, DH1 3RH
www.stchads.ac.uk/
A chance to see behind the green doors inside one of the Bailey Colleges of Durham University. St Chad’s occupies a series of 18th century houses, many traces of which survive within the present college complex. There is no lift within the college and there are stairs. Event not suitable for children under 5. Maximum 30 people.
Friday 07 Sept: 09.30; 11.00; 14.30
Thursday 13 Sept: Tours: 10.00; 11.30; 14.00
Friday 14 Sept: Tours: 10.00; 11.30; 14.00

23 ST CUTHBERT’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
St Cuthbert’s Catholic Church, Old Elvet, DH1 3HL
www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk
One of the oldest Catholic churches in the country. Sited in a part of Durham still referred to as Popish Elvet. Poignant First World War Roll of Honour will be displayed. It will be possible to visit the garden on Saturdays.
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-15.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-14.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: Service only
assistance dogs welcome

24 ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH
Crossgate, DH1 4PR
www.stjam.f9.co.uk
One of only two Grade I listed Parish Churches in the city. Behind the heavily-restored exterior, substantial parts of the original Norman building remain.
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-12.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-14.00
assistance dogs welcome
‘a beautiful little church’

25 ST MARY THE LESS
St. Johns College, 3 South Bailey, DH1 3RJ
www.dur.ac.uk/st-johns.college
From soldiers in the Norman times to students in the present day, St Mary the Less has been a place of worship for many over the years. St Mary the Less is an active place of worship for St John’s College and Cranmer Hall, an ordination training college. There are stairs leading up to the Chapel.
Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 13.00-14.00
assistance dogs welcome

26 THE MINERS’ HALL, REDHILLS
3 Flass Street, Durham, DH1 4BE
www.durhamminers.org/e4a
Enthusiastic volunteers offer guided tours of this impressive historic building. Learn about the proud heritage of the Durham Miners and the Pitman’s Parliament.
The Durham Miners’ Association was established in 1869 but the union rapidly outgrew its first headquarters in North Road, the Miners Hall at Redhills was opened in October 1915.
Close to the Railway Station and North Road Bus Station.
Parking on site is fairly limited but on street parking is available Tours last approximately 90 mins.
Pre-booking required. Maximum 15 people.
07808306709
kathleenhconnolly@hotmail.co.uk
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.30-13.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 10.30-13.00
assistance dogs welcome

Feedback from a 2017 visitor
‘Have wanted to see inside for some time, so pleased to see it open.’
**THE TITHE BARN**
Halgarth Street, DH1 3AX
An opportunity to see a rare group of medieval farm buildings, Grade II* and II, dating from 14th and 15th century. The interior of the earlier barn reveals an impressive roof structure. There is a small collection of memorabilia to view, which charts the history of the prison up to the present day.

Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-14.00

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**WHARTON PARK TOUR**
Wharton Park, Framwellgate Peth, DH1 4RR
www.durham.gov.uk/whartonpark
An urban Victorian park just above the railway station in Durham City. The park has a Heritage Centre with glass fronted cafe, education room, play areas, multi-use games area, trim trail, outdoor gym, miniature car track and putting green, Grade II listed battery, outdoor amphitheatre and many walls and pathways.

Join our Ranger who will lead tours explaining its features and history of the park.
- Paths are well surfaced however there are steep inclines and stepped areas.
- Normal parking charges apply
- Tours last approximately 30 mins.
- Pre-booking preferred. Maximum 25 people.
- 03000 266 749
- louise.vest@durham.gov.uk

Saturday 15 Sept: Tours: 13.00; 14.30

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**AUCLAND CASTLE: DEER PARK TOURS**
Market Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NR
www.aucklandcastle.org
Join us for a tour of our scenic Deer Park led by retired Park Ranger, Alan Anderson, who is joining us especially for Heritage Open Days to share his 30 year knowledge of the park. As you walk through the former hunting ground of the Prince Bishops’ of Durham, you will see historic monuments, ancient woodland, beautiful views and an abundance of wildlife.

Meet at the Clock Tower.
The event will take place come rain or shine.
Please wear suitable footwear and clothing.
If the weather is particularly warm please ensure you have water.
Pre-booking required.
- 01388 743797
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Friday 07 Sept: 13.30-15.00
Saturday 15 Sept: 13.30-15.00
**BEAUREPAIRE MANOR HOUSE**

Bearpark, DH1 4TJ

A guided walk around the medieval ruins of Beaurepaire, the largest and most important of the manor houses of Durham Cathedral Priory, excavated and consolidated 1979-84.

Includes a visit to Bearpark Hall Farm where medieval buildings still stand.

The terrain is not suitable for wheelchair access.

