

SUNDAY 14 JULY AT 2.30PM

## Public Art Walk

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

Chris Marsden leads a guided tour to look beyond the town's shop fronts and discover its historic and modern sculpture and murals. There is a wealth of art about us and Chris will reveal the art, the artists and the creative achievements of a cultural asset that many know little about.

THURSDAY 8 AUGUST AT 7.00PM

## The University of Huddersfield Campus Trail

Meet: University of Huddersfield, Reception, Queensgate, HD1 3DH

Since 1883, the university has grown to dominate the Aspley area south of the town. Join the University of Huddersfield's Public Service Archivist Eleanor McKenzie in examining the development of the built environment on campus over the past 150 years, on an evening walk informed by the university's institutional archive which is kept at Heritage Quay, the university's archives and records management service. Come and explore some University buildings and the stories behind them.

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

## Holmfirth - Windows on the Past

Meet: Owd Genn Monument - opposite Harvey's bar on Towngate, HD9 7DA

Join Deb Wyles, of the Holmfirth History Society, for a circular walk around some historic parts of Holmfirth. The walk will take approx. 1 hr 45 mins and cover about 1.5 miles, with some steep parts and cobbled streets.

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.



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 2024 the programme of varied activities will cover the period between Friday 6 and Sunday 15 September with Discover Huddersfield offering 2 free walks.

Both walks MUST be pre-booked. Details of all events will be found from mid-August at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and in the local brochure.

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

## Allotments, Orchards, Dikes and Shrogs

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

Join Lorna Brooks and Melinda Sharpe, for a walk to explore the hidden green spaces of Birkby past and present. Starting at Birkby and Fartown Library 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.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM

## 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.

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

## Tolson – An Historic House

Meet: Carpark, Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, HD5 8DJ

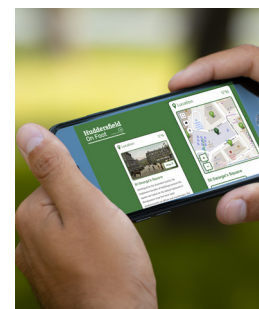
Join Ann Denham to delve into the interesting history of Tolson Memorial Museum, originally a 'Brass Castle' built by John Beaumont of Dalton. We will explore how this became Tolson Memorial Museum, a very local museum. Items in the grounds will be highlighted and the tour will include a visit to the museum where the newly refurbished bird room and the important Skelmanthorpe banner can be viewed.

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 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.



### 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/](http://huddersfield.onfoot.guide/)).

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# Guided Walks Programme 2024



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 2024 programme **MUST** be pre-booked.

### HOW TO BOOK

For full booking details of our 2024 walks programme via Eventbrite please go to [www.bit.ly/DiscoverHuddersfield](http://www.bit.ly/DiscoverHuddersfield) or scan the QR code

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



Historic England





# Guided Walks' Programme 2024

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SUNDAY 10 MARCH 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 is approx. 1.5 miles around the town centre, and will finish at the Irish Centre, 86 Fitzwilliam Street, HD1 5BB, at about 4 pm. The walk does involve some steps.



## 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 24 MARCH AT 2.30PM

## The Villas of Edgerton

Meet: Ukrainian Club, 7 Edgerton Road, 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.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 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.

SUNDAY 21 APRIL AT 2.30PM

## Exploring Marsden – The Growth of a Village

Meet: Outside by the conservatory, Marsden Mechanics' Institution, Peel Street, HD7 6BW

Join Roger Logue for a 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.

SUNDAY 5 MAY AT 2.30PM

## Colne Bridge Riverside Nature Area

Meet: By the Royal & Ancient pub, 19 Dalton Bank Road, HD5 ORE  
Please note there is limited car parking by the pub. Please do not use the pub car park which is for customers only. There are several buses which run along Leeds Road a short walk away. The nearest rail station is Deighton, about a 25 minute walk away.

Join Jeff Keenlyside and EPIKS' (Environmental Projects in Kirklees) colleagues exploring this attractive stretch of the River Colne. The walk will explore the little known lower valley, where river, canal, railways and greenways provide a home for some surprising wildlife amongst the industrial landscape of past and present. Learn a little of the history of the area and hear about ambitious proposals to create a Lower Colne Nature Park.

SUNDAY 19 MAY AT 2.30PM

## Exploring Castle Hill

Meet: Car Park at the top of the hill, accessed via the byway off Lumb Lane, Almondbury

Join John Bowen and Linda Beever from Huddersfield and District Archaeological Society for an archaeological tour of Castle Hill. We will explain the known development and use of the monument from the mesolithic through to modern times. We will explore and explain the earthworks, look at the findings from previous and recent excavations and show locations and explain uses of earlier buildings on the hill. There will be some uneven ground.

SUNDAY 2 JUNE AT 2.30PM

## Urban Safari

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

Your chance to discover the realm of the creatures of Huddersfield. Yes, the town centre's late 19th century buildings were often decorated with ornate stone animal carvings. Join experienced urban lion hunter, Chris Marsden, on a hunt for the cute, weird, wonderful and truly fantastic beasts. Frogs, lizards, elephants, gryphons and many more await.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE AT 2.30PM

## Sites from Slaithwaite's Radical Past

Meet: New Street Car Park, Slaithwaite, HD7 5AB (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.

THURSDAY 27 JUNE AT 7.00PM

## Joseph Kaye – 'Builder of Huddersfield'

Meet: Folly Hall Mills, St Thomas' Road, HD1 3LT  
(In the public P&D car park outside Mecca Bingo)

Joseph Kaye (c.1779-1858) built many of the town's most familiar buildings from the first half of the 19th century, but he was more than a builder. He was also a mill-owner, quarryman, brewer, publican and local politician, and claimed to be an architect too. The walk will visit a variety of sites, in or near the town centre that evoke the life of this all-purpose entrepreneur, finishing at the Parish Church. It starts with an uphill walk from Folly Hall Mills into the town centre.

THURSDAY 4 JULY AT 7.00PM

## Musical Sites of Huddersfield

Meet: University of Huddersfield Oastler Building, Queensgate, HD1 3DH (by Shorehead roundabout), inside main entrance

Huddersfield has always punched above its weight, musically. This evening 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.

### 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.