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.

visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk
visit www.facebook.com/heritageopendays
visit www.twitter.com/heritageopenday
visit 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:
visit www.traveline.info/
phone 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:
visit www.durham.gov.uk/heritageopendays

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County Durham Heritage Open Days
Welcome to the 2019 Heritage Open Days in County Durham. This year is especially exciting for Heritage Open Days as it celebrates its 25th year. This booklet lists the venues and activities for this year’s programme which takes place over ten consecutive days 13-22 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
New to Heritage Open Days

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ALINGTON HOUSE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
4 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET
www.alingtonhouse.org.uk
History Boards depicting the history of Alington House Community Association since the 1930’s.
This 17th century house was built on the remains of the Castle wall. It was extended in the 18th century, clearly illustrated by the front facade of the building. The windows offer a fascinating insight into the changing fashions of the period. Inside, various ages of building are evident, not least the 19th century staircase. The garden is under reconstruction and worth also a look. The house has been a community centre since 1948, and was once the home of the Durham Castle guard. Max 6 people per tour/session.
Upstairs unaccessible for wheelchair users.
Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘Interesting historical building with very exciting community activities’
assistance dogs welcome

DURHAM CITY CRIME & PUNISHMENT GUIDED WALK
Durham Town Hall, Market Place, DH13NJ
Explore the darker side of Durham’s history.
The walk looks at various locations in Durham City associated with crimes and their punishment, from the Middle Ages to the present day, and take in places of execution and imprisonment.
Max 20 people per tour/session. Lasts 1.5 - 2 hours.
Pre booking required: 03000 262626
The route will include a fairly brisk walking pace which includes hills.

DURHAM CASTLE (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)
Palace Green, DH1 3RW
www.dur.ac.uk/durham.castle/
Experience a visit to Durham Castle and stroll at your own pace or take part in a free guided tour.
A 1000 year old castle, which was once the seat of power for the Prince Bishop of Durham, but has now evolved into a place of learning as the home to University College. Our knowledgeable guides will be around to answer your questions and share some of the stories and hidden histories of the Castle.
Partial restricted road usage.
Please note that there may be queues.
Pre booking required for guided tours: 0191 334 2932 | castle.tours@durham.ac.uk
Limited wheelchair access, please call: 0191 334 2932.
Sunday 15 Sept: self-guided tours 12.15 - 15.15
Thursday 19 Sept: guided tours 10.15; 11.15; 12.15; 13.15; 14.15; 15.15; 16.15
**4 Stonemason Demonstrations**
See a stonemason at work and discover more about the tools and techniques they use to conserve and repair Durham Cathedral.
A stonemason will demonstrate carving techniques and talk about their craft and their experience working on Durham Cathedral’s buildings. The stonemasons have recently completed a three year conservation project on the central tower which involved replacing damaged Victorian sandstone on the top of the cathedral’s central tower.
Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00-16.00

**5 Cut Flower and Herb Garden**
Enjoy Durham Cathedral’s outdoor spaces with two special openings for Heritage Open Days.
The cut flower garden is a vibrant hidden oasis in the heart of Durham City, located on the South Bailey. Meet the cathedral’s gardeners who cultivate colourful blooms for display in the cathedral.
The herb garden is located on the site of the former monastic infirmary, in what is now the cathedral’s education centre. Learn about the plants and their historic uses with hands-on activities for all ages.
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00-16.00

**6 Deanery Wall Paintings**
Take a close look at the unique medieval wall paintings in the Deanery, the Dean’s home in the Cathedral College.
The Deanery has been the home of Priors and Deans of Durham Cathedral since about the 13th century, and is one of the longest continuously inhabited private houses in England. The entrance hall features exquisite 15th century wall paintings of the life of the Virgin Mary and medieval graffiti. After being hidden for hundreds of years, the wall paintings were rediscovered in 1974. Max 12 people per tour. 30 minutes.
Pre booking required:
0191 338 7178 | www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00-10.30: 12.00-12.30: 14.00-14.30

**7 The Chapter House**
A space rarely open to the public.
It was originally where the daily business of the monastery was carried out, and is famous as Professor McGonagall’s classroom in the early Harry Potter films.
The original Chapter House dates from the 12th century but was demolished and adapted in 1796. The present room is a 19th century reconstruction closely based on the old design, and its windows onto the Cloister contain fragments of highly decorated 15th century glass.
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Monday 16 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Wednesday 18 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Friday 20 Sept: 10.00-16.00

For further information contact
Durham Cathedral Visitor Desk: 0191 338 7178
Come to the Visitor Desk inside Durham Cathedral for maps and directions. Visitors are advised not to drive onto the peninsula of Durham as there is no public parking at the Cathedral and a congestion charge is in place.
Disabled parking please call in advance: 0191 386 4266

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**DURHAM CATHEDRAL**
The Cloister, Durham Cathedral, DH1 3EH
www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/

**DURHAM CATHEDRAL**
The Deanery, The College, DH1 3EH
www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/

**DURHAM CATHEDRAL**
The Chapter House, The College, DH1 3EH
www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/
DURHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Shakespeare Hall, North Road, Durham, DH1 4SQ
www.durhamcommunityassociation.co.uk
See what happens behind the Green Door!
Hear about Durham’s North Road in the 1890s and
the busy role that Shakespeare Hall and Durham
Community Association have played in city life for
generations.
The Hall is owned by the Shakespeare Temperance Trust,
started in 1874. During the Second World War it was a
social centre for Allied Forces. Over 70 years thousands of
local people have taken part in all sorts of community activities.
Meet some of the groups that use the hall today - a quilting workshop,
Tai Chi class, dancing group, choir and others. Discover how Shakespeare
Hall and Durham Community Association really have brought ‘Power to the
People’ in the city!
Max 20 people per tour/session. 1-1.25 hours
To discuss wheelchair access please call in advance: 0191 384 2748
Friday 13 Sept: 10.30; 14.00 Talk & Tour
Monday 16 Sept: 10.30; 14.00 Talk & Tour

DURHAM CREMATORIUM
South Road, Durham, DH1 3TQ
A rare chance to see behind the scenes,
learn about cremation and view this rich and
beautifully detailed building and its grounds.
Opened in 1960, designed by J. P. Chaplin.
Max 25 people per tour/session. Tours take 1 hour.
Pre-booking required: 03000 262626
Thursday 19 Sept: Tour: 16.15
Friday 20 Sept: Tour: 16.15
Saturday 21 Sept: Tour: 09.30; 10.30; 11.30
Sunday 22 Sept: Tour: 10.30; 11.30

