HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

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EXPLORE

With so many venues to explore we’ve
created a key guide so you can see what
facilities each venue has to offer.

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- Churches
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- Talks
- Gardens & parks
- Guided tours
- Wheelchair access
- Temples
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- Lifts
- Period buildings

Please check www.heritageopendays.org.uk
for more information on events and opening times.
Warwick District Council is delighted to invite you to our annual Heritage Open Days weekend. This is the one weekend in the year when many buildings, gardens and places of historic interest not normally open to the public will be opening their doors to everyone free of charge.

This guide lists a vast range of venues to visit and explore, with a host of hidden treasures waiting to be discovered. This event has been supported by dozens of volunteers who have kindly given up their time to show you around.

I hope you have an enjoyable and interesting time.

Councillor Alan Boad,
Chairman Warwick District Council
ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

The world’s oldest tennis club, a Hindu temple or a guided walk around the town’s magnificent buildings are just a small selection of the events and activities happening in Leamington over the Heritage Open Days weekend.

Once you are finished there should still be time for a stroll in the award-winning Jephson Gardens, some shopping and well-earned refreshments in one of Leamington’s great choice of cafes and restaurants.
BRUNSWICK STREET CEMETERY: LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP GUIDED WALK

Saturday 9, 2.30pm
Sunday 10, 2.30pm
Walk duration approx 90 minutes
Leamington Spa Cemetery, Brunswick Street, Royal Leamington Spa CV31 2DS
Meet the guide at the Whitnash entrance (furthest from the town centre).

A fascinating walk around Brunswick Street Cemetery led by a guide from the Leamington History Group. The walks are suitable for all ages and levels of fitness.

Please note there is no parking in the cemetery or on the verge outside.
A commemorative booklet will be on sale priced at £3.50.

LEAMINGTON SOCIETY WALK

Sunday 10, 2pm
Meet by the Jephson Garden gates opposite the Pump Rooms
A guided tour of the heart of Royal Leamington Spa and its fascinating buildings, organised by the Leamington Society.

FOUNDRY WOOD

Thursday 7, 10am - 5pm
Friday 8, 10am - 5pm
Saturday 9, 10am - 5pm (self-guided tours)
Sunday 10, 11am - 3pm
Princes Drive, Royal Leamington Spa

On Sunday 10 September representatives from the Friends of Foundry Wood will be on site in the renovated railway goods wagon between 11am - 3pm to explain about the history of the site including links with the railways, foundries and the recent conversion into a community woodland.
Drop in anytime for a chat and then enjoy a walk around the woods at your own leisure.

LILLINGTON GUIDED WALK

Thursday 7, 7pm
Lillington Free Church (forecourt), Cubbington Road, Leamington Spa CV32 7AL
A short guided walk around Lillington arranged by the Lillington Local History Society highlighting the interesting history of the buildings.

LEAMINGTON REAL TENNIS CLUB

Thursday 7, 11am - 3pm
The Tennis Court Club, 50 Bedford Street, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5DT

Enjoy a tour of the world’s oldest real tennis club with a real tennis court, in this fine example of Victorian architecture built in 1846-7 by Jackson of Leamington Spa.
Access by guided tour only (max 20 people).
Tel: 01926 424977 or Email: club@leamingtonrealtennis.co.uk to book your place.

LEAMINGTON SPA STATION AND GARDEN

Saturday 9, Sunday 10
Tours at 10.30am and 2pm
Old Warwick Road, Royal Leamington Spa.
Meet approximately ten metres to the right of the station entrance as you face it.

There are guided tours of this Grade II listed Great Western Art Deco station as well as the award-winning gardens maintained by the Friends of Leamington Station.
You can also have a cup of tea in the Art Deco refreshment room on Platform 2.
ST MARK’S CHURCH
Thursday 7, 11am - 4pm
Friday 8, 11am - 4pm
Saturday 9, 11am - 5pm
Sunday 10, 2pm - 4pm
Sunday Services, 9.15am, 11.15am, 6.30pm
Rugby Road, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 6DL
Explore a rare example of a George Gilbert Scott Junior church with a Jane Eyre connection. There is a wealth of stained glass including Kempe’s. William Hill organ, free guides, refreshments and children’s trail. G1 bus route.

