heritage open days





8 - 17 September 2023 www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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Lancaster Priory

Priory Close, Lancaster, LAI IYZ

The Parish Church of the City of Lancaster, a site of Christian worship since Saxon times and of great historical and archaeological importance.

The Festival of Song will also take place - new events this year include a Priory Women's Voices choir, Voces Mariae, and a gospel choir.

- 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 September: Church open 0900-1600
- 9 & 16 September: Coffee Concerts at 1030
- 10 & 17 September: Services at 0800, 1000, 1830
- 12, 13, 14 September: Lunchtime Concerts at 1230
- 10 September: Voces Mariae Festival Concert at 2000
- 14 September: Encounter Voices workshop with Loz Kaye at 1900
- 15 September: Voices Beyond Gospel Collective at 1945
- 16 September: Sounds of Lancaster Priory at 1930

Access: Some stairs and uneven floors. Contact for the day: 01524 65338 www.lancasterpriory.org



Lancaster Castle

Castle Parade, Lancaster, LAI IYJ

Free guided tours of this iconic building, visiting the main courtyard, Chapel Yard, The Shire Hall, The Crown Court, The Drop Room, Hadrian's Tower, The Old Cells. First come first served basis, no pre-booking required.

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600 tours every 30 mins, lasting I hr 15 mins
- Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600 tours every 30 mins, lasting 1hr 15mins

Access: Uneven floors, stairs and low doorways. We regret that the full tour is not wheelchair friendly. Wheelchair users and Blue Badge holders are advised to contact us prior to visiting: lancastercastle@lancashire.gov.uk

Contact for the day: 01524 64998 www.lancastercastle.com

Lancashire Police Museum

Lancaster Castle, Castle Park, Lancaster, LAT TYJ
Travel through time and learn about some of the pivotal moments across
Lancashire Constabulary's history; delve into some incredible historical cases
and how we solved them. A special quiz is available to test your detection skills!

Saturday 9 September: 1000-1230, 1330-1600

No booking required.

Access: We are on the first floor and there is no lift.

Contact for the day policemuseum@lancachire police.

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Gardens of Surprises

The Storey Gardens, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LAT 1TH A hidden oasis full of surprises, including two new fruit sculptures. Follow the Creativity Trail and read information, stories and poems about fruit varieties, insects, mammals, trees and the gardens. No booking required.

- Saturday 9 September: 0900-1700, volunteers 1000-1600
- Monday I I September: 0900-1700
- Tuesday 12 September: 0900-1700
- Wednesday 13 September: 0900-1700
- Thursday 14 September: 0900-1700
- Friday 15 September: 0900-1700
- Saturday 16 September: 0900-1700, volunteers 1000-1600



Contact: Hospitality Team, The Storey 01524 582226 www.storeygardens.org

Recreating The Tasting Garden Artwork

The Storey Gardens, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LAT 1TH By the internationally recognised American artist, Mark Dion, The Tasting Garden is a hybrid of orchard and artwork. No booking required.

- Saturday 9 September: 0900-1700, volunteers present 1000-1600
- Saturday 16 September: 0900-1700, volunteers present 1000-1600

Contact: Hospitality Team, The Storey 01524 582226 www.storeygardens.org

King Street Studios - Creativity Unlocked

King Street Studios, 5A King Street, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 IJN Climb the Escher like staircase in this 1930's building, rebuilt in Art Deco-Style, and visit the usually private artist spaces. View a special exhibition of artists work complete and in-progress and meet with artists. No booking required. Max. 15 people per tour / session, allow 20 - 30 minutes.

Saturday 9 September: 1030-1700Sunday 10 September: 1230-1700

Access: Single step at the entrance and stairs to first and second floor studios and gallery. Contact for the day: Roy Smith 07743 238663 www.kingstreetstudios.art/about



Judges' Lodgings Unwrapped - Behind the Scenes

Judges' Lodgings, Church Street, Lancaster, LAI IYS

A rare opportunity to not only visit the oldest townhouse in Lancaster and join one of our experienced tour guides on a journey through the rooms, and across the centuries from the early 1600s to the 20th century! You can even visit the basement to see evidence of Lancaster's oldest known public toilet!

