



heritage open days

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's superlative architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. In 2020 the programme of varied activities will cover a period between Friday 11 and Sunday 20 September with Discover Huddersfield offering four free walks. **All four walks MUST be pre-booked.** Details about how to book and other activities will be found from mid-August at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and in the local brochure.

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

### European Exile Communities Walk

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join Frank in exploring the history of European groups who came to Huddersfield as a consequence of the war and geopolitical changes that followed between 1938-1948. This trail showcases the sites used by the Czechoslovaks, Latvians, Poles, and Ukrainians who, unable to return, established thriving community centres and enriched the local cultural fabric.

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

### The Irish In Huddersfield

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

John Lambe explores places associated with Irish immigrants who came to work on the canals, in textiles, construction and recently, to study at the University. The walk includes a tour of St. Patrick's Church. After the walk a free short film, 'The Connemara Connection', will be shown at the Irish Centre at 4.30pm. The walk is approx. 1.5 miles around the town centre, finishing at The Irish Centre, 86 Fitzwilliam Street, HD1 5BB and does involve some steps.

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER AT 10.30PM

### Walking the Banks of the River Colne

Meet: Steps down to the Riverside Way at Kingsbridge, Kings Bridge Road, HD1 3AY

The Greenstreams Project has been restoring and upgrading the Riverside Way, improving riverside greenspaces, access to the river and promoting walking and cycling routes. With river water quality improvements, wildlife is also returning to our rivers in urban Huddersfield. Come and find out more along this 1.25 mile one way walk as we follow the river along surfaced footpaths. The walk will finish at the John Smiths Stadium, HD1 6PG.

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

### Huddersfield Textile Walk

Meet: Outside the Hart (White Hart Inn), Cloth Hall Street, HD1 2DE

The label 'Made in Huddersfield' became a global brand synonymous with the quality woollen and worsted textile industry. Join Carol and Julie for a walk that explores some of the major locations associated with the textile manufacturing industry. We begin at the site of the old Cloth Hall and visit buildings and locations that are woven into the textile heritage of Huddersfield, including a mill which opened in 1846 and is still operating today. A stroll along the canal will take us past sites of former mills and converted mill buildings. Our walk finishes at the top of Queen Street South.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

### Celebrating 'The Town That Bought Itself'

Meet: Huddersfield Town Hall, Main Entrance, Ramsden Street

On 29 September 1920, Huddersfield Corporation finalised its purchase of the 4300 acres of the Ramsden estate, bringing to an end the Ramsden family's three centuries as a leading force in the town. To mark the centenary David Griffiths will lead a walk to key sites which illustrate the Ramsdens' influence on the town's development. With an initial visit to the Town Hall and a stretch along the canal towpath, this walk may be a little longer than average (up to two hours) and robust footwear is recommended.

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

### Huddersfield's Historic Transport Systems

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join local transport enthusiasts to learn about the town's rich transport heritage. Starting with the impressive buildings and structures bequeathed by the railway builders we continue by examining Huddersfield Corporation's pioneering role in developing local transport services. The walk finishes by looking at both the Broad and Narrow canals, how these waterways helped to bring prosperity to the town and how the latter was successfully reopened years after closure and abandonment. The walk will finish on the canal towpath at the rear of the University. It will include a small number of steps and include a section along the canal towpath.

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

### Not Any Old Iron

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Architectural metalwork can be found across Huddersfield town centre on many historic buildings. Join Chris Marsden in finding the creative uses of iron, steel and bronze for shelter, safety and security that have survived modernisation, demolition and wartime salvage. Chris will discuss the makers and making of the finest and rarest metalwork and contrast it with modern usage.

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM

### Shuddersfield Halloween Walk

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join Rebecca Winwood for a terrifying walk through Huddersfield, uncovering ghost stories and dark history from beyond the grave. Suitable for all boils and ghouls aged 9+. The walk will take approximately 1 hour.



KIDS 9+

# Guided Walks Programme 2020



Enjoy a guided walk, led by experts, to discover the history, culture, architecture and heritage that have shaped the town.

Join us on afternoon and evening walks from April to November to experience the very best of Huddersfield

Walks last for approx 1.5 – 2 hours, with a charge of £3 per person

Free on Heritage Open Days

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To join our mailing list, e-mail us: [info@discoverhuddersfield.com](mailto:info@discoverhuddersfield.com)

Due to the nature of some our walks, the routes we take may involve steps or rough surfaces. Please make us aware of any reasonable adjustments which need to be made for you to attend the walks.

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No booking required except for the four free Heritage Open Day walks

SUNDAY 5 APRIL AT 2.30PM

### The Changing Face of Birkby

Meet: Outside St. John's Church, St. John's Road, Birkby, HD1 5EA

Join Lorna and Frank to explore the history of famous firms such as Hopkinsons engineering and Ben Shaws drinks as well as co-ops, a cinema, grand houses, churches and mosques, transport links, gardens, breweries and a workhouse. You will also discover older heritage sites: the medieval motte and bailey fortification on Beacon Street and the timber-framed Bay Hall; all showcasing Birkby's development from a green suburb to the densely populated multicultural community we know today.