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘A good explanation of the process very well
explained, dispelled all the myths’

DURHAM MARKET HALL
Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ
www.durhammarkets.co.uk
Discover the fascinating history of markets in
Durham City since the 1000’s culminating in the
construction of the Victorian market hall in 1851.
This site has a fascinating history, from palace to
workhouse and finally market hall. Tours bring 100’s
of years of history to life. Hear about the past and
experience the present of Durham City’s longest
continually trading private business, established by its
own Act of Parliament.
Meet at main entrance.
Max 12 people per tour/session. Tours last 45 mins.
Pre booking required: 0191 3846153 | durhammarkets@yahoo.co.uk
Friday 13 Sept: Tour 10.30
Saturday 14 Sept: Tour 10.30
Monday 16 Sept: Tour 14.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: Tour 10.30
Wednesday 18 Sept: Tour 10.30

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘Great community spirit’
Durham School & Chapel
Chapel Hill, Durham, DH1 4SZ
www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk
www.durhamschool.co.uk
www.olddunelmians.org.uk

Durham School is one of the country’s oldest schools and can trace its origins back to the monastic communities of Lindisfarne and Iona. The view of Durham City from the Chapel is well worth the 98 steps. The 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, along with the names of those who died in World War II are inscribed on the pillars in the nave of the Chapel.

Max 30 people per tour. 2 hours.
Pre-booking required for tour: 0191 7319270 | events@durhamschool.co.uk

Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00  Tour 14.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 12.30

Durham Town Hall
Market Place, DH1 3NJ

Discover a hidden gem that has been at the heart of civic life in the city since the 14th century. The Grade II* listed Durham Town Hall houses many atmospheric spaces, fascinating histories, and traditions; many of which continue to this day. The Hall remains the official office of the Mayor of Durham and the Mayoral Bodyguard, a tradition that dates back to 1602. The Guildhall is the oldest part of the Town Hall, the historic home of the Trade Guilds and Durham City Freemen; groups who shaped Durham for more than 500 years.

Max 15 people per tour/session. Tours last 1 hour.
Pre booking required for tours: 03000 267955 | DurhamTownHall@durham.gov.uk

Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 13.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 13.00
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 13.00
Monday 16 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 13.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 12.00
Wednesday 18 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 13.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00  guided tour: 13.00

Durham University Art Collection
Palace Green Library, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN
www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green

Join a curator to learn about the University’s Western Art collection and take a tour of the current exhibition. Durham University has one of the most significant university collections of 20th and 21st Century art in the UK. The collection features prints, drawings, paintings and sculpture. Themes include Pop Art, British Modernism, the St Ives Group, and the Pitmen Painters. Print-based artworks are one of the collection’s core strengths, offering insights into the key printing techniques.

Saturday 14 Sept: 14.00  talk and tour

Durham World Heritage Site
7 Owengate, DH1 3HB
www.durhamworldheritagesite.com/

Join us to see the beauty and learn some of the history of the fascinating buildings that dominate Durham’s World Heritage Site.

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. Max 20 people per tour/session. Tours take 1 hour.
Pre booking required: 0191 334 3805 | visitor.centre@durham.ac.uk

Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00; 14.00  guided walks

Assistance dogs welcome
FLASS VALE WALK
Durham, DH1 4BG
Flass Vale is a wooded valley within the Durham City Conservation Area.
Look out for an old orchard, a bronze age monument and Spice Pudding Hill. After the old Curling Pond we walk up to Hangman’s Hill and see good views of the cathedral and castle. We return by North End allotments where the plot holders are holding an open day with tea and buns for sale, then past Shaw Wood and leave by the Kingslodge Inn.
Meet at Waddington Street under the Kingslodge Inn sign.
Walk lasts 1.5 hours.
Sunday 15 Sept: 14.00 - 16.00
\[x\] dogs welcome

KEPIER HOSPITAL AND LOGGIA
The Sands, DH1 1LB
A guided tour of the medieval hospital buildings and 16th/17th century walled garden and ruined consolidated loggia.
Max 25 people per tour/session. Tour lasts 60-90 mins.
Pre-booking required: 03000 262626
Sunday 15 Sept: 14.00
\[x\] dogs welcome

NORTH END ALLOTMENTS
North End, DH1 4LZ
Set on a south facing slope overlooking Flass Vale you will find the beautiful North End Allotments. The plots are tended by people from all walks of life. Each plot has its own character and are a delight to wander around. Pause to read the poetry scattered across the site. Stop for refreshments and guess the name of the scarecrow and choose some hand grown produce/flowers/plants/jam/chutney/cake to take home.
Great to combine with the Flass Vale woodland walk.
Please note the paths are uneven and steep in places.
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.30 - 16.30
\[x\] assistance dogs welcome

OLD DURHAM GARDENS
Old Durham, Benthouse Lane, DH1 2RY
www.olddurhamgardens.co.uk/
Restored 17th to early 18th century formal gardens.
View the listed features of the gardens and on-going planting improvements throughout the gardens. A listed historic stone gazebo structure and walled garden with maturing historically authentic fruit espaliers, 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 on hand throughout the day. Learn about the ongoing plans for the Garden, the Friends group and opportunities to get involved. The gardens are open on Thursday 10.00-16.00 for volunteer gardening activity and visitors. Bus stops on Sherburn Road (A181) then on foot turn right, down no-through road and continue on tarmaced Bent House Lane with sharp righthand bend. Limited disabled only parking.
Follow riverside footpaths past cricket ground, bandstand and rowing club, cross via the Maiden Castle footbridge.
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 22 Sept: 13.00 - 16.00
\[x\] dogs welcome

ORIENTAL MUSEUM
Elvet Hill, Durham, DH1 3TH
www.dur.ac.uk/oriental.museum/
From Ancient Egypt to modern China, the only museum in the North of England devoted entirely to the art and archaeology of the great cultures of Northern Africa and Asia.
Join a curator-led tour of the galleries and hear behind-the-scenes stories about our collections.
Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.00 - 17.00
Saturday 14 Sept: 12.00 - 17.00
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 12.00 - 15.00
Monday 16 Sept: 10.00 - 17.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.00 - 17.00
Wednesday 18 Sept: 10.00 - 17.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00 - 17.00
Saturday 21 Sept: 09.00 - 17.00
\[x\] dogs welcome

Feedback from 2018
Heritage Open Days
‘Interesting stories well told’
21. RC CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF MERCY AND ST GODRIC
2, Castle Chare, DH1 4RD
www.durhammartyrs.co.uk

An oasis of peace in the bustle of the city, the Church of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Godric, built in 1864 stands proudly at the top of Castle Chare bank.