ST MARY’S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON
Thursday 7, 10am - 5pm
Friday 8, 10am - 5pm
Saturday 9, 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10, 1pm - 5pm
Church Lane, Cubbington, CV32 7JT
A chance to visit this Grade I listed Norman Church dating from the 12th Century with exceptional stained glass windows and surrounded by an award winning churchyard. Bells were hung in the church tower in the early 1600s and have been rung regularly ever since. Refreshments will be available 3pm-5pm on Sunday.

ST MARY’S CHURCH
Thursday 7, 9am - 4.30pm
Friday 8, 9am - 4.30pm
St Mary’s Road, Royal Leamington Spa CV31 1JN
Designed in 1838-39 by J G Jackson and constructed almost entirely in a stucco finish, including the tower. Explore the fascinating interior including a gallery and contemporary painted panels by international artist Mo Enright, either side of the altar. Modern church centre is adjacent.

SHREE KRISHNA MANDIR
Friday 8 and Saturday 9, 1pm - 5pm
10B High Street, Royal Leamington Spa CV31 3AN
An opportunity to visit Royal Leamington Spa’s Hindu temple and experience its rich cultural heritage. Guided tours and refreshments available.

POLISH CATHOLIC MISSION
Sunday 10, 12noon - 2pm
54 High Street, Royal Leamington Spa CV31 1LW
Step inside Leamington Spa’s first town hall built in 1830 in a striking classical style. The building has been used as a Police Station and is now a Polish Centre. Visitors are asked to ring the door bell.

ST PETER APOSTLE CHURCH
Thursday 7, 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm
Friday 8, 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm
Saturday 9, 11am-1pm & 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 10, 1pm - 5pm
3A Dormer Place, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5AA
Come and view this fine example of the Gothic Revival in this large Roman Catholic church featuring a tall Venetian style west tower.
SOUTH LODGE, JEPHSON GARDENS
Thursday 7, 1pm - 3.30pm
Friday 8, 1pm - 3.30pm
Saturday 9, 1pm - 3.30pm
Sunday 10, 1pm - 3.30pm
South Lodge, Jephson Gardens (Parade Entrance) Parade, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 4AA
South Lodge is home to a permanent exhibition of the history of Jephson Gardens from its beginning as an arboretum to its achievement of Green Flag status. Volunteers from the Leamington History Group will be on hand to answer questions. Wheelchair access via rear door.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Friday 8, 10am - 4pm
Saturday 9, 10am - 4pm
9 Beauchamp Avenue, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5RE
Listen to the organ music as you look around this Gothic Revival church. The building was started in 1843 and had additions and alterations made right up to 1914. Guides and refreshments will be available.

TOURS OF THE HISTORIC ROYAL PUMP ROOMS
Thursday 7, 11am - 12noon
Saturday 9, 11am - 12noon & 2pm - 3pm
Royal Pump Rooms, Lower Parade, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 4AA
Join a free guided tour exploring the history of the Royal Pump Rooms - including behind the scenes access!
Tours start from the art gallery reception desk and will last approximately one hour.
Places are limited.
Tel: 01926 742700 to book your place.
WARWICK

You can immerse yourself in Warwick’s fascinating history during this year’s Heritage Open Days weekend with the chance to delve into the archives at the County Records Office or explore a living legacy dating back 450 years at the Lord Leycester Hospital.

If that’s not enough why not take a guided walk around the town and if you have time take a tour of St Mary’s bell ringing chamber, the views of Warwick from the top are truly outstanding!
ALDERSON HOUSE (WARWICK MASONIC ROOMS)
Saturday 9, 10am - 2pm
23 High Street, Warwick CV34 4AX
Please note access is from Back Lane, on-site parking.
A magnificent early Georgian building with many original features and a lot of history. Now a Masonic meeting place where you can see the Lodge rooms laid out as if for a meeting.

GUYS CLIFFE MASONIC ROOMS
Saturday 9, 10am - 4pm
Sunday 10, 10am - 4pm
Coventry Road, Warwick CV34 5YD
A rare chance to explore this stunning ruin of a country house dating back to the 18th Century. Nestled within the grounds is a cave associated with Guy of Warwick and a medieval chapel founded as an oratory by St Dubritus. There are guided tours of the building which is now owned by the Freemasons. There is no need to book and parking is available.