- Saturday 9 September: Tours 1115, 1300, 1430
- Sunday 10 September: Tours 1115, 1130, 1300, 1330, 1430, 1500

Access: The house is a Grade I listed building without a lift. Please pre-book tours, max 15 per tour: judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk On Saturday, the Friends of Judges' Lodgings' pop up tea room is open 1200 to 1500 for delicious cakes and tea/coffee in the courtyard. Contact for the day: Lynda Jackson 01524 581254









Discover Lancaster Central Library

Lancaster Central Library, Market Street, Lancaster, Lancashire, LAI 1HY

Behind the Scenes

Work your way through the muddled-together buildings that make up Lancaster Library. The tour will take you through the history of the fight for the library in Lancaster and of the buildings that make up the library today.

Wednesday 13 September: 1700

Max 20 people per tour. 40 minutes. Contact for the day: 0300 1236703

Hands on with the Secrets of Lancaster Library

Get up close and experience the size of old broadsheet newspapers, leaf through historic scrapbooks, and explore all the treasures that Lancaster Library has to offer.

Saturday 16 September: 1400-1600

Max 20 people per tour/session. I hour. Contact for the day: 0300 1236703

History of Lancaster Central Library Exhibition

Displays will be across the library showcasing local places, people, and the exciting history of our library. No booking required.

Available anytime

History Treasure Hunt

Calling all families who are history fans! Visit Lancaster Central Library to take part in our free family friendly history treasure hunt.

Available anytime

Family History Group Introduction Session

Get down to Lancaster Central Library and learn about the resources we have available and how to conduct your own family history research.

Thursday 14 September: 1000-1200

Max 10 people per tour/session. I hour. Contact for the day: 0300 1236703

Lancaster Grand Theatre

St Leonardgate, Lancaster, LAI INL

This year we celebrate the stories and work of the experts and enthusiastic amateurs who add that something extra to all aspects of our daily lives as we unwrap the colourful history and creativity of 241 years of Lancaster Grand Theatre. No booking required.

Sunday 10 September: 1000-1500

Access: We have made the Lancaster Grand as accessible as possible within the restrictions of our historic venue. If you have any questions please contact us on 01524 64695, Monday – Saturday 1000-1500.

Contact for the day: Kerry Tenbey 01524 845230 www.lancastergrand.co.uk/shows/heritage-open-days-2023

St John the Evangelist, Lancaster

Church of St. John the Evangelist, North Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LAI IPA St John's was built as a chapel of ease in the mid 1700s as Lancaster grew in population and wealth and served a worshipping community until the 1980s. With a distinctive tower, it is recognisable to many but has been closed to visitors since flooding in 2015. Drop in to explore the beautiful interior, with original Georgian box pews, organ casing and galleries as well as later stained glass. Please prebook tours if possible.

- Saturday 9 September: Open 1100-1300, short tours at 1100, 1145, 1230
- Saturday 16 September: Open 1100-1300, short tours at 1100, 1145, 1230

Booking Contact: Miriam Fluchter, 07392 080885, mfluchter@thecct.org.uk

Go to: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/704431622947 Go to: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/704443247717 Access to the churchyard entrance and the majority of the ground floor is step free but may be uneven in places. Max 10 people per tour, lasts 30 minutes. Contact for the day: Marianne Blaauboer 07551031556

www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing.html



St John's Church - Informed Building Conservation and Adaptation

St John's Church, North Road, Lancaster, LAT IPA Join Elanor Johnson from the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) and accredited conservation architect, Iona Howell, to discover more about this important Grade II* listed 18th century church right in the centre of the Mill Race area. Find out how its historic and architectural significance is informing plans for the repair and re-use of the building. The event will include a talk followed by a tour of the church taking approximately Ihr 30 minutes in total. Prebooking required, max. 8-10 per tour.