Meet outside Bearpark Community Centre.

Tours last approximately 1.5 hours.

Pre-booking required. Maximum 30 people.

03000 26 26 26

Saturday 08 Sept: 13.30; 16.00  subject to demand

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**BINCHESTER ROMAN FORT**

Binchester Roman Fort, Bishop Auckland, DL14 8DJ

www.durham.gov.uk/archaeology

The facilities have undergone major improvements and visitors will be have free access to these and will be able to view the exceptionally well-preserved remains of two Roman bath buildings.

One of these stands in the middle of the fort beside the commanding officer’s residence, part of which is also on display. It includes a rare example in Britain of a completely intact hypocaust (underfloor heating) system. The other, revealed by 2010-2015 excavations, lies outside the fort and was almost certainly the regimental bath building.

Access to excavations is via field with uneven ground.

Pre-booking required for large groups. Maximum 35 people.

01388 663089

Thursday 06 Sept: 10.30-16.30  Tours: 11.00; 14.00

Friday 07 Sept: 10.30-16.30  Tours: 11.00; 14.00

Saturday 08 Sept: 10.30-16.30  Tours: 11.00; 14.00

Sunday 09 Sept: 10.30-16.30

Thursday 13 Sept: 10.30-16.30

Friday 14 Sept: 10.30-16.30

Saturday 15 Sept: 10.30-16.30

Sunday 16 Sept: 10.30-16.30

Feedback from a 2017 visitor

‘A very well laid out and informative site. Particularly good to be allowed into the excavations.’

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**BRANCEPEITH CASTLE**

Brancepeth, DH7 8DF

www.brancepethcastle.org.uk

Tours of this Grade I medieval castle, home of the Nevilles, Earls of Westmorland.

No photography.

Partial disabled access if notified in advance.

Pre-booking required. Maximum 25 people.

03000 26 26 26

Thursday 06 Sept: Tour: 18.30

Friday 07 Sept: Tour: 18.30

Sunday 09 Sept: Tour: 14.30; 16.30

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**EXPERIENCE HISTORIC BISHOP AUCKLAND**

Bishop Auckland Town Hall, Market Place, DL14 7NP

Take a gentle walk around the historic town.

Hear about the town’s past, current conservation and restoration works and how this will transform and revitalise the town, promising a brighter future for Bishop Auckland.

Parking at North Bondgate and Newgate Centre.

Meet at the Town Hall.

Walk lasts approximately 2 hours.

Pre-booking preferred. Maximum 20 people.

03000 262052

01388 602610

Friday 07 Sept: 10.00-12.00

Saturday 15 Sept: 09.30-11.30

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FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY & THE BRUSSELTON INCLINE GROUP

Run Away Wagons, Troublesome Engines & A Pioneering Railway

Locomotion, Dale Road Trading Estate, Shildon, DL4 2RE

Walk through Shildon and over Brusselton Incline.
Visit the remains of Hackworth’s Soho Works, the S&DR Works, the Brusselton Incline, remains of the Engine House, and the Accommodation Bridge.

Meet outside Collections building.
Walk is approximately 3.6 mile.
Pre-booking required for the AGM and talk.

j.hack.young@btinternet.com
Thursday 06 Sept: 19.00 Annual General Meeting
Thursday 06 Sept: 20.00 Talk
Sunday 16 Sept: 10.30

FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY & THE BRUSSELTON INCLINE GROUP

A Trip Back in Time to 1825

North End Phoenix Row, nr Bishop Auckland, DL14 0DF

Visit the railway that changed the face of the world.
Walk along the Stockton & Darlington Railway, break for refreshments in a show garden and see the site of the engine house and where the Greener family once lived.

Walk is approximately 3.6 mile. Returns same way.
Pre-booking required.

j.hack.young@btinternet.com
Sunday 09 Sept: 10.30

HARDWICK PARK

Visitor Centre, Sedgefield, TS21 2DN

A restored 18th century parkland...

A Grade II Site of Special Historic Interest. Step back 260 years on a walk with architect Mr James Paine and learn how he designed Hardwick Park in the latest style.
The Park includes a cafe, toilets, and children’s play areas.
Half mile walk from bus stop at Sedgefield High Street.
Normal parking charges apply.

Thursday 13 Sept: Walk: 13.00-14.30
Sunday 16 Sept: Walk: 13.00-14.30

LOCOMOTION

Dale Road, Shildon DL4 2RE

Visitors can enjoy a schedule of talks and tours. Get a ‘behind the scenes’ look into the operation of a steam locomotive. Explore Locomotion’s Workshop, where locomotives and other vehicles are restored.
The cabs of locomotives can be difficult to access for some visitors as steps are required. The rest of the building is fully accessible for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc.
The museum is open 10.00-17.00 with free admission and parking
Regular bus services.
3 minute walk from Shildon Station.
Maximum 6 people per tour. Talks and tours vary in duration.

Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 10.00-17.00
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-17.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-17.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-17.00

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the S&DR
Will take place on Thursday 6 September at 7.00pm in the Welcome Building (historic end of site by Hackworth’s house), Locomotion, Shildon, Co Durham DL4 1PQ
Members of the Public Welcome.
At 8.00pm following the AGM, a talk:
‘Three Greener’s of Etherley and a model steam engine’ by Dr Tom Walker (a rare opportunity to see an 1836 model of a winding engine at work).
Would those attending the AGM and talk please notify Trustee of the Friends of the S&DR, Jane Hackworth-Young on: j.hack.young@btinternet.com or Alan Mcnab, Secretary of the Friends of the S&DR on alan.mcnab@ntlworld.com
38 OLD ESH - ST MICHAEL’S R.C. CHURCH
Esh Laude, DH7 9QN
A Grade II Listed Church, one of the oldest churches in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.
St Michael’s was originally the mother church for the Lanchester area.
Sunday 09 Sept: 13.00-16.00 assistance dogs welcome

39 OLD ESH - VILLAGE CHURCH AND INN
Front St, Esh Village, DH7 9QR
13th Century Church of St Michael and All Angels. Rebuilt in 1770 and improved in 1850.
A village trail will point visitors to other areas of interest in the village.
Limited parking.
Sunday 09 Sept: 13.00-16.00

40 SPENNYSMOOR TOWN HALL GALLERY & MINING MUSEUM
High Street, Spennymoor, DL16 6DG
www.spennymoor-tc.gov.uk/art-gallery/
The Bob Abley Art Gallery houses a permanent collection of paintings by Norman Cornish, Chris and Steve Rocks, Tom Lamb, Tom McGuinness, Jack Roach, Robert Heslop, Eric Thompson and John Smith.
The Gallery hosts monthly exhibitions with the permanent Norman Cornish Gallery as well as a significant number of originals for sale and his original studio. There are 20 artists exhibiting their work for sale.
Visit the Council Chamber and to view the collection of Robert Thompson ‘Mouseman Furniture’ owned by the Town Council.
The Durham Mining Museum, within the building, will also be open.
Bus stop near.
Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-14.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-14.00 assistance dogs welcome

41 ST EDMUND’S CHURCH
Cross Hill, Sedgefield, TS21 3AT
www.friendsofstedmunds.org
Built between 1246-56 with later additions, the church is dedicated to St Edmund Rich of Canterbury, a rare dedication.
Features include a fine 17th screen, a font of Frosterley marble, and some brasses and stone.
The Local History Society will have a display showing village life through the years.
Thursday 06 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Friday 07 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Saturday 08 Sept 10.00-16.00
Sunday 09 Sept 11.00-12.00

42 ST HELEN’S CHURCH
Kelloe, DH6 4PT
Soak in the history of this Church, appreciate the stained glass and artefacts.
St Helen’s is a picturesque Grade I listed church.
Set in a valley with pleasant walks nearby.
Close to Nature Trail/Kelloe Heritage Trail.
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 14.00-17.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 12.00-16.00

43 ST HELEN’S CHURCH
Manor Road, St. Helen Auckland, West Auckland, DL14 9EN
This fine medieval Parish Church c1210, Grade I listed, has various memorials to the Eden family, forbears of the Prime Minister, Anthony Eden.
Visit the nearby memorial on the village green recalling West Auckland football team winning the first World Cup.
Guided tours, coffee and cake and display of vestments.
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 11.00-16.00
Sunday 16 Sept: 10.00-16.00

www.durham.gov.uk/heritageopendays
ST JOHN’S CHURCH
2B Church Street, Shildon, DL4 1DU
See stunning 20th Century embroidered panels in beautiful Victorian church. Enjoy the stained glass, railway heritage, and peaceful environment.
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-16.00
assistance dogs welcome

ST LAURENCE’S CHURCH
Hallgarth, Pittington, DH6 1AB
A Grade I listed, 12th & 13th century church. The north arcade is described as ‘one of the most exciting pieces of architecture in the county’ by Pevsner.
At end of no through road behind grass triangle near the Hallgarth Manor Hotel.
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00
assistance dogs welcome

ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH
Church Street, Bishop Middleham, DL17 9AF
A beautiful medieval church with strong links to the Bishops of Durham and the Surtees family.
Built as a stone church, probably replacing a previous wooden structure, at the beginning of the 12th century when Rannulph Flambard was Bishop of Durham. Extended during the 13th century and most of the existing building dates from that period. Of particular note are the font made of Frosterley Marble and a number of stained glass windows.
Recent baptism, wedding and burial records will be on display in the church.
Thursday 06 Sept: 10.30-12.00
Saturday 08 Sept: 11.00-16.00
Saturday 08 Sept: Tours: History 11.00; 12.00 Plant & Wildlife: 13.00; 14.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 11.00-12.00
assistance dogs welcome

THE FERRYHILL HERITAGE CENTRE
1, Cleves Avenue, Ferryhill, DL17 8BN
Take a look at the way we used to live. The heritage centre takes a step back in time to relive the days when Ferryhill was a major player in the hustle and bustle of Co. Durham.
Re-live the days when Ferryhill had a railway station, a football team, Ferryhill Athletic, two deep mines, Dean and Chapter and Mainsforth, There are memories for everyone who remembers those slow relaxing days in Ferryhill.
A commemorative display remembers the soldiers who gave their lives in the 2 world wars and a collection of domestic items and toys.
Although the building is quite small and can be congested, help is always at hand.
Tea coffee and biscuits are free.
Sunday 09 Sept: 11.00-15.00
Sunday 16 Sept: 11.00-15.00
assistance dogs welcome

Your once a year chance to explore the world on your doorstep, unlocked and completely free of charge
CHESTER LE STREET HERITAGE TRAIL WALK
Chester-le-Street Parish Church, Church Chare, DH3 3QB
Follow the Heritage Trail starting at the Parish Church with a local historian and members of Chester-le-Street Heritage Group. Hear some of the unusual stories associated with the town.
Chester le Street was originally a Roman Fort on the road to the north. It later became a Saxon cathedral town and the monastery where the gospels were first translated into English. The Heritage Group has devised a town trail with a leaflet, direction plaques and information boards. The seven boards reveal facts on various parts of the town and the direction plaques are silver for straight on and gold to indicate a right or left turn.
Tours last approximately 1.5 hours.
Pre-booking required. Maximum 20 people.
Phone: 0191 3883667
dahall52@aol.com
Sunday: 09 & 16 Sept: 14.00

DISCOVER DERWENTCOTE STEEL FURNACE
Forge Lane, Hamsterley Colliery, NE17 7RS
Find out how iron was turned into steel hundreds of years ago at Derwentcote Steel Furnace. This Grade 1 Listed Building is one of the few remaining examples of this type of furnace in the country.
A rare opportunity to see inside this 18th century furnace. Learn how wrought iron was turned into steel through the cementation process; this is the last remaining piece of evidence of cementation steel making in the north east.
The site is uneven.
The car park for this site is on the opposite side of the road to the actual furnace.
Pre-booking required for tours.
Saturday 08 Sept: Tour: 13.00-15.00
Saturday 15 Sept: 10.30-15.30 Tour: 13.00-15.00
dogs welcome

LEADGATE REMEMBERS 1918-2018
Leadgate Community Centre Car Park
off Durham Road, Leadgate, DH8 7RJ
A guided walk calling at four of the villages war memorials, two historic churches with war graves of local men.
St Ives Church hosts the Eden Lodge Miner’s Banner.
Walk is approximately 2 mile, along pavements, tarmacked paths and two gentle inclines.
Toilets are available at the Community Centre and at The Jolly Drovers public house.
Maximum 25 people.
Phone: 07800 734635
Saturday 15 Sept: 12.00

Brooms Church Our Lady and St Joseph’s
Leadgate, DH8 6RS
As part of Leadgate’s commemoration of the end of WW1 a chance to visit this historic E W Pugin church.
Visit the Calvary memorial to the War Dead of Leadgate and Dipton and Commonwealth war graves.
Brooms Church has two Pugin altars and the pre emancipation St Cuthbert’s Chapel.
Saturday 15 Sept: 11.00-15.00

St Ives Church
St Ives Road, Leadgate, DH8 7TS
As part of Leadgate’s commemorations of the end of WW1 visit St Ives Church, ‘The Miner’s Cathedral’.
See WW1 memorial Plaque, Stained Glass Windows, Eden Miner’s Lodge Banner, and visit the War Graves in the adjoining cemetery.
Phone: 07800 734635
Saturday 15 Sept: 11.00-15.00
dogs welcome
This section shows venues to the East of County Durham.

**APOLLO PAVILION**

*Oakerside Drive, Peterlee, SR8 1LE*

*www.apollopavilion.org*

Victor Pasmore has a unique place in the history of twentieth century British art. He was a leading practitioner and theorist of abstract art and in 1955 was appointed Consulting Director of Architectural Design of the Peterlee Development Corporation, working largely on the planning of the Sunny Blunts housing estate.