A wonderful opportunity to view this little gem of local history. Lovingly restored after the fire of 1985, this Edward Pugin designed building was once known as the ‘Penny Church’ built from the donations of the working class Catholic families and the navvies who built the nearby railway cutting and the viaduct. Visitors can enjoy a photographic quiz to help them uncover the riches of this beautiful building.

Monday 16 Sept: 11.00-13.30 15.30-17.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 11.00-13.30 15.30-17.00
Wednesday 18 Sept: 11.00-13.30 15.30-17.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 11.00-13.30 15.30-17.00
Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 11.00-13.30 15.30-17.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 11.00-13.30 15.30-17.00

Pre-booking required: 0191 386 8413 | admin@redhillsdurham.org

Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00 - 16.00
Sunday 22 Sept: 11.00 - 16.00

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘Beautiful sanctuary of quiet just outside of busy city centre. Welcoming volunteers, learned a lot about a very visible building of local heritage.’

22. REDHILLS: DURHAM MINERS HALL
Durham Miners Association, Redhills, Flass Street, DH1 4BE
redhillsdurham.org

Durham Miners Association is delighted to host two open days, where visitors are welcome to explore the building and grounds of the Grade II listed ‘Pitman’s Parliament’.

An opportunity to explore the Grade II listed ‘Pitman’s Parliament’, recognised by Historic England as one of the country’s 100 Irreplaceable Places. Find out about the 150 year history of the Durham Miners Association, hear stories from the Durham Coalfield and learn about our vision for the future.

Pre-booking required:
0191 386 8413 | admin@redhillsdurham.org

Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00 - 16.00
Sunday 22 Sept: 11.00 - 16.00

23. REDHILLS: DARE TO DREAM CRAFTIST WORKSHOP
Durham Miners Association, Redhills, Flass Street, DH1 4BE
#DareToDream

Create a beautiful cloud representing your dreams for our community.

Join this national #DareToDream craftivism project with award-winning activist, author and founder of the global Craftivist Collective Sarah Corbett. Hosted by Education 4 Action, the Pitmans Parliament, will help celebrate the stories of the men and women of the Durham Coalfield who dreamed of a better world and fought tirelessly to achieve it.

Come alone or with a loved one to this calm, creative and compassionate workshop. Think of a message to stitch, reflect on ‘crafterthought’ questions on and design your own cloud using ethically sourced free kits. No craft resources or skills needed, just an open heart and mind.

Max 20 people per tour/session. 2 hours.

Pre-booking required: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dare-to-dream-craftivist-collective-workshop-as-part-of-heritage-open-days-tickets-64611286096

Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 12.00

“By combining active pursuit of positive goals, with the unique fabric cloud the Dare to Dream activity makes use of these known neurobehavioural strategies to create effective change.”
Dr Charlotte Rae, Neuroscientist
ST CHAD’S 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.
Designed in 1960 by Francis Johnson from a set of old dwellings, occupying a series of 18th century houses.
An exhibition charting the architectural history of the college buildings accompanies the tour.
Max 30 people per tour/session.
Event not suitable for Children under 5.
Monday 16 Sept: 10.30; 14.00

ST CUTHBERT’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Old Elvet, DH1 3HL
www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk
A charming church with a stunning window by world-famous artist Harry Clarke and reading lectern by renowned local sculptor Fenwick Lawson.
A First World War Roll of Honour will be on display.
Friday 13 Sept: 10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00  Mass 12.15
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00-15.00 open garden
Sunday 15 Sept: 14.00-16.00 open garden

ST MARGARET OF ANTIOTHC CHURCH
Crossgate, DH1 4PR
www.stjam.f9.co.uk
A mid 12th century Grade I listed Parish Church.
Substantial parts of the original Norman building remain, alongside later medieval additions. Furnishings range from the original font to a much-admired modern sculpture of the Madonna and Child.
Refreshments and a quiz for children will be available.
Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.00 - 12.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 10.00 - 14.00

ST MARY MAGDALENE, BELMONT
Broomside Lane, Belmont, Durham DH1 2QW
The church has recently undergone restorative work to the exterior stonework and has redesigned the narthex area with the help of a National Heritage Lottery Fund Award (now the National Lottery Heritage Fund)
See the Art Group using Hunky Mat technique on their new piece of artwork and hear the story of the design and creation of the tapestries celebrating our patron saint, Mary Magdalene. Try using the technique yourself!
Monday 16 Sept: 16.00-18.30 organ recital 18.00-18.30
Tuesday 17 Sept: 14.00-17.00 creative arts
Wednesday 18 Sept: 14.00-17.00 creative arts
Thursday 19 Sept: 14.00-17.00 creative arts
Friday 20 Sept: 16.00-18.30 choir singing 18.00

ST. MARY THE LESS
St. Johns College, 3 South Bailey DH1 3RJ
www.dur.ac.uk/st-johns.college/  |  community.dur.ac.uk/cranmer.hall/
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. The historic features inside the Chapel and in the grounds chronicle its story.
St Mary the Less is an active place of worship for St John’s College and Cranmer Hall, which is an ordination training college. The St John’s College Chapel Choir sing a weekly evensong here too. The chapel dates back to the 12th Century and extensively reconstructed in 1847. It has links to the Bowes family, who used to live on the Bailey.
Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
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Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘Fascinating behind the scenes look at college life. Our guide was very helpful’

Feedback from 2018
’Loved the churches, I would like to see more’

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘Great little chapel. Lovely host, very helpful. Will definitely visit again. Loved the QR video’

