



Heritage Open Days in

Newark and Sherwood

2024

Friday 6 September –
Sunday 14 September



Welcome to the Newark and Sherwood 2024 Heritage Open Days guide!

Heritage Open Days are your chance to discover everything that makes our district so special.

It's England's largest festival of history and culture and brings together local people, organisations and volunteers across Newark and Sherwood.

Running from Friday 6 September through to Sunday 14 September, this year's event will focus on the theme of **Routes – Networks – Connections**.

There will be exhibitions, shows and tours specially created for this week, taking you to parts of incredible buildings not normally open to be explored and hearing about the stories behind our towns, villages and landmarks.

Whether you're interested in discovering the rich culture of river life through the 'Art on the Move' exhibition or finding out how the historic buildings in Newark are maintained there are practical demonstrations, tours and exhibitions that are sure to appeal.

You'll find an overview of what you can explore this year during Heritage Open Days in this brochure. The information about events is split into the three areas: Newark, Southwell and Sherwood.

For more information, including how to book your place on certain events, visit the Heritage Open Days website.

heritageopendays.org.uk

Scan here for more information!



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN NEWARK 2024


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ART ON THE MOVE

**Spotlight Gallery,
Newark Town Hall**

**Friday 6 September to Saturday
14 September**

**Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday: 10.30am – 1pm
Saturday: 10.30am – 3.30 pm**



‘Art on the Move’ showcases objects and designs still seen today on holiday boats visiting Newark. Artist Deborah Hill says ‘Focusing on roses and castles, the designs were painted on the canal boats by families who lived on the boats, generally receiving no education and living in extreme poverty. Often, they did not even own the boat they lived on. The art, painted originally on boats, moved to traveller caravans in the late 1890s and onwards.’ This colourful art links us to those folk whose hard work kept essential goods and services ‘on the move’ on the waterways.

THE VENTURES OF ROBERT STUFFYN 14th Century Wool Merchant

**Newark Buttermarket,
Meeting Room One,
Market Place**

Friday 6 September at 2pm

Robert Stuffyn was a 14th century Wool Merchant who traded out of Newark. The talk concentrates on his career in wool exports, his interactions with King Edward III, Hanseatic merchants and his chantry foundations.

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NEWARK HERITAGE BARGE

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Riverside Park

Friday 6 - Sunday 8 September

Friday 13 - Sunday 15 September

11am - 4pm

Newark Heritage Barge 'Leicester Trader' is the last 'Trent' size cargo barge built to fit the old locks of the Trent Navigation Company. On board is a museum and learning resource, explaining life and work on the River Trent barges. Leicester Trader was saved from being scrapped in 2008 by local enthusiasts and restored and fitted out as a museum.

Below decks the archive, comprising models, tools, equipment, photograph collections and films are on show in the former cargo hold. We also explain life on board in the days when complete families were brought up in the cabins.

This year's theme will be Newark's Sailing Barges.



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COLOURING THE KINGS

Newark Art Gallery, Kirk Gate, Newark

Friday 6 - Saturday 14 September

**Saturday 10am-4pm, Weekdays 1pm - 4pm
(Excluding Sundays)**

Come along and learn about the three King Charles' in a creative environment by colouring or painting a picture of one of the Kings!



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THE RISE OF JOHN DE CODYNGTON

14th Century Cleric



**Newark Buttermarket,
Meeting Room One, Market
Place, Newark**

Friday 6 September at 3:45pm

John de Codyngton was a 14th Cleric who started his career in Newark. The talk concentrates on his career in the church his connections to Chancery, Chantry Foundations, links to merchants and his country wide connections.

CAVALRY IN THE COURTYARD!

Family Saturday

The National Civil War Centre

Saturday 7 September, 10-4pm

Step out into our hidden Tudor Courtyard. Meet a cavalry soldier and his horse and find out what it was like to be the fastest soldier on the battlefield. Learn how to use a pike to defend your cavalry and enjoy cavalry-themed creative activities in our Learning Space.

- Meet a cavalry horse at 10.30, 12.00 and 2pm.
- Cavalry Tours of our galleries at 11.30, 12.30 and 2.30.
- Learn to be a Pikeman in our Tudor Hall throughout the day.

A fun-packed hands-on history day for all ages.



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MUSIC FOR MARKET CONCERT

St Mary Magdalene Church

Saturday 7 and 14 September 12 noon

Join us for a service of Choral Evensong taken from the historic Book of Common Prayer. Music will be provided by the choristers, Magnus scholars and adults of the church choir.

MIGRATION AND EVACUATION on the Kindertransport

The National Holocaust Centre and Museum

**Sunday 8 September and
Monday 9 September**

Exploring the stories of migration and evacuation on the Kindertransport during the Holocaust. Join our Curatorial talk as we explore the routes our beloved Survivor family travelled to seek safety and refuge. Talking about individual stories for those who came to the UK on the Kindertransport. We explore their history, those who assisted their journey and treasured artefacts that they brought with them.



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GUIDED WALK WITH BERNARD MARTIN

Starting from Newark Library

Sunday 8 and Sunday 15 September at 11am

The tour look at the town's timber framed buildings, some of which are now hidden behind more recent brickwork & rendered facades. We will examine several of the town's high status timber framed buildings, including 'The Governor's House', 'The Prince Rupert', 'The Queen's Head', 'Henrietta Maria's House' & 'The Old White Hart'.