Wednesday 13 September: 1400

Please book in advance via www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lancaster-high-streets-heritage-action-zone-61066251313

Access: The majority of the ground floor of the church is accessible but there is no accessible means of reaching the first floor. The grounds of the churchyard are uneven and can be slippery.

Contact for the day: Elanor Johnson - 07786468979 www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-john-lancaster.html www.lancaster.gov.uk/heritageactionzone

Guided Tours of the Mill Race area

Bus Station, Lancaster, LAI 1HH

Join tour guide Tom Hudson for a guided walk of the Mill Race area and take a trip through the its history from its Roman beginnings to the present day area! Discover how this often-overlooked area shaped Lancaster's history, and see how its heritage informs its present appearance. Part of the High Streets Heritage Action Zone. Pre-booking required.

Thursday 14 September: Tours 1100-1215, 1300-1415 & 1500-1615

Max. 20 people per tour, 75 mins. The tours must be booked in advance via www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lancaster-high-streets-heritage-action-zone-61066251313

Accessible toilets are available at the Bus Station. This tour is through the city centre and some pavements are narrow and uneven. Please highlight any access requirements when booking your tour.

Christ Church, Lancaster

Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LAI 3EA

Visit this iconic building on Lancaster's skyline - with stunning views across Morecambe Bay and its magnificent Shrigley and Hunt stained glass. The church has been a chapel to Lancaster's Workhouse, and is now a working parish church. Children's trail available. No booking required.

On Saturday Dr Sam Riches from Lancaster University Regional Heritage Centre will offer a talk on St Ursula and the Pilgrim Badge of Preston.

Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Saturday 9 September: 1930 Talk on St Ursula and the Pilgrim Badge of Preston

Sunday 10 September: 1200-1600

Saturday 16 September: 1000-1600

Sunday 17 September: 1200-1600

Access: On-street parking around the church Toilets are available in the Hall. Wheelchair access is via a ramp, and is limited to the Nave and Lady Chapel Contact for the day: Rev'd Carol Backhouse 01524 942105 www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk

Standfast & Barracks Factory Tour

Caton Road, Lancaster, LAI 3PA

For 99 years, Standfast & Barracks has printed high-end fabrics for the world's premium home furnishing brands. During the tour, you will see the process from cloth preparation to printing, through to the finished product.

Saturday 9 September: Tours taking place throughout the day

Please pre-book via:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/standfast-barracks-factory-tours-heritage-open-day-090923-tickets-682203979467

Not suitable for under-12s. Max 25 people per tour/session. Tours 1hr15mins. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early for health & safety briefing. Please wear sturdy shoes/boots with closed toes and do not wear any loose clothing.

Access: Some areas not accessible for wheelchairs. Limited accessible parking. www.standfast-barracks.com

Lord Ashton's Legacy

Ryelands Park, Owen Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LAI 2AP Visit this lovely Lancaster park, access the historic home of Lord Ashton, and learn more about his legacy in Lancaster. Tours of the park, and a riverside walk to Lune Bank Gardens, are also available. No booking required.

Saturday 9 September: I 100-1400

Access: The park, and entrance to the house are fully accessible. At Lune Bank Gardens there are some slippery areas on the lower path, in wet weather. Vehicles please park in the Torrisholme Road car park.



About 45 minutes to tour the park. I hour (round trip) guided walk. Contact for the day: Jean O'Neill 07766 816260

St Wilfrid's Church, Halton

St Wilfrid's Church, Church Brow, Halton, LA2 6LR See the unique tall and imposing Sigurd Cross which shows scenes from the Viking story of Sigurd the Dragon Slayer, tour the Tower with wonderful views of Lancaster and the Lune Valley and visit this lovely church building. Children's activities. Drinks and light refreshments available all day.