The Apollo Pavilion, at the heart of the estate, is one of the largest public art and architecture experiments of the post-war era. Cast in-situ, the interlocking geometric planes of concrete unfold above a small, man-made lake, the only decorations being two abstract painted murals. The Pavilion was always controversial, and having fallen into disrepair and with the estate troubled by antisocial behaviour in and around it, was often threatened with demolition.

Informal tours of the Pavilion are offered.

The upper level of the Apollo Pavilion is only accessible by stairs.

Talks last approximately 20 mins.

Maximum 10 people.

Saturday 08 Sept: 13.00-15.00

Sunday 09 Sept: 13.00-15.00

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**ST BARNABAS BURNMOOR CHURCH OPEN DAY**

*Chester Road, Bournmoor, Chester-le-Street, DH4 6EU*

*www.bournmoorparish.org.uk*

Visit this lovely 19th century church where you will receive a warm welcome and refreshments.

There will be people on hand to explain about the notable William Morris stained glass windows, and about the impressive Angel of Victory statue by Waldo Storey.

Car park at Rose Crescent.

Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-16.00

Assistance dogs welcome

Feedback from 2017 Heritage Open Days visitors

‘Wonderful insight into Shotley Bridge, pointing out things the locals don’t even know.’

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**SHOTLEY BRIDGE HISTORY WALKS**

*Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HX*

*www.shotleybridgevillagetrust.com*

Choice of four guided walks around Shotley Bridge pointing out buildings and places of interest linking them to the people who shaped its past.

Meet in village at the bus shelter, opposite replica drinking pant.

On street car parking.

Walks last approximately 2 hours.

Maximum 10 people.

Saturday 08 Sept: 14.00  Influential Families and their Legacy

Sunday 09 Sept: 14.00  Buildings with a Local History

Saturday 15 Sept: 14.00  Sword Making and Local Industry

Sunday 16 Sept: 14.00  Chapels, Churches and Schools

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Free of charge and right on people’s doorstep, Heritage Open Days celebrates what makes local communities and neighbourhoods special.

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EAST DURHAM HERITAGE & LIFEBOAT CENTRE
Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, SR7 7EE
www.eastdurhamheritagegroup.co.uk
The East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre seeks to pass on to the wider community information and knowledge about the history and heritage of Seaham and the East Durham area. The Heritage Centre presents photographic and published information for visitors to view and research. The Centre also houses the restored historic lifeboat the George Elmy which was so tragically wrecked in a storm in November 1962 with the loss of her crew and four rescued fishermen.
An opportunity for visitors to see the recently installed memorial to all those brave souls who served at RNLI Seaham between 1870 and 1979 when the station closed. The Coxswain, created by Ray Lonsdale, creator of Seaham’s ‘Tommy’, stands on the East Quay of the Marina looking out to sea. The Marina also includes coffee shops, an ice cream parlour, a traditional sweet shop and other retail outlets. The Slope Beach, adjacent to the Heritage Centre is always popular as it provides a sandy and safe environment for children of all ages.
- Bus stops at Byron Place shopping centre.
- 1 mile from Seaham Station
- Signed from the seafront
Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 10.00-15.00
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-15.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-15.00
Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-15.00

You may wish to join us as a volunteer to help run the Heritage Centre

HERITAGE COAST WALK
Nose’s Point car park, Dawdon, Seaham, SR7 7PS
Join the Heritage Coast Officer for a walk along the England Coast Path stopping at Easington Colliery Band Room for an informative lunchtime talk about the Colliery life before returning back through the beautiful Hawthorn Dene.
Meet at Nose’s Point car park next to the information panel. We will head south along the cliffs and enjoy stunning views along this rugged coast line followed by a leisurely walk back after lunch.
Please wear suitable footwear and clothing.
Tea and Coffee will be available at lunchtime. Bring a packed lunch.
Tours last approximately 4-5 hours. Walk approximately 6 mile.
Pre-booking required. Maximum 20 people.
03000 268130
louise.harrington@durham.gov.uk
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.30

HIDDEN LANDSCAPE OF CASTLE EDEN DENE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
Oakerside Dene Lodge, Stanhope Chase, Peterlee, SR8 1NJ
Join us for a journey of discovery into the past to explore the hidden landscape of Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve as the Victorians would have seen it.
This mysterious, tangled landscape has given rise to numerous stories of the devil and angry giants, as many have tried to explain the strange rock formations and mysterious atmosphere of the dene.
During this special event you’ll discover the hidden heritage contained within this wonderful wildlife site, from Gunner’s Pool Bridge to the Devil’s Lap Stone and beyond!
Signposted from the A19 and from Peterlee town centre. Walk lasts approximately 1 hour.
Pre-booking required.
0191 586 0004 Contact the Lodge for time of walk
07803 228414 Contact for the day: Joe Davies, Senior Reserve Manager
Sunday 09 Sept: Tours throughout the day.

