

Guided Walks Programme 2018



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

Join us on a Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening 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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No booking required except for
the three free Heritage Open Day walks

SUNDAY 8 APRIL AT 2.30PM

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 wander through Lindley, revealing its rich and varied heritage along some lesser-known footpaths, seeing pubs, chapels and grand houses, meeting millowners and mill workers, Methodists and memorials - a tinsmith and a sculptor . . . and some pretty fine pebble-dashing.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield's Historic Canals

Meet: Junction of Manchester Rd/Longroyd Lane,
Longroyd Bridge (formerly Charlie Browns).

The fascinating story of the Huddersfield Narrow and Broad Canals will be revealed in this towpath walk. Led by Trevor Ellis of Huddersfield Canal Society, highlights will include the viaduct and aqueduct above Fisher's Wharf, the story of the canal's restoration and re-instatement, including the tunneling under Bates Mill, Aspley Basin and its historic canal warehouse, ending at Huddersfield's unique turnbridge on Quay Street. The walk covers approx. 1.5 miles and includes steep steps. Walkers will be directed back to the town centre if required.

SUNDAY 6 MAY AT 2.30PM

The University Campus Trail

Meet: Ramsden Building, Queensgate
(opposite Alfred Street Car Park)

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 developments of the built environment on campus over the past 150 years, from Victorian interiors to glass and render. Includes an opportunity to explore the recently completed Oastler Building.

THURSDAY 24 MAY AT 7.00PM

Milnsbridge Transport Walk

Meet: Milnsbridge Wharf (Whiteley St./Tanyard Rd. junction),
opposite Four Horseshoes PH

Join Trevor, Eric and Robert for an evening walk around Milnsbridge. We will look at the history of the village's transport links and how these helped it to develop into a major industrial centre. Whilst concentrating on the canal and railway we will also have an opportunity to see Milnsbridge's own stately home, former residence of the (in)famous Sir Joseph Radcliffe.

SUNDAY 10 JUNE AT 2.30PM

Punks, Parratt and St Peter's: Musical Sites of Huddersfield

Meet: University of Huddersfield Oastler Building, Queensgate,
inside main entrance.

Exploring the rich musical heritage of multicultural Huddersfield, in this walk Rachel Cowgill weaves together Victorian organ music with reggae and punk in the late 20th century to reveal the layering of Huddersfield's musical traditions on the town's urban fabric.

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.

THURSDAY 21 JUNE AT 7.00PM

Getting to Know our Historic Buildings

Meet: Huddersfield Library Steps

Having covered Huddersfield's 'new town' last year, David Wyles will reveal the background to the architecture of that half of the town from Queensgate Market to Kingsgate, looking at who designed the many outstanding buildings, and what were the influences that shaped them. A chance to understand our built heritage and appreciate the quality.

SUNDAY 8 JULY

Two Anniversary Walks:

Walk 1 at 10.30am: Huddersfield 150 – Celebrating Civic Initiative

Meet: Huddersfield Library Steps

Huddersfield was granted its Charter as a Municipal Borough on 7 July 1868. To mark this anniversary, and as part of a wider programme of commemorative events, local historian David Griffiths will lead a tour of key landmarks of early (and later) civic initiative, recalling the wide range of public services pioneered by the Corporation. NB this walk will be a little longer than usual, though still less than two miles.

Walk 2 at 2.30pm: Walking with Women's Suffrage – 100 Years of Votes for Women

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

In 1906, the nation's eyes were trained on Huddersfield. Suffragette leader Emmeline Pankhurst swept into town and addressed packed meetings. Join historian Jill Liddington to walk in the footsteps of local suffragettes in the year that marks the centenary of the 1918 Act that gave the first voting rights to women. Jill's latest book, *'Vanishing for the Vote'*, tells the story of the suffragette boycott of the 1911 census. The walk ends about 4pm with an indoor Q&A session and discussion.