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ST OSWALD’S CHURCH
Church Street, Durham DH1 3DG
www.oswalds.org.uk
All at St Oswald’s church welcome you to this historic Anglican place of worship and wild meadow churchyard standing across the river Wear east of Durham Cathedral and above New Elvet.
St Oswald’s Church is late 12th century, with evidence of a Saxon church on the site, and is probably the oldest parish church in Durham city. The 15th century bell tower has a fine peal of eight bells rung regularly on Sundays.
Max 10 people per tour/session. 30 min.
Disabled access via the South door
Monday 16 Sept: 12.30 - 14.30 Talk: A Church of Art
Tuesday 17 Sept: 12.30 - 14.30 Walk and Talk: Churchyard Graves
Wednesday 18 Sept: 12.30 - 14.30 Harvest Service
Thursday 19 Sept: 12.30 - 14.30 Walk and Talk: A Fortress for Cuthbert
Friday 20 Sept: 12.30 - 14.30 Special Gathering of Parish Neighbours
Saturday 21 Sept: 11.00 - 14.30 Bell Chamber (adults only)
Sunday 22 Sept: 14.00 - 17.00 services 08.00; 11.00; 18.00

WHARTON PARK - SELF LED TOUR
Wharton Park, North Road, DH1 4NQ
www.durham.gov.uk/whartonpark
Wharton Park first opened in 1857 and has a very rich history.
Pick up a printed guide to use on your self-led visit around the park and learn the many stories of its past.
The printed guide will be available during Visitor Centre opening times - please collect from the office or cafe.
The guide is free of charge for Heritage Open Days.
Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Monday 16 & 22 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Wednesday 18 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

BEAUREPAIRE MANOR HOUSE
Bearpark, DH1 4TJ
A guided tour of the ruins of the medieval manor house of the prior of Durham Cathedral Priory.
Beaurepaire was the priory’s most important country estate with extensive residential and agricultural buildings dating from the mid-thirteenth century.
The tour will include the C15 standing building across the fields which are now converted to residential, and the foundations of a large late medieval barn. The consolidated ruins, laid out and landscaped by Durham City Council, and now in the guardianship of the County Council, have been abandoned since 1999 and have recently been cleared of extensive vegetation by Dream Community Charity and their volunteers.
Not suitable for disabled persons.
Meet outside the Bearpark Community Centre in the village.
Max 30 people per tour/session. Tour lasts 1.5hrs.
Pre-booking required: 03000 262626
Saturday 14 Sept: 14.00; Second walk: 16.00 (subject to demand)
dogs welcome

BINCHESTER ROMAN FORT
Binchester Roman Fort, Bishop Auckland DL14 8DJ
www.durham.gov.uk/archaeology
See the remains of the commanding officer’s house of the 4th century fort, including the impressive bath building, containing one of the best preserved examples of a hypocaust (underfloor heating system) in all of Britain.
Visitors can also see part of the exceptionally well-preserved regimental bath-building.
Access to excavations is via pasture field.
Max 35 people per tour/session. Tour takes 1.5 hours.
Pre-booking required for groups: 01388 663089 | email binchester@durham.gov.uk
Friday 13 Sept: 10.00 - 16.30 Tours: 11.00; 14.00
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 16.30 Tours: 11.00; 14.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 16.30 Tours: 11.00; 14.00
dogs welcome
**BISHOP AUCKLAND HISTORY & HERITAGE FESTIVAL**
www.durham.gov.uk/haz
Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone is holding its first History and Heritage Festival with walks, talks, workshops, a radio programme and archive film screening. Additional events information can be found online.

### A Day at Wembley with Durham Amateur Football Trust
Bishop Auckland College, Woodhouse Lane DL14 6JZ
www.thedaft.org.uk
See memorabilia, make rosettes, have your photo taken in a replica strip and watch old Pathe film footage from the matches.

Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00
Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00; 14.00 football sing-a-long

### Celebrating 60 Years of Learning
Bishop Auckland College, Woodhouse Lane, DL14 6JZ
bacoll.ac.uk
Visit Bishop Auckland College to learn more about its history, view photographs from different periods and watch a documentary from 1967.
Take part in demonstrations; art & design, photography, cookery, hair and beauty, nail art.
Pre-booking preferred:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-60-years-of-learning-at-bishop-auckland-college-tickets-65172680241

Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00

### Stockton and Darlington Railway
The Four Clocks Centre, 154a Newgate St, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7EH
www.SDR1825.co.uk
Hear about the history of the railway line and work in progress to preserve this heritage and celebrate its 200th Birthday in 2025.
A Trish Pemberton talk about progress made preserving the heritage of the line and about the wonderful ‘birthday party’ planned for the railway that changed the world.
Pre-booking preferred:
01388 833229 | trish.pemberton@btconnect.com

Tuesday 17 Sept: 16.00 - 18.00

### Historic Bishop Auckland Walk
Bishop Auckland Town Hall, Market Place, DL14 7NP
Join Historic England’s Architectural Investigators on a journey down the high street to explore the various architectural styles and building types that form the history and architectural legacy of Bishop Auckland. In 2018, Bishop Auckland was given Heritage Action Zone status and a programme of work is underway to rejuvenate public spaces and vacant historic buildings.
Pre-booking required:
03000 262052 | bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk
Max 20 people per tour/session. Walk takes 2 hours.

Wednesday 18 Sept: 10.30; 14.00

### For King and Country First World War Guided Walks
Town Hall, Market Place, Bishop Auckland DL14 7NP
www.durham.gov.uk/haz | stjohnsrc.org.uk
A guided walk with Dave Mawdsley. View homes which soldiers left during the First World War, never to return. Hear him tell the soldiers’ personal stories.
Part of the St John’s School’s sixth form students ‘At Home With Heritage Project’. Suitable for ages 12+
Max 15 people per tour/session. Walk takes 1 hour.
Pre-booking required:
03000 262052 | bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk

Saturday 21 Sept: Walks start: 11.00; 12.30; 14.00

### Music at Auckland Flower Show
St. Annes Church, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NP
www.durham.gov.uk/haz
An illustrated lecture concert, by Professor Stephen Martin telling the story of the Auckland Flower Show.
Find out about how in the 1850’s Auckland Flower Show became the largest ever musical event in British history.
Pre-booking required for talk: 03000 262052
bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk

Saturday 21 Sept: 16.00 - 17.00
BRANCEPETH CASTLE
Brancepeth, DH7 8DF
www.brancepethcastle.org.uk
Tours of this Grade I medieval castle, home to the Nevilles, Earls of Westmorland. Substantial medieval survival supplemented by major building designed by John Paterson (1818) Anthony Salvin (c.1860).
No Photography.
Maximum 25 people.
Partial disabled access if notified in advance.
Pre-booking required: 03000 262626
Thursday 19 Sept: Tour: 18.30
Friday 20 Sept: Tour: 18.30
Sunday 22 Sept: Tour: 14.30; 16.30

FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY & THE BRUSSELTON INCLINE GROUP HISTORICAL WALK
Locomotion, Shildon DL4 2RE
Historical walk, from Brusselton Accommodation Bridge to Hildyard’s Bridge, along a section of the original track bed in the footsteps of our founding pioneers.
Assemble at the Locomotion car park. Easy going 3 mile walk.
Pre-booking preferred:
01833 627712 | j.hack.young@btinternet.com or John Raw jraw2833@aol.com
Sunday 22 Sept: 10.15

HARDWICK PARK SELF-LED CHILDREN’S TRAIL
Hardwick Park Visitor Centre, Sedgefield, TS21 2DN
www.durham.gov.uk/hardwickpark
Visit Hardwick Park and pick up a special Georgian themed children’s trail.
The trail is free of charge and includes a themed sticker on completion.
Suitable for those of primary school age. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

LOCOMOTION
Locomotion, Dale Road, Shildon, DL4 2RE
www.locomotion.org.uk/
Learn about the history of the heritage buildings on the museum site, and the current project to protect and preserve the buildings for future generations.
Tours take place subject to volunteer availability. Tours last 1 hour.
Satnav: DL4 2RE for the main car park, to small industrial estate next to the museum.
Friends will visit Primary Schools in Shildon to talk to pupils about the Railway History of Shildon.

For information on tour dates/times, please call: 01904 685780
**OLD ESH - ST MICHAEL’S RC CHURCH**

Esh Laude, DH7 9QN

One of the oldest churches in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.
A Grade II Listed Church, constructed 1798 to resemble a farm steadung to blend in with surrounding area.
St Michael’s was originally the mother church for the Lanchester area and served the growing population of miners and workers moving into the area.

Sunday 15 Sept: 13.00 - 16.00

assistance dogs welcome

**OLD ESH - VILLAGE CHURCH & INN**

St Michael & All Angels Church, Front Street, Esh Village DH7 9QR

A Grade II listed, 13th century church.
Rebuilt in 1770 and improved in 1850 to current appearance by the remarkable Temple Chevallier.
A village trail will point to other areas of interest.
Refreshments and toilets at the nearby Cross Keys Inn.

Sunday 15 Sept: 13.00 - 16.00

assistance dogs welcome

**SPENNYMOOR TOWN HALL**

Bob Abley Art Gallery, Norman Cornish Trail & Mining Museum

High Street, Spennymoor, DL16 6DG

www.spennymoor-tc.gov.uk/art-gallery/

A stunning exhibition of permanent art work and Norman Cornish original art work and prints.
Twenty of the region’s top artists also exhibiting at the gallery which attracts visitors from around the world.
Follow the new Norman Cornish trail around the town.

Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 09.00 - 17.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 09.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 09.00 - 16.00
Monday 16 Sept: 09.00 - 17.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 09.00 - 17.00
Wednesday 18 Sept: 09.00 - 17.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 09.00 - 17.00

assistance dogs welcome

**ST ANDREW’S CHURCH**

Church Lane, Aycliffe Village, County Durham, DL5 6JY

Grade I Listed church, dates back to the Saxon period.
Visitors can see a wealth of Saxon stones, history linked, parts of the church pre date cathedral, old Saxon church corner stones still visible. Tours available on demand. Max 10 people per tour/session. Tours 45 minutes.

Saturday 14 Sept: 14.00 - 17.00
Thursday 19 Sept: 14.00 - 16.00

assistance dogs welcome

**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, brasses and stone.

Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Friday 20 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

assistance dogs welcome

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘The marble topped font was amazing’

**ST HELEN’S CHURCH**

Kelloe, DH6 4PT

Grade I listed church built mid c11th.
The ‘St Helen’s Cross’, described by Architectural Historian Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as the best piece of Medieval Sculpture in County Durham.
The church set in a valley with pleasant walks nearby. Close to Nature Trail/Kelloe Heritage Trail and pit miners memorial.

Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 22 Sept: 12.00 - 16.00

assistance dogs welcome

Stunning exhibition
ST HELEN’S CHURCH OPEN DAY
Manor Road, St Helen Auckland, West Auckland, DL14 9EN
www.sthelenschurch.co.uk
This fine medieval Parish Church c1120, Grade I listed, has various memorials to the Eden family, forbears of the Prime Minister, Anthony Eden. Nearby memorial on the village green recalls West Auckland football team winning the first World Cup. Max 6 people per tour/session. Tours last 1 hour.
Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.00 - 12.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
assistance dogs welcome

ST LAURENCE’S CHURCH, PITTINGTON
Hallgarth, High Pittington, DH6 1AB
A Grade I listed, 12th & 13th century church. North arcade described as ‘one of the most exciting pieces of architecture in the county’ by Pevsner. At the end of no through road behind grass triangle near the Hallgarth Manor Hotel. Max 20 people per tour/session. 20 minutes.
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
assistance dogs welcome

ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH, BISHOP MIDDLEHAM
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 an earlier wooden structure, at the beginning of the 12th century when Ranulph Flambard was Bishop of Durham. Of particular note are the font made of Frosterley marble and a number of stained glass windows. Tours last 45 mins.
Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00 - 16.00
Tours: 13.00 History 14.00 Plant & Wildlife
Thursday 19 Sept: 11.00 - 12.00
assistance dogs welcome

1. Dig up history, explore archaeology, hear stories of the past and the Bishops of Durham. Turn your sights to the natural world and learn how to grow your own fresh fruit and veg.
2. The Auckland Project, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NP
www.aucklandproject.org/
Dig up history, explore archaeology, hear stories of the past and the Bishops of Durham. Turn your sights to the natural world and learn how to grow your own fresh fruit and veg.
3. Within the beautiful surroundings of The Auckland Project, discover a thousand years of history, art, culture and faith. Take a bird’s eye view of Bishop Auckland from Auckland Tower’s 15 metre high viewing platform, or keep your feet firmly on the ground with a visit to the Mining Art Gallery, Deer Park and Georgian Deer House. For two Saturdays only, take part in our Reasons to Dig workshops.
4. Turn your sights to the natural world, reconnect with the environment and learn how to grow your own fresh fruit and vegetables and find out about the pioneering techniques used by the innovative Prince Bishops.
5. Pre-booking preferred: 01388 743797
Admission charges apply to the Mining Art Gallery and Auckland Tower. Wednesday - Sunday, 10.00 - 16.00 adults £5, concessions £4 under 16s £1.
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: Tours: 10.00; 11.30; 14.00
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: Tours: 11.00; 12.30; 15.00
Deer Park
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 10.00-16.00 Behind the scenes at St Peter’s Chapel
Last entry 15.30
assistance dogs welcome
**THE FERRYHILL HERITAGE CENTRE**  
The Chapel, Duncombe Cemetery, Ferryhill, DL17 8BN  
www.ferryhillarchives.com  
facebook ferryhillarchives

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. There is a commemorative display remembering the soldiers who gave their lives in two world wars, and a collection of domestic items and toys. Tea coffee and biscuits are free.

