



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 2023 the programme of varied activities will cover the period between Friday 8 and Sunday 17 September with Discover Huddersfield offering three free walks.

All three 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.

SUNDAY 10 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 will finish at approx. 4pm at the Irish Centre for tea and coffee (no charge – donations accepted), followed by a free screening of 'The Connemara Connection'. 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.

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

The Changing Face of Birkby

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

Join Lorna Brooks and Melinda Sharpe 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 17 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield Narrow Canal and Railway – Marsden to Tunnel End

Meet: Entrance to the National Trust Carpark, Station Road, Marsden, HD7 6DH (Adjacent to the canal and ramp up to the station platform)

Join us to learn how first the canal, and later the railway, arrived in Marsden and how both subsequently developed; including the epic stories of the building of the four Standedge tunnels and the restoration of the canal after years of closure and abandonment. The walk finishes at Tunnel End where there should be an opportunity to look around the visitor attractions, have a drink in the cafe, and perhaps enjoy a leisurely trip back to our starting point on the Canal Society's own shuttle boat. This walk is organised in association with the Huddersfield Canal Society and is largely along the canal towpath. It may include some relatively steep or uneven ground.



Huddersfield On Foot web app

Use our Huddersfield On Foot web app to explore the town either using your smartphone or home computer (huddersfield.onfoot.guide/).

For full booking details of our 2023 walks programme via Eventbrite please go to www.bit.ly/42gClji

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

Musical Sites of Huddersfield

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

Huddersfield has always punched above its weight, musically. This walk will take in some of the key buildings and sites of the town's musical past, including venues still in use today, as well as lost and lesser-known locations associated with a wide range of genres. Led by music blogger Victor Grayson.

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

The University of Huddersfield Campus Trail

Meet: Ramsden Building, Queensgate, HD1 3DR

Since 1883, the university has grown to dominate the Aspley area south of the town. Join the University of Huddersfield's Assistant Archivist Fran Horner on a walk examining the development of the built environment on campus over the past 150 years informed by the university's institutional archive which is kept at Heritage Quay, the university's archives and records management service.

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

A Walk Through Lindley's History

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

Join Dave Verguson for a walk though 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.

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Guided Walks Programme 2023



Enjoy a guided walk, led by experts, to discover the history, culture, architecture and heritage that have shaped the town. Join us on morning, afternoon and evening walks to experience the very best of Huddersfield.

Walks last for approx 1.5 – 2 hours, with a charge of £4.50 per person (free if under 12 years old).

FREE on Heritage Open Days

NOTE All walks in the 2023 programme MUST be pre-booked.

HOW TO BOOK

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Bookings can be made up to 14 days before each walk.



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SUNDAY 30 APRIL 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.



Free Printed Trails

Follow our 19 printed trails covering topics from historic buildings to music and public art readily available online and around the town centre.

SUNDAY 14 MAY AT 2.30PM

Modernism Walk

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

Modernism has been with us for a century. 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.

SUNDAY 4 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 Yugoslavs, Latvians, Poles, Ukrainians and others who, unable to return, established thriving community centres and enriched the local cultural fabric.

THURSDAY 15 JUNE AT 7.00PM

Exploring Marsden – The Growth of a Village

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

Join Roger Logue for an evening guided tour around the centre of the village. From the carboniferous period to

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.

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.

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 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.

SUNDAY 9 JULY AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield Riverside Nature Park

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

Come and join Jeff Keenlyside and EPIKS' (Environmental Projects in Kirklees) colleagues exploring the banks of the River Colne and the canal network around Huddersfield, where they have been developing the Riverside Nature Park. Find out what improvements they have made over the last year to make this a much better place for people to use and enjoy, and for wildlife to thrive.

SUNDAY 30 JULY AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield Textile Walk

Meet: On Quay Street by Turnbridge Mills, 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. Our walk finishes at the top of Queen Street South, HD1 3EA.

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

Greasepaint and Limelight Walk

Meet: University of Huddersfield, Main Entrance, Queensgate, HD1 3DH

Join Ian Stevenson on this one and a half hour walk through the centre of Huddersfield to discover the location and history of some of the Theatres, Cinemas and Music Halls of the past including the Lawrence Batley Theatre - the only one surviving!! The walk will finish at the junction of Lwr Viaduct St/Ray St.

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM

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 use 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.

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.