GUYS CLIFFE WALLED GARDEN
Saturday 9, 10am - 3.30pm
Sunday 10, 10am - 3.30pm
Coventry Road, Guy’s Cliffe, Warwick CV34 5FJ
A secret garden has been woken from its slumbers... A Grade II listed garden of special historic interest, the Walled Garden was originally part of the kitchen garden for Guy’s Cliffe House on the north side of Warwick and dates from the mid-1700s. Restoration started in January 2014. Three years into the project, the garden has a warm welcoming feel as you walk round and learn about its history, its buildings and the fruit, flowers and vegetables - including many heritage varieties - which have now been planted.

HERITAGE AND CULTURE
WARWICKSHIRE: BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE ARCHIVES
Saturday 9, Tours 2.30pm & 3.30pm
Warwickshire County Record Office, Priory Park, Off Cape Road, Warwick CV34 4JS
Find out how we care for Warwickshire’s precious documents at the County Record Office and go behind the scenes to visit our strongrooms. See some of the treasures within our collections on display, from one of the oldest maps to the Album of Known Thieves.
Tours must be booked in advance by calling or visiting Warwickshire County Record Office.
Tel: 01926 738959 or Market Hall Museum: 01926 412500

LORD LEYCESTER HOSPITAL
Sunday 10, 10am - 5pm
On site café open
60 High Street, Warwick  CV35 4BH
The Hospital is an historic group of medieval timber-framed buildings dating mainly from the late 14th Century and representing one of the finest examples in Britain of medieval courtyard architecture. Clustered round the Norman gateway into the town, the 12th Century Chantry Chapel sits above it. For nearly 200 years this site was home to Warwick’s medieval Guilds. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth I the buildings became, under the patronage of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, a place of retirement for old warriors who had fought in the Elizabethan era wars. These soldiers are known to this day as the Brethren and still live within the walls of the building, a living legacy of almost 450 years of history.

HILL CLOSE GARDENS
Saturday 9, 11am - 5pm
Sunday 10, 11am - 5pm
Hill Close Gardens Trust, Bread & Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF
A rare group of recently restored Victorian detached gardens with summer houses. Contemporary visitor centre and Victorian greenhouse. There is also a trail for children to explore and follow. Tearoom open.
ST MARY’S CHURCH, BELL RINGING CHAMBER
Escorted tours –
Thursday 7, 2.30pm
Friday 8, 2.30pm
Saturday 9, 10am & 11.30am
Sunday 10, 2.30pm
Friday 8, 1pm – Organ Recital
Collegiate Church of St Mary’s, Old Square, Warwick CV34 4RW
There are over 5000 churches in Britain with bells hung for ringing in the English style. This is a rare opportunity to visit St Mary’s ringing chamber where the bell ropes can be seen which are used to control the bells. The ten ropes come down from the ceiling in a clockwise circle by the pitch of the bell. Tours begin at the tower door and are limited to 12 people. Please note there are over 60 steps to the bell chamber.
Pop up café opening times:
Thursday & Friday 2pm - 4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday 2pm - 4pm

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
Friday 8, 11am - 4pm
Saturday 9, 11am - 4pm
Sunday 10, 12noon - 5pm
Sunday Service, 10am
St Nicholas Church Street, Warwick CV34 4JD
Take a guided tour of this unusually fine example of Gothic revival architecture, built by Thomas Johnson of Warwick. The church pre-dates the Victorian excesses and has a rare, delicate, simple style. Family friendly with a quiz and worksheets for adults and children and a special commemorative bookmark for all visitors. There will be an art exhibition by two local artists Gill Buick and Karen French. Refreshments are available 1pm-4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Opera rehearsal Saturday afternoon.

WARWICK WALK
Friday 8, 9.30am, 11am & 12.30pm
Meet in the Market Place, at the front steps of Shire Hall. No need to book. An hour long walk around the town centre, led by the Warwick Society. Learn about the Great Fire of Warwick in 1694, the medieval buildings which survived, and the subsequent rebuilding in an early Georgian style and discuss some of the issues that this distinctive town faces today.

ST PAUL’S CHURCH
Thursday 7, 9am - 4pm
Friday 8, 9am - 4pm
Saturday 9, 9am - 4pm
Friars Street, Warwick CV34 6HD
An opportunity to look around the church, which was originally used as a cemetery chapel for the larger Warwick churches before being consecrated as a church in its own right in 1844. Refreshments available.
Take yourself back one-hundred years this Heritage Open Days weekend, with a World War 1 themed guided walk of Kenilworth and hear the stories and see the homes of the servicemen and the buildings that were put to war-time use.