Bring a packed lunch
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
Blandford Place, Seaham, SR7 7SA
A Grade II listed building situated in the heart of Seaham Harbour, within Seaham Conservation Area.
Durham County Council has secured initial support for the Seaham Townscape Heritage bid, from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Council and other key stakeholders have been progressing plans to apply for the full grant. This public consultation/drop-in event will provide an opportunity to discuss and feedback on proposals.
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-13.00
Friday 14 Sept: 11.00-15.00
assistance dogs welcome

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EASINGTON
Hall Walks, Easington Village, SR8 3BP
St Mary’s Church is a 12th century Parish Church, with Saxon origins. The building contains a number of Medieval pieces.
Stewards will be on hand during opening times.
Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-14.00
Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-14.00
'a very welcoming atmosphere'

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH
Church Lane, Seaham, SR7 7AG
Anglo Saxon Church, 7th/8th century, Grade I listed, one of 20 pre-Viking churches.
The nave of the church is Saxon with seven windows. Chancel and tower were built in the Norman period. Porch and vestry added much later. Elizabethan pulpit and Georgian box pews. The Parish has links with Lord Byron and the coal owning Londonderry family. Kempe stained glass windows, original gaslights.
Stewards will be on hand during opening times.
Saturday 08 Sept: 11.00-16.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 10.00-16.00
'dogs welcome

WHEATLEY HILL HERITAGE CENTRE
Cemetery Lodge, Woodlands Avenue, Wheatley Hill, DH6 3LN
Permanent displays to the memory of miner’s leader Peter Lee and Victoria Cross winner Thomas Kenny, both of whom are buried in the cemetery. A display of the sporting memorabilia of Charmian Welsh, an 1950’s Olympic and Commonwealth Games diving competitor.
Visitors will be able to see our village artwork which was unveiled in May to the memory of our proud industrial past, a Ray Lonsdale miner. The artwork was unveiled on 3 May, 50 years to the day that Wheatley Hill pit closed.
Car parking outside the cemetery grounds and adjacent streets.
Located in Wheatley Hill cemetery.
Thursday 06 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Friday 07 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-16.00
'dogs welcome

If you think that your area is under-represented or know of other venues or organisations that might like to take part next year then we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on 03000 267133

Feedback from 2017 Heritage Open Days visitors
’Welcoming volunteers and good displays around the building.'
**BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL CHAPEL**

Barnard Castle School, Newgate, Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN

www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk

A beautiful school chapel, still in daily use.
Contains stunning panelling and fretwork, a magnificent organ and stained glass windows.

- Located to the right of Bowes Museum.
- 10 minute walk from Barnard Castle.
- Walk across the front of the school, turn left.
- Access to the chapel is via a short flight of steps.

**Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00**
**Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-16.00**

**BRADLEY HALL - A SCHEDULED MONUMENT**

Wolsingham, DL13 3JH

www.bradleyburn.co.uk

Dating from the 1300s, and originally a medieval moated manor house remodelled into an 18th century farmhouse. Medieval vaults, a tunnel, the remains of a moat and other features tell of its more ancient history.

- Explore inside the vaults and around the building to discover more and find out about the families who lived here centuries ago.
- Park at the farm shop and cafe, walk across to the site. Look for the Union Jack flag.
- Anyone unable to undertake the 15 minute walk is welcome to park at the site.
- We will join you there. If the weather is inclement please wear stout footwear.
- Walk lasts about 1.5 hours.

**Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 14.00-15.30**

**ESCOMB SAXON CHURCH**

Escomb Church, DL14 0SX

www.escombsaxonchurch.co.uk

One of the most ancient Celtic-style churches in the UK, built around 680AD.

- Learn about its history and heritage.
- A disabled toilet is available in the adjacent pub.
- Tours last approximately 30 mins.
- Maximum 50 people.

**Saturday 08 Sept: 13.00-17.00**
**Sunday 09 Sept: 13.00-17.00**
**Service: 11.00**

**HOWDEN LE WEAR METHODIST CHURCH**

Bridge Street, Howden le Wear, DL15 8ES

See various artefacts, photos and accounts of village life from the last 100 years in this 148 year old chapel.

- Music from the old Methodist Hymn book and Moody and Sangster revival songs. It is hoped that the organists will play secular music from the past 148 years.
- Maximum 30 people.