Saturday 16 September: 1100-1600

Pre-booking not required. Max 6 people per tour/session. Tour lasts 10 mins. Access: Limited parking available - please ring 01524 822128 for a reserved parking space. Toilet available but not accessible for wheelchair users. Contact for the day: Revd Susan Seed 01524 822128 www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11641/

Cockersand Abbey Chapter House

Moss Lane, Thurnham, Lancaster, LA2 0AZ
The Chapter House of Premonsratensian Abbey dissolved in 1539. The Dalton Family rescued the building to be later used as a mausoleum - now the burial place for twenty of the family's descendants!



Saturday 9 September: 1200-1600

Access: Parking is in a farmyard with a rough track to the site. Take the A588 from Lancaster, after river and canal bridges turn right at first road. Signposted from junction. No toilets available on site.

Quernmore Hall Park

Quernmore Park, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA2 9HN

Quernmore Park Hall is opening to the public for the first time! Come and view this beautiful example of Georgian architecture, wander the halls and rooms once owned by the crown, home to High Sheriffs and Georgian Gentry. You can even join in with archery or croquet on the lawn! Booking required.

Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600 Tours every half hour 1000-1400

Booking is essential via www.quernmoreparkhall.com/book-with-us Tours last 30 minutes, max. 15 per tour.

Parking is limited and is £10 per car. Entrance to the Hall is free; please note there is a £10 per person change to the Walled Garden (not part of HODs). Access: The Hall is unfortunately not accessible, however the grounds and the Walled Garden are.

Contact for the day: Victoria England 07759 92623 I

MORECAMBE BAY

Queen's Market - Rising from the Ashes

29 Royalty Mall, Arndale Centre, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5DH Visit the Heritage Centre, participate in a short guided walk and explore Morecambe's amazing Queen's Market, currently under renovation by a local entrepreneur using his own talents to bring this amazing building back into community use. No booking required.

Friday 8 September: I 400

The access to Queen's Market is via a staircase to the first floor. Contact for the day: Peter Wade 01524 420905 www.morecambeheritage.co.uk



Leighton Hall

Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 9ST (follow brown tourist signs rather than satnav) Entertaining timed tours throughout the day plus free access to the gardens and woodland walk. Birds of Prey display at 3.30pm. Tour pre-booking essential.

Wednesday 13 September: 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500

Booking required via www.leightonhall.co.uk

Access: Gravel on terrace, but Blue Badge holders are welcome to park close to the front door. Only Assistance Dogs are permitted on the Estate.

Max 25 people per tour/session. Tour takes 40 mins.

Contact for the day: Lucy Arthurs 01524 734474 www.leightonhall.co.uk

Bells, Organ & Heritage at St James

Church of St James the Great, Blake Street, Barrow-in-Furness, LA13 5UE Come and explore the bell-tower - climb the spiral staircase to reach and view the ringing room and belfry. Or learn bell-ringing with an expert! Plus St James' Palace Organ recital and talk, and Church Heritage Tours.

- Friday 15 September: 1900-2100 Bellringing Tuition
- Saturday 16 September: 1000-1600 open, 1000 & 1100 tower tours, 1300 Organ Recital/Talk, 1400 Bellringing Tuition

Access: Spiral staircase top tower with 40+ steps (100 to the top!)
Parking on church driveway strictly for those with Blue Badges. Main site
& organ recital - no booking required. Please book

tours on the day; please book bellringing tuition in advance.

Max 15 people per tour, takes about 1 hour. Booking contact and contact on the day: Andy Pollock, 07879 411824 learn2ring@barrowbells.org.uk northbarrowchurches.org.uk/hod-2023



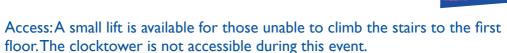
Barrow Town Hall Open House

Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 2LD We'll be opening the doors of Barrow Town Hall as part of the Festival of Built Heritage organised by Westmorland & Furness Council.

