



HM Government

Guided Walks Programme 2022

 *Discover*
Huddersfield



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 to experience the very best of Huddersfield.

Walks last for approx 1.5 – 2 hours, with a charge of £4 per person (free if under 12 years old).

FREE on Heritage Open Days

NOTE

All walks in the 2022 programme
MUST be pre-booked.

HOW TO BOOK

Please see each walk for the link to the Eventbrite booking system. Bookings can be made no more than 14 days before each walk date.



Guided Walk Programme 2022

Booking details via Eventbrite are highlighted below each walk. To view the complete 2022 walks' programme go to:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/discover-huddersfield-guided-walks-programme-2022-120689>

SATURDAY 19 MARCH AT 10.30AM

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 will finish at approx. 12.15pm at the Irish Centre for tea and coffee (no charge – donations accepted), followed by a free screening of the first St. Patrick's Day Parade, from 12.30 – 1.00pm. 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.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-irish-in-huddersfield-tickets-259404795727>

SUNDAY 27 MARCH AT 2.30PM

The Villas of Edgerton

Meet: Ukrainian Club, 7 Edgerton Rd, Huddersfield HD1 5RA

David Griffiths, author of The Villas of Edgerton, leads a walk around this well-preserved Victorian suburb. He will give the background to its development and take a look at some of the best examples of the houses built for the town's Victorian elite.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-villas-of-edgerton-tickets-259512437687>

SUNDAY 3 APRIL AT 2.30PM

Lion Hunt

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

Discover Huddersfield's urban safari is back. Join veteran guide, Chris Marsden and adventurous photographer, Laura Mateescu on a search for the town centre's lions. Yes, Huddersfield has almost 200 lions on its buildings and public art. We will explore their stories and makers. A new participative public artwork by Chris and Laura 'The Joy of a Roar' that celebrates the qualities and strengths of lions and wellbeing will be on display on streets we pass. No bravery needed! Binoculars encouraged.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lion-hunt-tickets-260967329307>

SUNDAY 24 APRIL AT 2.30PM

A Walk Through Lindley's Story

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

Join Dave Verguson for a walk through Lindley's history looking at terraced housing and mansions, at clubs and churches and at some of the very interesting people who lived and worked in the village. Oh, and a very nice clock tower.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-walk-through-lindleys-history-tickets-259410653247>

SUNDAY 8 MAY AT 2.30PM

The Changing Face of Birkby

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

Join Lorna Brooks 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



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birkby-tickets-259458085117>

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 Media Centre and the University of Huddersfield.

COVID

Please note: walks may be subject to change if covid infections/government guidelines alter. Please wear face masks if entering buildings.

THURSDAY 19 MAY AT 7.00PM

Exploring Marsden – The Growth of a Village

Meet: Outside by the conservatory, Marsden Mechanics' Institution, Peel Street

Join Roger Logue for an evening guided tour around the centre of the village. From the carboniferous period to present day Marsden via Roman roads, packhorse and turnpike routes, mills, child labour, Luddites, poets and much more. This walk has been organised in association with Marsden History Group.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-marsden-the-growth-of-a-village-tickets-260088911937>

SUNDAY 19 JUNE AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield Riverside Nature Park

Meet: Junction of Wakefield Rd and Kings Mill Lane by River Colne, HD1 3AN

Join Jeff Keenlyside and EPIKS (Environmental Projects in Kirklees) colleagues on a walk exploring the banks of the River Colne and the canal network around Huddersfield, where they are developing the Huddersfield Riverside Nature Park. Find out who is involved and what the area has to offer in terms of built and natural heritage. Also, what they are planning to do to make this a much better place for people to enjoy and wildlife to thrive.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huddersfield-riverside-nature-park-tickets-260976035347>

SUNDAY 26 JUNE AT 2.30PM

European Exiles Communities Walk

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

Join Stanisław Sagan in exploring the history of East and South-East European peoples who came to Huddersfield as a consequence of World War II and the geopolitical changes that followed. The trail showcases the sites used by Czechoslovaks, Latvians, Poles, Ukrainians and others who, unable to return, established thriving community centres and enriched the local cultural fabric.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/european-exiles-communities-walk-tickets-260101018147>

THURSDAY 7 JULY AT 7.00PM

Surprising Springwood

Meet: Outside Huddersfield Leisure Centre, HD1 4BP
(main entrance, just off the ring road)

Despite modern developments, the small area between the ring road, Greenhead Park and New North Road is rich in reminders of the town's 19th century growth, and of more recent developments too. Led by David Griffiths, this walk will include well-known landmarks such as the Park and Holy Trinity Church (it is hoped to include a brief interior visit to the church), but also reveal other sights that are easily missed.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/surprising-springwood-tickets-260111589767>

SUNDAY 17 JULY AT 2.30PM

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. 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.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sites-from-slaithwaites-radical-past-tickets-259462097117>

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST AT 7.00PM

Exploring Marsden – The Growth of a Pennine Village

Meet: Outside by the conservatory, Marsden Mechanics' Institution, Peel Street.