**Saturday 08 Sept: 14.00-16.00**
**Sunday 09 Sept: 13.00-15.00**

**DURHAM WILDLIFE TRUST HERITAGE DAY AND BAT WALK**

Low Barns Nature Reserve, Witton le Wear, Bishop Auckland, DL14 0AG

www.durhamwt.com

Join Durham Wildlife Trust at Low Barns Nature Reserve to hear about the history of Low Barns and take part in a bat walk.

- Follow the brown signs through Witton-le-Wear.
- Bring a torch and sturdy footwear.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Pre-booking required. Maximum 25 people.

**Sunday 09 Sept: Walk: 19.00-21.00**
**Thursday 13 Sept: Walk: 19.00-21.00**

**FEEDBACK FROM 2017 HERITAGE OPEN DAYS VISITORS**

Heritage Open Days visitors

'Amazing building, wonderful thought-provoking history!'
KILLHOPE
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAD MINING MUSEUM
Upper Weardale, DL13 1AR
www.killhope.org.uk

A visit to Killhope is a unique and unforgettable experience, there is so much to see and do for all the family. A multi-award winning attraction is situated within the stunning North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With breath taking scenery, underground adventure, hands on activities, fascinating lead mining history and wildlife including red squirrels, there is so much to do and see for all the family.

Try your hand as a Washer Boy, and see what shiny minerals you can find in the silt - maybe pieces of galena (lead ore), quartz or fluor spar. Marvel at our iconic Armstrong Water Wheel and explore the Jigger House, Buddle House, Blacksmiths, Mine Agents office and Lodging shop where miners might have to stay especially during winter months! Get kitted up in wellingtons, hard hat and lamp to go on a memorable underground adventure into Park Level Mine and learn about the harsh working conditions of the miners. The Visitor Centre includes and exhibition area, shop and café. Dress warmly with sturdy footwear.

Mine tours unsuitable for children under 4 years.
If you would like to go underground please arrive early.
Last underground trip is at 15.30 (£5 charge).

Thursday 06 Sept: 10.30-17.00 last admission 16.15
Friday 07 Sept: 10.30-17.00 last admission 16.15

Dogs welcome on the site

Middleton-in-Teesdale steps back in time
10 Market Place, Barnard Castle, DL12 0QG
www.facebook.com/tic.middleton

Middleton-in-Teesdale looks back through the past 150 years with a trail around the village to see how the shops, cafes and building's have changed through time to mark the 150 year anniversary of the Railway opening.

01833 641001
Thursday 13 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Friday 14 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Saturday 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Sunday 16 Sept: 10.00-16.00

Dogs welcome on the site

Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ Visitor Day
New Victoria Centre, High Street, Howden le Wear, DL15 8EZ
www.netoa.org.uk

See and hear the only remaining Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in the north east, one of the largest and most versatile in Europe.
Discover the magic of the Theatre Organ Learn how it works and how it was used in the super-cinemas of the mid 20th century. Find out why the Wurlitzer really was ‘Mighty’.
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.00-17.00

Assistance dogs welcome

Reference Library & Archive Reading Rooms
The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, DL12 8NP
www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

Access documents and books from the collections including material from the Museum's First World War Commemoration Project. Enjoy fantastic panoramic views from the top of The Bowes Museum's central dome.

Normal charges apply for the Museum Galleries.
Please advise when booking if platform lift is needed.
Pre-booking preferred. Maximum 10 people.
01833 690606
info@thebowesmuseum.org.uk
Saturday 08 Sept: 11.00-15.00
Remembering the Railway in Teesdale
Vale of Tees Masonic Lodge, South View, Horsemarket, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, DL12 0SH
Celebrating the opening of the Railway in Teesdale 150 years ago with a scale model of Middleton Teesdale Station and exhibition of images and information
The layout depicts the station in the LNER 1930-40’s era from the Cleveland model railway club. There will be images, memories and information on the railway in Teesdale by the Teesdale Heritage Group. The Tees Valley Railway closed on November 28, 1964, but you can still access the trackbed which is now a lovely walk.
Saturday 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Sunday 16 Sept: 10.00-16.00
There will be plenty to see in the village and surrounding area, and many places to eat.