**Sunday 22 Sept: 11.00 - 15.00**

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**ALLENSFORD BLAST FURNACE**  
Allensford Country Park, Consett, DH8 9BA  
landofoakandiron.org.uk/

Discover a furnace hidden in the woods, the earliest surviving ore-roasting kiln in Britain, with great tales to tell.

Over 300 years ago, hollow blade swords were made at Shotley Bridge with steel forged from iron produced at Allensford. Discover the blast furnace, hidden on the Northumberland bank of the River Derwent with archaeologists Tony Liddell & Alan Williams. Find out about the history of the site, its purpose and what remains can still be seen. Cafe (and customer toilets) at Allensford Caravan Park and Derwent Manor Hotel. Meet at the car park just off the A68 at the far end of the Park to the cafe. Max 25 people per tour/session. Tour lasts 1.5 hours.

Pre-booking required: 01207 524883 | landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk

**Saturday 14 Sept: 10.30 - 12.00**

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**CHESTER-LE-STREET HERITAGE TRAIL WALK**  
Chester-le-Street Parish Church, Church Chare, DH3 3QB  
www.chester-le-street-heritage.org/

A walk hosted by local historian, Dorothy Hall and members of Chester-le-Street Heritage Group. Hear 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.

Max 20 people per tour/session. Walk takes 1.5 hours.

Pre-booking required: 01913883667 | dahall52@aol.com

**Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 14.00**
Discover Derwentcote Steel Furnace
Get hands on with our free family friendly activities. Browse information boards at your leisure, see the workers cottages, explore the beautiful woodland on our family trail, learn how a rusted wooden bench is crafted and have a go at wood carving or take part in an art activity.
The site is uneven. The car park is on the opposite side of the road.
Pre-booking is recommended: 01207 524883 | landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk
Saturday 14 Sept: 12.00 - 16.00 family friendly event

Discover Derwentcote Tour
Free guided tour around the furnace and the cottages. Hear how the furnace operated and what it was like to work there several hundred of years ago, from our knowledgeable local volunteers. Visit the remains of the workers cottages and discover what life was like in this idyllic woodland setting.
The site is uneven. The car park is on the opposite side of the road.
Max 25 people per tour/session. 2 hours.
Pre-booking required for tours: 01207 524883 | landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk
Monday 16 Sept: 17.00 - 19.00
Friday 20 Sept: 10.00 - 12.00

Discover Derwentcote
Forge Lane, Hamsterley Colliery, NE17 7RS
landofoakandiron.org.uk   |  landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on
www.facebook.com/LandofOak&Iron/   |  www.twitter.com/LandofOakIron
Find out how iron was turned into steel hundreds of years ago. A rare opportunity to see inside this 18th century furnace, a Grade 1 Listed Building, one of the few remaining examples of this type of furnace in the country.

Discover the rich history and natural heritage of the beautiful Pont Valley in the heart of Land of Oak & Iron.
Enjoy a 5 mile guided walk around the Pont Valley led by local historian David Marrs. The Pont Valley is steeped in history, evidence of this can still be seen today.
Medium grade walk, with muddy paths, slopes and steps.
Max 25 people per tour/session. 3 hours.
Pre-booking required: 01207 524883 | landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk
There will be toilets available at the end of the walk.
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 13.00

Pont Valley Heritage Walk
Dipton Community Centre, Front Street, Dipton, Stanley, DH9 9DR
landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on/   |  landofoakandiron.org.uk/
www.durham.gov.uk/heritageopendays
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Pre-booking required: 01207 524883 | landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk
There will be toilets available at the end of the walk.
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 13.00

Shotley Bridge History Walks
Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HX
www.shotleybridgevillagetrust.com
Guided walks around Shotley Bridge pointing out buildings and sites with a local history led by members of the Village Trust.
See some of the heritage plaques that the Village Trust have installed around the village. Bring your smartphone to scan QR codes if you want to find out even more about the buildings and sites visited.
Max 10 people per tour/session. Walk lasts 2 hours.
Meet in village centre at the bus shelter next to Rumi’s Restaurant.
Saturday 14 & 21 Sept: 14.00 Guided Walk
Sunday 15 & 22 Sept: 14.00 Guided Walk

Heritage Open Days Feedback 2018
‘Pace of the walk was just right.
Knowledgeable, friendly guide’
61 ST BARNABAS BURNMOOR CHURCH OPEN DAY
Chester Road, Bournmoor, Chester-le-Street, DH4 6EU
www.bournmoorparish.org.uk
Expect a warm welcome and refreshments at this lovely church.
A nineteenth century parish church built at the sole charge of George Fredrick Lambton the 2nd Earl of Durham. 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.
The car park is in Rose Crescent.
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
assistance dogs welcome

62 APOLLO PAVILION
Oakerside Drive, Peterlee SR8 1LE
Built in 1969, one of Britain’s most iconic examples of Public Art is celebrating its 50th birthday with a temporary transformation by artist Steve Messam. Intricately intersecting Victor Pasmore’s Brutalist style structure, Messam has created a walk through installation with four internally lit inflatable forms that playfully allude to the party spirit.
Refreshments and accessible toilets available at the Pavilion Community Centre.
Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00 - 21.00
Friday 20 Sept: 10.00 - 21.00
Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 21.00
Sunday 22 Sept: 10.00 - 21.00

63 EAST DURHAM HERITAGE & LIFEBOAT CENTRE
Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, SR7 7EE
www.eastdurhamheritagegroup.co.uk
The East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre houses the restored George Elmy that served as lifeboat from 1950 until it was tragically wrecked in 1962. Find out how the brave crew went to sea to rescue those in peril and see the Coxswain memorial to those who served and gave their lives while serving at RNLI Seaham. A display of photographs and artefacts show the industrial, maritime and social heritage of Seaham from the early 1800’s to the present day.
Friday 13 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00
assistance dogs welcome