Come and walk around prominent rooms within the building, such as the Queen's Hall, Council Chamber, Banqueting Hall and Mayor's Parlour. No tickets required, just turn up on the day.

Friday 15 September: 1100-1500

Saturday 16 September: 1100-1500



The Waterwheel Vintage Bazaar

Heron Corn Mill, Mill Lane, Beetham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7PQ A celebration of all things retro! The Warton Classic Vehicle group will show off a dazzling array of vintage automobiles, plus there will be stalls selling pre-loved vintage clothing, homeware, garden tools and bric a brac. Refreshments available. No booking required.

Saturday 16 September: 1100-1500

Access:Top floor inaccessible to wheelchair users and prams. UNWRAPPED Contact for the day:Audrey Steeley 01539 564271 www.heronmill.org

Cartmel Priory Gatehouse

The Square, Cartmel, Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria, LAII 6QB This 14th century gatehouse is Grade II* listed and holds a fascinating past. This medieval monastic building along with the church, is all that remains of Cartmel's Augustinian Priory. Cartmel Priory Gatehouse was used as the seat and courthouse of the manor as well as a school before being given to the National Trust in 1946. No booking required.

Wednesday 13 September: 1000-1600

Saturday 16 September: 1000-1600

The entrance up to the Gatehouse is via a spiral staircase with uneven steps. Parking is available nearby in the village and at the racecourse. Contact for the day: Georgina Gates, 01539569816 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/lake-district/sizergh

Gleaston Water Mill

Gleaston, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 0QH

The watermill started life in 1347 as a winter mill, but in the late 1700s it was upgraded to operate all year round. This required a summer supply of water, and that needed some creativity with planning and engineering to tap into a nearby aquifer. How did they do it?

- Wednesday 13 September: open 1100 1630, talks at 1100 and 1400
- Thursday 14 September: open 1100 1630, talks at 1100 and 1400
- Friday 15 September: open 1100 1630, talks at 1100 and 1400
- Saturday 16 September: open 1100 1630, talks at 1100 and 1400

No booking required Max 30 people per tour 30 minutes.

Contact for the day: Vicky Brereton 01229 869244 www.watermill.co.uk

Newland Charcoal Iron Furnace

Newland Iron Furnace, Newland, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 7QG
Tours and displays of the Newland Charcoal Iron Furnace, an 18th-century water-powered blast furnace used for around 150 years to produce Pig Iron. No booking required.

Saturday 9 September: 1000-1700
 Sunday 10 September: 1000-1600
 Saturday 16 September: 1000-1700

• Sunday 17 September: 1000-1600

Access: Some of the site and tour route is available to wheelchair users. Parking is limited to about 6 vehicles.

Contact for the day: David Robson 07821350848 www.catmhs.org.uk/newland-furnace

Piecing the Past; People, Pastimes and Puzzles from Ulverston Parish Church

27 Church Walk, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 7EN Explore memories and mysteries: secrets and stories that shaped a community. The day will include displays, children's activities, and hands-on opportunities for all the family. And YES - there will be cake!

Saturday 9 September: 1000-1630

Access: This is an old building with uneven flooring. Access to the bell tower is via a 1500's narrow spiral staircase. Some areas of the churchyard are inaccessible by wheelchair.

Various 20 minute guided walks available, no booking required. Well behaved

dogs on leads are permitted at the organiser's discretion.

Contact for the day: John McKenzie 07584 495918 www.ulverstonparishchurch.org

Discover Ancient Birkrigg

Birkrigg Common, White Gill Lane, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 9RE Join Morecambe Bay Partnership for a guided walk around Birkrigg Common discovering its extraordinary archaeological story and how the land was used over the last 4000 years, both in life and in death.