SUNDAY 26 APRIL AT 2.30PM

### Lion Hunt

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Another chance to join Chris Marsden on his popular Huddersfield lion safari. Huddersfield has scores of lions

### Discover Huddersfield - Who We Are

Discover Huddersfield is a partnership of: Friends of Huddersfield Station, Huddersfield Civic Society, Huddersfield Local History Society, the Huddersfield BID, Kirklees Libraries, the Piazza Centre and the University of Huddersfield.

on its buildings and public art – a couple are well known, many are rarely seen. Here's your chance to see them at a safe distance with an experienced and informed guide. Binoculars encouraged. Pushchair and wheelchair friendly. 'A roaring success' *Yorkshire Post*.

SUNDAY 17 MAY AT 2.30PM

### The University Campus Trail

Meet: University of Huddersfield, outside the Ramsden Building, Queensgate, HD1 3DH

Since 1883 the University has grown to dominate the Aspley area south of the town. Join University archivist Lindsay Ince on a walk examining the development of the built environment on campus over the past 150 years, from Victorian interiors to the glass and render of recent buildings. Includes an opportunity to explore the Oastler and new Barbara Hepworth buildings.

THURSDAY 4 JUNE AT 7.00PM

### The Age of Architectural Decoration

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

From the 1850's to the early C20th, decorative features became both varied and prominent on many of the town centre's buildings. Inspired by the craftsmanship of the middle ages and influenced by styles adopted on the continent, architects and their clients were creating a range of highly skilled, as well as weird and wonderful sculptural features in stone, tile, iron and other materials. Join David Wyles to explore this rich and surprising treasure trove of delightful features, often missed by the casual observer.

THURSDAY 25 JUNE AT 7.00PM

### Beerhouses, Brothels and Bobbies

Meet: By Market Cross in Market Place

This walk explores some of the darker side of Huddersfield's history in the mid C19th and the attempts to bring 'order and decorum' to the town. It will involve consideration of the 'new' policemen who patrolled the streets and the crimes, ranging from warehouse robbery to vagrancy, that they faced.

SUNDAY 5 JULY AT 2.30PM

### Surprising Lockwood - From Elegant Spa to an Industrial Hub

Meet: Water Street Car Park, Lockwood, HD4 6EJ (adjacent to Grappolo Restaurant)

Join Dave Pattern and Ian Stevenson on a circular walk starting from Water Street Car Park. See some of the early 19th century buildings which were to be found in the spa village of Lockwood, attracting visitors from all over the country, then later as the Industrial Revolution helped to establish Lockwood as a lively hub of textile and engineering excellence. Please note: the walk will cover approx. 1.5 miles.

THURSDAY 16 JULY AT 7.00PM

### Lindley Chapels, Grand Houses and Mill Workers: A Walk Through Lindley's Story

Meet: Lindley Methodist Church, East St, HD3 3ND

Join David Verguson for a walk though Lindley's past - a village of chapels and churches, mill owners and mill workers, public benefactors and public houses (some of them long gone). And there is also some very distinctive architecture... and a campaign against the price of meat!

SUNDAY 26 JULY AT 2.30PM

### Building Stones

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join Ailsa Burrows of Huddersfield Geology Group for a short walk to discover the variety of rocks which helped Huddersfield become known as 'The Town of Stone'. We view and explain the geological history of the many beautiful examples of the local sandstone and the several exotic, polished stones which adorn buildings in the town. A magnifying glass would be useful but some will be provided.

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST AT 6.30PM

### Sites from Slaithwaite's Radical Past

Meet: New Street, Car Park, Slaithwaite (opposite Health Centre)

The walk, led by Cyril Pearce, will take approx. two hours and parts of it may be challenging for those with

mobility issues. *Note also the earlier start time of 6.30pm.* The tides of English radicalism in the 18th and 19th centuries have swirled through Slaithwaite and in local memories they've left more than Victor Grayson and the 1907 by-election. The struggle between landlords with a particular world view and local people who did not share it, began much earlier than that and its marks remain in surviving local buildings, many named for 'Slaithwaite' but some of them across the border in Linthwaite.

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

### Huddersfield's Radical Heritage

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Cyril Pearce follows the steps of those involved in Huddersfield's most dramatic, turbulent and radical moments of our local and national history, exploring the buildings and places associated with events such as the campaign for factory reform, the Luddites, Chartism and the emergence of socialist and co-operative movements. The walk ends at the former Hall of Science on Bath Street.

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

### Georgian Huddersfield

Meet: Market Cross, Market Place

We think of Huddersfield as a Victorian town, but its transformation from 'miserable village' to 'handsome town' went on apace for several decades before Victoria came to the throne in 1837, and there is still much to see from that late Georgian period. Local historian David Griffiths will visit a variety of surviving buildings and the sites of some that have been lost, in and around the town centre.

#### CAN WE HELP?

In addition to the listed guided walks in the brochure, it may be possible to offer walks on similar themes to groups or organisations on other dates.

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