64 THE ANKER’S HOUSE MUSEUM
Chester-le-Street, DH3 3QB
Visitors have access to the oratory of a medieval anchorite (religious recluse), a view of artefacts from Chester-le-Street’s Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Medieval past as well as an opportunity to look at a facsimile of the Lindisfarne Gospels.
There is a special event, ‘Solitude’, an audio play by Gabrielle Heller inspired by the history of medieval anchorites. We all experience solitude in our lives; sometimes it is welcome, sometimes it is not. It is always a challenge to take on. May it be self-imposed solitude, or solitude imposed by others or by circumstance, we have to learn to deal with it. Our strategies vary depending on our age, our gender, our experiences or our beliefs. Solitude can be powerful, painful, funny, challenging, tragic or calming. Inspired by the history of medieval anchorites, Solitude juxtaposes modern experiences of solitude and loneliness with past concepts of solitude from medieval contemplative practice to the glorification of nature in romanticism.
Solitude is a Theatre-Between production. www.theatre-between.com
Visitors must give way to services, for details contact: 0191 388 3295.
Max 15 people in the museum. Max 25 people in the church.
Refreshments, toilets and babychanging/breastfeeding available morning only.
Pre-booking required for talk: 0191 3893597 | reneeherbison@hotmail.co.uk
Friday 13 Sept: 10.00 - 15.30
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00 Special Event
Monday 16 Sept: 10.00 - 15.30
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.00 - 15.30
Wednesday 18 Sept: 10.00 - 15.30
assistance dogs welcome

The Heritage Centre is always in need of enthusiastic volunteers. If you can give a little time you might wish to come and talk about how you might help.
**Hidden Landscape of Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve**

Oakerside Dene Lodge, Stanhope Chase, Peterlee, SR8 1NJ

Explore the hidden landscape of Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve as the Victorians would have seen it.

Discover the hidden heritage contained within this wonderful wildlife site, from Gunner’s Pool Bridge to the Devil’s Lap Stone and beyond!

Walk lasts 2 hours.

Pre-booking required: 0191 5860004

**Hidden Landscape of Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve**

Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 12.00  Guided Walk

**Horden Heritage Centre & Vintage Tearoom**

Park Road, Horden, Peterlee, SR8 4PE

Award winning museum of archives and memorabilia. Themed rooms show life during the early years of the village, going back 100 years.

The tearoom is a step back to old fashioned home made cakes and scones etc all served on bone china crockery.

Located in the Welfare Park, home to the miners statue.

Max 20 people per tour/session.

Booking required for a table:

07798797592 | hordenhc@gmail.co.uk

Friday 13 & 20 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00

Monday 16 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH**

Hall Walks, Easington Village, SR8 3BP

A 12th century Parish Church, with some evidence of Saxon origins.

The building contains a number of Medieval pieces.

Friday 13 Sept: 10.00 - 14.00

Friday 20 Sept: 10.00 - 15.00

Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 14.00

**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 in the country.

The nave of the church is Saxon with seven windows. Chancel and tower were built in the Norman period. Elizabethan pulpit and Georgian box pews.

The Parish has links with Lord Byron and the coal owning Londonderry family.

Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00 - 16.00

Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

**Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre - Life in a Colliery Village in the Early 1900’s**

Cemetery Lodge, Woodlands Avenue, Wheatley Hill, DH6 3JY

See on display a model of a 1800-1900 Wheatley Hill colliery cottage and items from the era for visitors to examine and discuss.

Learn about homes and housing when Wheatley Hill was a mining village and the role women played in providing a happy and welcoming home life despite living in poor housing and appalling social conditions.

The Centre also houses a huge archive of electronic photographs which can be purchased for a small charge.

Thursday 19 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

Friday 20 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days

“A beautiful building, very friendly staff who interacted well with visitors and great with the children”
A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF EVENWOOD & RAMSHAW: IT’S PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Parish Hall, Evenwood, DL14 9RA
St Paul’s Church, Evenwood DL14 9RN
Evenwood & Ramshaw History Society and the parishioners of St. Paul’s church welcome visitors to explore local history.
Displays in Evenwood Parish Hall and St. Paul’s of the church history and organised activities.
Friday 13 Sept: 11.00-15.00
Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00-15.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 13.00-15.00

BARNS CASTLE SCHOOL CHAPEL
Barnard Castle School, Newgate, Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN
www.barnardcastleschool.org.uk
A traditional school chapel that has been in use since 1912.
The chapel contains stunning panelling commemorating the 147 ‘old boys’ who fell in the First World War, a magnificent Henry ‘Father’ Willis organ and magnificent stained glass windows. Notable events and figures include John de Balliol, Benjamin Flounders and a memorial to the fallen of the Great War.
Access to the Chapel is via a short flight of steps.
Saturday 14 Sept: 12.00-16.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00-16.00

CHEESEDALE
Teesdale Cheesemakers, 11 Copley Lane, Butterknowle, DL13 5LW
www.teesdalecheesemakers.co.uk
Cheesedale is the home of Teesdale Cheesemakers where our award winning cheeses are made.
Enjoy brief overview of cheesemaking, see the dairy from the viewing platform and possibly the cheesemaking process, depending on the time of your visit.
See rare breed pigs fed on whey on site and the heifer cows grazing in the field. These are young cows not ready for milking yet so in effect we’re looking after the cheeses of the future. Everything you see at Cheesedale is in some way linked to the making of our award winning cheeses. You may even get an opportunity to buy some of our cheeses to take away with you.
Pre-booking required: 01388718984 | allison@teesdalecheesemakers.co.uk
This is a rural site so access is difficult.
Max 8 people per tour/session. 1 hour.
Monday 16 Sept: 10.00-16.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.00-16.00

DURHAM WILDLIFE TRUST BAT WALK
Low Barns Nature Reserve, Witton Le Wear, DL14 0AG
www.durhamwt.com
Join Durham Wildlife Trust on a history talk and bat walk.
The walk will begin with a brief discussion on bats and the species we might come across and then a history of the site.
Bring a torch and sturdy footwear.
Children welcome if accompanied by an adult.
Pre-booking preferred:
01915843112 | spurvis@durhamwt.co.uk
Max 25 people per tour/session.
Friday 13 Sept: 19.00 - 21.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 19.00 - 21.00
dogs welcome

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.
**ESCOMB SAXON CHURCH**

Escomb Church, DL14 7SY

www.escombsaxonchurch.co.uk

Take a guided tour of this ancient, Anglo-Saxon Church, built in the 7th century, and learn about its history and heritage.