Join Nicholas Pollett for an evening guided tour around the village to explore its history, developed from Roman roads, packhorse, turnpike, canal and railway routes and its mills, the use of child labour as well as Luddites, poets and much more. This walk has been organised in association with Marsden History Group.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-marsden-the-growth-of-a-village-tickets-265146609647>

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.

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

Family Discovery Walk



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

Fantastic Creatures! Beasts in Stone! Animals and plants, alive and sculpted, abound in Huddersfield's townscape. Come join Stanislaw Sagan for a walk and talk to seek out the petrified flora and fauna of our habitat: from the fantastic to the scary, the cute to the realistic ... some of them are hard to see, so bring your binoculars! A gentle family ramble suitable for kids and adults.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-discovery-walk-tickets-260978683267>

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

'Power in the Land' - the Ramsden Heritage

Meet: Huddersfield Parish Church, Byram Street, Huddersfield HD1 1BU

David Griffiths will visit sites reflecting the role played by the Ramsden family, who were the dominant force in the town's development from the 16th to the 19th century before selling their vast estate to Huddersfield Corporation in 1920. The walk is about two miles long and includes a stretch along the Canal towpath, so good footwear is recommended.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/power-in-the-land-the-ramsden-heritage-tickets-259479529257>



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 2022 the programme of varied activities will cover the period between Friday 9 and Sunday 18 September with Discover Huddersfield offering four free walks. All four walks MUST be pre-booked. Details of all events will be found from mid-August at www.heritageopendays.org.uk and in the local brochure.

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM

Modernism Walk

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

A new Discover Huddersfield walk as Modernism reaches its centenary. Huddersfield embraced architectural modernism in its own way. Local stone has often been used as a medium by mid twentieth century architects who explored new thinking in architecture. Architectural researcher and writer Chris Marsden will lead a walk looking at some of the surviving hits, misses and messes.

The walk is planned to coincide with a new free exhibition on the story of Queensgate Market (tbc).



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modernism-walk-tickets-265079839937>

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield's Railways and Canals

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

Join local transport enthusiasts to discover the town's rich transport history. Starting with the impressive buildings and structures bequeathed by the railway builders we continue by looking at both the Broad and Narrow canals and learn how the latter was reopened years after closure and abandonment. We will also examine how the railways and canals assisted in bringing prosperity to the town and its burgeoning industries. The walk will end on the canal towpath behind the University adjacent to Queen Street South and includes some steps as well as being partly along the towpath.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huddersfields-railways-and-canals-tickets-265090802727>

SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield Textile Walk

Meet: Bottom of Quay Street by the bridge HD1 6QT

The label 'Made in Huddersfield' became a global brand synonymous with quality woollen and worsted textile production. Join Carol Hardy and Julie Mahoney for a walk exploring some major locations associated with the textile manufacturing industry. Beginning at Quay Street, alongside a mill built in 1846 and still operating today. A stroll along the canal towpath highlights buildings and locations woven into the textile heritage of Huddersfield. The talk includes innovators who built businesses alongside the rapid growth of the textile trade. The walk ends at the top of Queen Street South. HD1 3EA.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huddersfield-textile-walk-tickets-265094072507>

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Allotments, Orchards, Dikes and Shrogs

Meet: Birkby and Fartown library, Lea Street, Hillhouse, HD1 6HF

Join Lorna Brooks of Kirklees Local Studies Library for a walk to explore the hidden green spaces of Birkby past and present. Starting at the new library with its edible garden we will follow footpaths and back lanes to discover the history of growing places and wild areas. An alternative look at Birkby's history and geography. Children welcome but walk unsuitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/allotments-orchards-dikes-and-shrogs-tickets-265097181807>

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield Caribbean Heritage Trail

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

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



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/huddersfield-caribbean-heritagetrail-tickets-265107984117>

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

The Age of Architectural Decoration

Meet: Huddersfield Library Steps

Having explored the architectural decoration of the area around St. George's Square and Huddersfield's 'New Town' in 2021, David Wyles will focus on the equally rich decorative features at the southern end of the town centre. The walk will reveal decoration from the 1850's to the early C20th and the influences that inspired the architects, craftsmen and their clients, creating a range of features in stone and other materials. An opportunity to explore this rich and surprising treasure trove of delightful features, often missed by the casual observer.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-age-of-architectural-decoration-tickets-265111614977>

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 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.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shuddersfield-halloween-walk-tickets-265114613947>

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