If you want to go back even further in time you can take a tour of Kenilworth Abbey ruins and discover the town’s history in the Kenilworth Abbey Barn Museum and Heritage Centre.
Kenilworth Abbey Barn Museum and Heritage Centre

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10
2.30pm - 4.30pm
Kenilworth Abbey Barn Museum, Abbey Fields, Kenilworth

Kenilworth Abbey Barn Museum and Heritage Centre contains exhibitions about Kenilworth Abbey (on the ground floor) and Local History (upstairs), staffed by members of the Kenilworth History and Archaeology Society. A children’s activity sheet is available. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

The Parish Church Of St Nicholas

Thursday 7, 8.30am - 5pm
Friday 8, 8.30am - 10.45am & 2pm - 5pm
Saturday 9, 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10, 9am - 5pm
28 High Street, Kenilworth CV8 1BP

Located close to the remains of Kenilworth Abbey, this lovely church features a 14th Century west tower and spire, decorated arches and perpendicular clerestory restored in 1864. Refreshments available.

St Barnabas Church

Thursday 7, 9am - 5pm
Friday 8, 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9, 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10, 9am - 5pm
Albion St, Kenilworth CV8 2FY

Previously known as the St Nicholas Mission Room, services at St Barnabas began back in 1886 in the community of Albion Street, the church is part of the Parish Church of St Nicholas. Refreshments available.

World War 1 Walk, Kenilworth

Saturday 9, 2pm
Kenilworth War Memorial, Junction of Abbey Hill and Abbey End

A guided circular walk with two local historians and a WW1 re-enactor from Kenilworth War Memorial, taking in Bridge Street, High Street and Abbey Fields, with a stop at the former Red Cross Hospital, in the Parochial Hall, for refreshments. Hear the stories and see the homes of servicemen and buildings that were put to wartime use, and visit the graves of some of those who died. Walk must be pre-booked. Tel: 01926 856728

Kenilworth Abbey Ruins: Guided Tour

Saturday 9, 3pm
Meet outside Abbey Barn
Abbey Fields, Kenilworth

Free guided tour of Kenilworth Abbey ruins, with a member of the Kenilworth History and Archaeology Society.
RURAL AREAS

The Heritage Open Days weekend is a great excuse to get out and explore the district’s fascinating villages. Not only are our local National Trust properties taking part, but also a number of ancient village churches and hidden gems such as the remains of Bagot’s Castle.
ALL SAINT’S CHURCH, SHERBOURNE

Thursday 7 to Saturday 9, 10am - 4pm
Church Road, Sherbourne, Warwick CV35 8AN

Make a visit to this intriguing church built by Miss Louisa Ann Ryland 1862-64 and designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott. Stained glass by Clayton and Bell and table tomb by A.W.N Pugin. Memorial to Henry Eric Maudslay D.F.C of Dambusters fame. On Saturday the tower (based on the design of Salisbury Cathedral) will be open allowing access to the bell chamber and a possible chance to ring the six bells (the oldest dating back to 1632). Please note access is via a 35 step stone spiral staircase.

BAGOT’S CASTLE

Thursday 7, 12noon - 4.30pm
Friday 8, 12noon - 4.30pm
Saturday 9, 10am - 5pm
Sunday 10 10am - 4.30pm
Church Road, Baginton, Coventry CV8 3AR

The original castle dates back to Henry I (1100-35). The remains of Bagot’s Castle, a medieval fortified house are thought to have been rebuilt sometime in the 1380s by Sir William Bagot. There is evidence of a moat and drawbridge. The site also has the remains of a summer house, medieval fish ponds, which have been restored as a nature habitat, a buried medieval Saxon Settlement village and former tank testing area used in World War II. Children’s trail, Bagot goats and Hardwick Sheep picnic area. Face-painting Saturday and Sunday 2pm-4.30pm. Visitor Centre.

BADDESLEY CLINTON HOUSE

Saturday 9, 9am - 5pm
Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton B93 0DQ

A place to come back to...Baddesley Clinton was the home of the Ferrers family for 500 years. Much of the house you see today was built by Henry Ferrers, a lawyer, diarist and antiquarian, in the late 1500s. The house was a sanctuary not only for the Ferrers family, but also for persecuted Catholics who were hidden from priest hunters in its secret hiding place during the 1590s. Start your visit with an introductory talk at the front of the house (last entrance to house 4.30pm) to find out more about the fascinating and unexpected stories Baddesley Clinton has to offer.