ST MARY’S CHURCH
Church Square, Cockfield, DL13 5AE
800 year old church founded by Robert de Cockfield c.1290. With the remains of a leper window and icons of the Robert de Cockfield family from the manor which was behind the church.
A good starting point to explore Cockfield Fell (largest ancient monument in the North)
We have information of the history down the years of the church and previous incumbents,
Saturday 08 Sept: 10.30-15.00
Sunday 09 Sept: 09.00-15.00  Holy Communion Service: 09.00

ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH
Newgate, Barnard Castle, DL12 8NQ
The church tower will be open with access to the ringing and clock chambers. Bell ringers will help visitors understand how church bells are rung.
Access to the bell tower is via a spiral staircase. Near Barnard Castle’s Market Cross.
Saturday 08 Sept: 14.00-16.00

The Fitzhugh Library
51 Market Place, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0QH
Set up as a charitable trust in 1990 to maintain and expand an existing collection of local material made available to the public for reference and research.
The area covered is the old Palatinate of Durham before the 1974 boundary revisions, plus the ecclesiastical parish of Romaldkirk. The Library contains nearly 10,700 items, books, maps, periodicals, ephemera and 20,000 newspaper cuttings. Not suitable for children under the age of 10.
Maximum 10 people.
Thursday 13 Sept: 10.00-13.00
Friday 14 Sept: 10.00-13.00
Saturday 15 Sept: 10.30-15.00
Sunday 16 Sept: 10.30-15.00

THE TEESDALE FLORA WITH MARGARET BRADSHAW
Newbiggin, Barnard Castle, DL12 0XF
An Extraordinary women themed event.
The Teesdale Flora, a globally unique assemblage of plants containing arctic, alpine specialities, post-glacial relics and species found nowhere else on the planet.
Learn more about these plants from expert botanist Dr Margaret Bradshaw.
Natural England open the doors of Wynch Bridge End Cottage, a traditional dales cottage surrounded by species-rich meadows. We will focus on the extraordinary work of local botanist Dr Margaret Bradshaw and her dedication to researching and preserving the irreplaceable assemblage of plants and wildflowers for which Teesdale is famous.
Please meet at Bowlees Visitor Centre, DL12 0XF.
Collect a map from Visitor Centre and walk 15 minutes to Wynch Bridge End Cottage.
On-site disabled parking by prior arrangement.
01833 622374
Saturday 15 Sept: 11.00-15.00  Talk: 13.00

Feedback from 2017 Heritage Open Days visitors
‘Full of interesting material. We will be back when we have more time to do research.’
THORPE LIGHT RAILWAY
South of Whorlton Village, Barnard Castle, DL12 8XD

www.thorpelightrailway.co.uk

A talk on the history of this historic miniature railway and the aim to fully restore it.

Information boards and photographs highlight what the group have achieved and projects for the future. Visitors will be invited to ride on the 800 metre long railway, subject to a locomotive being in service. Maximum 30 people.

Saturday 15 Sept: 12.00-16.00

‘very good for children’

WOMEN, ARTS & CRAFTS
Café Fresh (upstairs),
7 Horsemarket, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0SH

An Extraordinary women themed event.

A display of items relating to handcraft, knitting and sewing from Fresh Crafts and Interiors. There will be a sewing workshop on Sunday 9th.

There will be a small charge to cover materials.

Bus stop nearby

Session lasts approximately 1.5 hours

Maximum 12 people.

Thursday 06 & 13 Sept: 10.00-16.30

Friday 07 & 14 Sept: 10.00-16.30

Saturday 08 & 15 Sept: 10.00-16.30

Sunday 09 & 16 Sept: 10.00-16.30

From castles to city halls, tunnels to tower tops, police cells to private homes, workshops to woodland walks, the variety of places and ways to discover them are endless.

This section shows venues towards the West of County Durham

The far west of County Durham lies in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with breathtaking scenery.

Feedback from 2017
Heritage Open Days visitors

‘Really enjoyed the train ride and finding out about the restoration of this hidden gem.’
Notes:
See Durham City map on page 47
Questionnaire

We hope that you enjoyed your visit to County Durham’s Heritage Open Days. To help us plan next year’s event, please complete this questionnaire.

How many properties, sites or events did you visit?

[ ] 1  [ ] 2-5  [ ] 6-9  [ ] 10 or more

Which day or days did you visit Heritage Open Days?

[ ] Thursday  [ ] Friday  [ ] Saturday  [ ] Sunday

Is this the first time you have visited Heritage Open Days?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

Was finding information about Heritage Open Days:

[ ] Very easy  [ ] Fairly easy  [ ] Fairly difficult  [ ] Very difficult

How did you find out about activities and opening time?

[ ] HOD brochure  [ ] Newspaper  [ ] National HOD webpage

Did you find this booklet useful?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

Are there any venues you would like to visit which were not included this year?

Thank you. Please cut me out and hand me in or pop me in the post.
We welcome feedback on the Heritage Open Days programme. If you think that your area is under-represented, or know of other venues and organisations that might like to take part next year then please contact us.

If you want to explore some exciting Heritage Open Days venues and events beyond County Durham log on to: www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting

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