THURSDAY 19 JULY AT 7.00PM

The Building Stones of Huddersfield

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 9 AUGUST AT 7.00PM

Exploring Greenhead Park

Meet: Main Park Gates, Trinity Street

Greenhead Park is a classic Victorian town park, now handsomely restored by Kirklees Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Join David Griffiths, author of its history, for an evening stroll round its obvious and some hidden features, explaining how the Park came to be established and how it has evolved.

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.

This will be subject to the availability of a walk leader. A minimum group size of 10 would normally apply with a charge of £3.00 per person.

For further information please contact
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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 2018 the programme will cover two weekends of varied activities with Discover Huddersfield offering three free walks. All three walks must be pre-booked. Details about how to book and other activities will be found from mid-August at www.heritageopendays.org.uk and in the local brochure.

SUNDAY 9 SEPT AT 2.30PM

Exploding Huddersfield

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

Take a look at Huddersfield's history from another angle – a walking tour of sites of explosions from 1840 to 1992. Boilers, chemicals, fireworks, gas and gunpowder have all caused death and destruction in the area. Chris Marsden will share stories of some of the town's most violent days.

SATURDAY 15 SEPT AT 11.30AM

Walking with Women's Suffrage in the Colne Valley

FREE
MUST BE
PRE-BOOKED

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

Join suffrage historian Jill Liddington for a five mile walk in the footsteps of local suffragists and suffragettes. The linear route passes the homes and villages of several local campaigners including Helen Studdard, secretary of the Huddersfield NUWSS branch; Elizabeth Pinnance, imprisoned in 1907 for 14 days; and Florence Lockwood a Linthwaite mill owner's wife and a member of the suffragist NUWSS who designed the Huddersfield branch banner.



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Please bring packed lunch plus snacks. The walk ends in Slaithwaite around 3.30pm with a Q&A session at a cafe, including contributions from Cyril Pearce, Chair of Huddersfield Local History Society. Walkers then need to make their own way back to the start (bus or train available).

SUNDAY 16 SEPT AT 2.30PM

Discover Historic Almondbury

FREE
MUST BE
PRE-BOOKED

Meet: Almondbury Children's Centre car park (free), off Farfield Rd, HD5 8TD

Join Vivien Uff for a village centre stroll looking at significant buildings described in her recent Amazon (digital and paperback) *'Picture Walking Historic Almondbury'*. Dating from a prehistoric hut settlement on top of its well-known Castle Hill and benefitting from lying on an ancient woollen trading route, Almondbury developed earlier than Huddersfield round a crossroads where an Elizabethan market flourished. It has many stories to tell.

Discover Huddersfield - Who We Are

Discover Huddersfield is a partnership of: Friends of Huddersfield Station, Huddersfield Civic Society, Huddersfield Local History Society, the Huddersfield Partnership, Kirklees Libraries, the Piazza Centre, TransPennine Express and the University of Huddersfield. Funding from Kirklees Council's Town Centre Innovation Fund is gratefully acknowledged.

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

Exploring Huddersfield's Caribbean Heritage

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

Join in with Heather Norris Nicholson, Denzil Nurse and Natalie Pinnock-Hamilton for a walk that explores key places associated with the rise and cultural contribution of Huddersfield's Caribbean community. Come and share migration histories, memories and achievements that stretch over almost seventy years from 1948 when the 'Windrush Generation' arrived in the UK aboard the Empire Windrush.

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

Shuddersfield Halloween Walk

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

Join Rebecca Winwood as she takes you for a terrifying walk through town, uncovering ghost stories and dark history from beyond the grave. An excellent activity to get you in the mood for Halloween. Open to all brave boils and ghouls aged 9+



SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER AT 2.30PM

Commemorating World War 1

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

For the anniversary of the 1918 Armistice a look at how Huddersfield was affected by the war: the mobilization of so many men, local industries adapting to meet the needs of the war, the recruitment of women into formerly male roles, the men who refused to fight and above all, the casualties. Join Dave Verguson for this special walk of remembrance.

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