CHESTERTON WINDMILL

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10, 10.30am - 4pm
Off the Fosse Way (B4455) near Harbury

A unique chance to look at Chesterton Windmill, a local landmark that was built between 1632 - 1633. No need to book; first come, first-served basis. Small charge for parking. Free entrance but donations welcome.

PACKWOOD HOUSE

Saturday 9, 9am - 5pm
Packwood Lane, Lapworth B94 6AT

Surrounded by beautiful gardens and countryside, Packwood was described by a guest in the 1930s as ‘a house to dream of, a garden to dream in’. Lovingly restored at the beginning of the 20th Century by Graham Baron Ash, the house contains a wonderful collection of 16th Century furniture and textiles. The gardens include herbaceous borders, sculpted yews and an 18th Century gentleman’s kitchen garden with herbs, flowers and vegetables.

ST ANNE’S CATHOLIC CHURCH WAPPENBURY

Thursday 7 to Sunday 10, 8am - 8pm (Wedding on Saturday, Mass Sunday 8.30am)
Wappenbury CV33 9DW

This small Catholic church dedicated to St Anne lies in the tranquil hamlet of Wappenbury. It is thought to have been completed about 1845 to accommodate Catholics who, throughout the reign of Henry VIII and beyond, celebrated Mass in a variety of make shift buildings on the site. The site itself is a scheduled monument dating back to Roman, and even Iron Age, times. The church underwent complete restoration, refurbishment and re-ordering from 2014 - 2015.
ST CHAD’S CHURCH,
BISHOPS TACHBROOK
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10, 12 - 4pm
St Chad’s Church, Church Hill, Bishops Tachbrook, Warwickshire CV33 9RJ
Take a look around this wonderful church dating from the 12th to 15th Century and overlooking the timber framed houses in the village. All the stained glass windows are of historical interest and include the work of Kingsley, William Morris and Philip Webb. The church also has remains of mediaeval wall paintings. Guide books available.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH, BAGINTON
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10, 1pm - 5pm
Church Road, Baginton, Warwickshire CV8 3AR
Come and see this fascinating 13th Century sandstone church with a central spire. The interior has a very fine 15th Century brass dedicated to Sir William Bagot and his wife Margaret, together with 17th and 18th Century mural tablets and 18th Century panelling. Guide books and refreshments available in the church.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH, WASPERTON
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10
11am - 4pm
Wasperton, Warwick CV35 8EB
Set in a peaceful location this small church was remodelled by G G Scott in 1847 incorporating an earlier building of 1736. There is a pulpit from 1600 and an 18th Century wrought iron communion rail. There is also a timber porch and bellcote with spirelet; and two windows designed by Pugin. Refreshments are available, and no booking necessary.

ST MARGARET’S CHURCH, HUNNINGHAM
Thursday 7 to Sunday 10, 9am - 6pm
School Lane, Hunningham CV33 9DS
Come and find this hidden treasure tucked away in a tranquil location in the hamlet of Hunningham. This interesting 13th Century church with 19th Century additions has a wooden porch and small wooden bellcote with a buttress on the west wall with some eye-catching features. Refreshments available.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH, WASPERTON
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10
11am - 4pm
Wasperton, Warwick CV35 8EB
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ST PETER’S CHURCH, BARFORD
Thursday 7 to Sunday 10, 9.30am - 6pm
Sunday Service 9.30am - 10.45am
Church Street, Barford CV35 8ES
With a church on this site recorded in the Doomsday Book and a stone tower dating from 14th Century pockmarked with shots from the civil war period, this church is truly steeped in history. There is also an exhibition, several fine memorials and a rare churching pew. Refreshments are available Saturday 10am - 12noon and Sunday after the church service.

STONELEIGH CHURCH:
ST MARY THE VIRGIN
Saturday 9, 10am - 4pm
Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, Warwickshire CV8 3DN
Reopened after nine months of restoration, this beautiful church dates from Norman times boasting a fine Norman arch in the chancel. There will be photographic displays of the work carried out, a Stoneleigh History Society Exhibition entitled 1000 years of Change and Renewal and children’s treasure trail. Teas will be served.
St Paul’s Church, Warwick
Warwick District Council extends its thanks to all the venues that have joined the scheme this year and to all the volunteers who have given up their time to make this event possible.

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