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

The historical exhibition in the porch is fully accessible but there are 2 steps down into the church, wheelchair users will need assistance.

Free guided tours of the church will be available.

Max 50 people per tour/session. Tour 30 minutes.

- Saturday 14 Sept: 13.00-17.00
- Sunday 15 Sept: 13.00-17.00

**HOWDEN-LE-WEAR METHODIST CHURCH**

Bridge Street, Howden le Wear, DL15 8ES

Visit our 149 year old chapel and hear organ music from the past 150 years, both religious and secular.

Find out about life in the village, particularly the local railway and football teams. See and handle rare artifacts from the 1950s.

- Saturday 14 Sept: 14.00 - 16.00
- Sunday 15 Sept: 13.00 - 15.00

**Killhope**

The North of England Lead Mining Museum

Upper Weardale, Lanehead, DL13 1AR

www.killhope.org.uk

Killhope lead Mining Museum is a unique and unforgettable experience, famous for its waterwheel and underground mine tours, there is plenty to entertain the whole family. This is a multi-award winning attraction and is situated 450 metres (1500 feet) above sea level in Upper Weardale within the stunning North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With breath taking scenery, underground adventure, hands on activities, fascinating lead mining history, woodland walks, amazing flora 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 little treasures you can find - the minerals may be 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 would have stayed in, especially during winter months!

Get kitted up in wellingtons, hard hat and lamp to go on a memorable underground adventure into Park Level Mine with one of our knowledgeable guides and learn about the harsh working conditions of the miners.

Max 12 people per tour/session. Tours take 1 hour. Unsuitable for under 4 years.

Underground mine tours, £5 supplement per person.

Situated on the A689 mid way between Stanhope and Alston.

Bus service terminates at Cowshill, 2.5 miles east of Killhope, but Thursday - Saturday will run to Killhope and pick up on request. Contact Weardale Motor Services on 01388 528235 for further details.

See website for Roof of England Bus Sunday service in September.

- Friday 13 Sept: 10.30-17.00  last admission 16.15
- Friday 20 Sept: 10.30-17.00  last admission 16.15

**Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days**

'A beautiful church, been meaning to visit for years and Heritage Open Days allowed me to finally get there'
77 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. Learn how it was used in the super-cinemas of the mid 20th century. Discover the magic of the theatre organ and how it works, look inside the two large organ ‘chambers’ which contain over 1,300 organ pipes. Find out why the Wurlitzer really was ‘Mighty’ in sight and in sound: designed as a true one man orchestra! Music outside by Stuart Wright’s Gavioli mechanical fairground organ.
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 17.00
assistance dogs welcome

78 ST MARY’S CHURCH
Church Square, Cockfield, DL13 5AE
An 800 year old church founded by Robert de Cockfield.
Hear about the history of the church, see the remains of a leper window and icons of the Robert de Cockfield family from the manor. Opposite Cockfield Memorial Glebe Garden. A good starting point to explore Cockfield Fell, the largest ancient monument in the North.
Saturday 21 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 22 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00 Holy Communion Service: 09.00
Portaloo

79 ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH
Newgate, Barnard Castle, DL12 8NQ
www.stmarysbarnardcastle.org.uk
The church tower will be open with access to the ringing chamber and the clock chamber.
Local bell ringers will help visitors understand how church bells are rung and also give access to the ‘clock chamber’.
Sunday 15 Sept: 13.30 - 15.30

80 TEESDALE HERITAGE GROUP - COLLECTIONS
Masonic Hall, South View, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0SH
Teeside Heritage Group collect information and images of Teesdale. They are also looking at other people and their collections, why they collect and what they can tell us about people and the past. Collections include knitting sticks, bottles, post cards, badges, teddy bears and more.
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00 - 16.00

81 THE FITZHUGH LIBRARY
First Floor, 51 Market Place, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0QH
www.thefitzhughlibrary.co.uk
Visit the hidden gem of the Fitzhugh Reference Library and its collection of photographs, books and documents from the County Palatine of Durham. The library contains over 50,000 items - books, maps, photographs, periodicals, ephemera and newspaper cuttings.
Friday 13 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00
Monday 16 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00
Tuesday 17 Sept: 10.30 - 15.00

82 THE MARKET CROSS
Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8PH
The Market Cross or ‘Butter Mart’ was built by Thomas Breaks and given to the town in 1747. The Market Cross has been used as a fire station, town hall, court house and for selling produce. The Grade I listed structure is located in the middle of a roundabout. Meet in the ground floor of the building.
Max 10 people per tour/session. 30 mins
Pre-booking required: 03000 262626
Saturday 14 Sept: 10.00; 11.00; 12.00
Sunday 15 Sept: 10.00; 11.00; 12.00
THORPE LIGHT RAILWAY
Whorlton, DL12 8XF
www.thorplightrailway.co.uk
An opportunity for visitors to learn about the history of Thorpe Light Railway and hear about future plans.
Hear about the history of the attraction and the group’s aim to fully restore this historic miniature railway. Subject to a locomotive being in service, visitors will also be invited to ride on the railway which is approximately 800 metres long.
Please do not park on the grass verges of the narrow country road.
No wheelchair-accessible to carriage.
Saturday 14 Sept: 12.00 - 16.00
dogs welcome

WYNCH BRIDGE END COTTAGE, UPPER TEESDALE
Newbiggin, Barnard Castle, DL12 0XF
Natural England opens the doors of Wynch Bridge End Cottage, a traditional dales cottage surrounded by species-rich meadows in a National Nature Reserve.
Find out about the cottage, and why the wildlife and landscape of Upper Teesdale is so unique and important. There will be an illustrated talk from an expert on what Moor House - Upper Teesdale’s landscape and biodiversity means for us today.
Have a cup of tea and admire the cottage garden.
Please meet and collect a map from Bowlees Visitor Centre and take the 15 minute walk to Wynch Bridge End Cottage.
On-site disabled parking by prior arrangement: 01833622374 | 07624908413
Saturday 14 Sept: 11.00 - 15.00  Talk: 13.00
dogs welcome

Feedback from 2018 Heritage Open Days
‘I loved the cottage and garden and most of all the kindly welcome from the volunteers ... and the tea and plums’
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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