Sunday 17 September: 1300-1600

Pre-booking required, contact: Claire Bradshaw 07760 881581or claire@morecambebay.org.uk

Go to: https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/whats-on

Go to: https://www.trybooking.co.uk/45677

Access: Uneven ground, steep in places. Please wear suitable footwear and bring refreshments. No toilets. Max 20 people per tour, takes approx. 3hrs.

Contact for the day: Claire Bradshaw 07760 881581

www.morecambebay.org.uk

Sizergh - Gunpowder Works Guided Walks

'The small car park, just past the footbridge', Sedgwick, Kendal, LA8 0JZ Come and marvel at the remains of Sedgwick gunpowder works on the Sizergh estate, and learn some of their secrets.

- Saturday 9 September: 1100-1300, 1330-1530
- Sunday 10 September: 1100-1300, 1330-1530
- Monday 11 September: 1100-1300, 1330-1530
- Tuesday 12 September: 1100-1300, 1330-1530
- Saturday 16 September: 1100-1300, 1330-1530
- Sunday 17 September: 1100-1300, 1330-153



Walks will depart from the small car park, just past the footbridge over the River Kent. The postcode is LA8 0JZ and the grid reference is SD 50849 87619. Stout footwear is required as some of the paths are a bit rough.

Pre-booking required via 015395 69818 or

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/lake-district/sizergh/events

Access: Unfortunately this walk is not suitable for wheelchair users, as some paths may be muddy and uneven.

Max 20 people per tour/session. Walk takes 1.5-2hrs

Contact for the day: Stuart Griffiths stuart.griffiths@nationaltrust.org.uk 07816 091775

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sizergh

Kirkhead Tower History Tour

Kents Bank Railway Station , Priory Road, Kents Bank, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LATI 7BG

Special tours of Kirkhead Tower, Kents Bank, led by Morecambe Bay Partnership. Explore the usually inaccessible Kirkhead Tower (a probable 19th century Summer House), discover prehistoric stories and enjoy wonderful views of Morecambe Bay.

Saturday 16 September: 1100 &1400

Max 20 people per tour/session. Tours 1.5-2hrs depending on pace of participants. Pre-booking required, contact: Claire Bradshaw 07760 881581 or claire@morecambebay.org.uk

Go to: https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/whats-on

Go to: https://www.trybooking.co.uk/45681

Access: There is some on street parking on the roads around the train station. Unfortunately this event is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. Please be aware that the walk from Kents Bank station to the tower is on a relatively steep incline. Stout shoes must be worn due to uneven/possibly muddy ground conditions. No dogs are permitted due to livestock.

Contact for the day: Claire Bradshaw - 07760 881581 www.morecambebay.org.uk



Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, and over ten days every September, venues across the district throw open their doors for FREE, inviting you to come

and discover hidden places, peek behind the scenes and

try out new experiences.



In 2023 we'll be unwrapping the colourful history of creativity and we hope you'll join us to celebrate the creators and innovators that have made Lancaster and Morecambe Bay the vibrant district it is today!

To find out even more about the district's fascinating heritage, why not visit one of the fantastic Heritage Centres:

Morecambe Heritage Centre

Unit 29. Arndale Centre, Market Street, Morecambe, LA4 5DH 01524 931461. Open: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 1100-1600

Heysham Heritage Centre

Main Street, Heysham, LA3 2RW, 01524 853465 Please check opening times before visiting

Carnforth Station Heritage Centre

Warton Road, Carnforth, LA5 9TR, 01524 735165 Open: Monday-Saturday 1200-1600

Or explore Lancaster's brilliant museums and castle: www.visitlancaster.org.uk/history-and-heritage



This leaflet has been produced by Lancaster City Council. All programme details are correct to the best of our knowledge but may be subject to change. Please check with the event organiser before attending an event. For a full list of Heritage Open Day events across the country please visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

To find out more about Lancaster and Morecambe Bay: www.visitlancaster.org.uk www.exploremorecambebay.org.uk