Special access has been arranged to inspect the interior of one of these buildings where we plan to examine construction techniques in detail. The process of prefabrication & numbering of the frames in the forest will be discussed. Examples of medieval wall decoration may be spotted. Numbers are limited to twenty - so book early!

A guided walk/talk around Newark's timber framed heritage

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CHORAL EVENSONG

St Mary Magdalene Church

Sunday 8 and 15 September at 5pm

Join us for a service of Choral Evensong taken from the historic Book of Common Prayer. Music will be provided by the choristers, Magnus scholars and adults of the church choir.



CIVIL WAR TOUR OF NEWARK

including the Queen's Sconce

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Newark Castle Bandstand

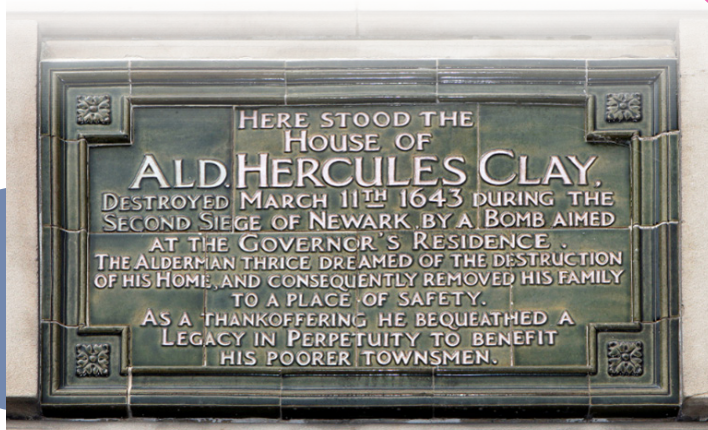
Sunday 10 and Sunday 17

September at 11am

The tour will begin at Newark Castle, where the reason Newark became known as 'The Key to the North' can be seen.

We will then visit some of the buildings that played a part in the town's Civil War history. We will explore some of the characters, such as Baron Dohna, Hercules Clay and Prince Rupert who were significant players in Civil War Newark.

After making our way around the town we will head back to the castle to see where Scottish muskets and cannon left their mark, before heading along the river towards the Queen's Sconce. This fortification is the best preserved 17th century earthwork in the country.



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PALACE THEATRE POP-UP Centenary Exhibition

Palace Theatre Foyer

Tuesday 10 – Saturday 14 September

A pop-up exhibition telling the story of 100 years of the Palace Theatre's history, from a 1920's cinema built by a female entrepreneur to the beloved cultural hub it has become today.



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

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The Resource Centre, Block D, NSDC Depot, Brunel Drive, Newark, NG24 2EG.

**Wednesday 11 September
6.30-8.30pm**

A rare opportunity to look behind the scenes at the museum's reserve collection. Join curator Kevin Winter to explore thousands of years of Newark's history through the 90,000 objects held at our resource centre. Lift the curtains on our hidden art collection and look closely at objects from stone-age hand axes to a Victorian prison door!



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A LASTING LEGACY

Newark Cemetery Chapel, London Road, Newark

Thursday 12th September

The Friends of Newark Cemetery are proud to be able to help promote Newark's beautiful and historical Cemetery, which truly is a haven of peace & tranquillity in the heart of our Town.



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HERITAGE BUILDING SKILLS

Demonstration and Participation

Newark Market Place

Saturday 14th September

10am - 3pm

When you look at the historic buildings around Newark you may wonder how they are kept looking like they did in the past. This is your chance to find out, as heritage building skills are demonstrated in the Market Place.

A number of experts will demonstrate the skills required to maintain and repair historic buildings: There will be demonstrations of the skills and techniques required and the chance to get hands on with some of the skills. There will be stalls around the demonstration area related to the experts and the groups involved.



NEWARK'S MASONIC HALL & MUSEUM

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**The Avenue, Newark,
NG24 1ST**

Saturday 14 September, 10am – 3pm

Visitors will be able to see artefacts related to the history of the Masons in Newark, including regalia and objects related to past members of the Lodge.

Throughout the day there will be talks on the history of Masonry in Newark, mentioning notable local people who were Freemasons.

These include; artist William Nicholson, whose regalia is in the museum, Colonel Sam Derry, organiser of the Rome Escape Line in WWII, and other local members, many of whom became Mayors of Newark.

The talks will also include opportunities to see the temple and a tour of the masonic museum and masonic hall with an explanation given at each.



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Newark Castle and
Gardens



Newark Town Hall



St. Mary Magdalene
Church



National Civil War
Centre



Newark Library



Newark Palace Theatre



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN SOUTHWELL 2024

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MINI-MINSTER TOURS

Southwell Minster

7th September 2024

Visit website for times and booking.

Join us for a 45-minute whistle-stop tour of Southwell Minster. There is plenty to explore after the tour including our Cathedral 140 Exhibition, beautiful Palace Gardens, and historic Archbishop's Palace.



VISIT THE ORIGINAL BRAMLEY APPLE TREE

75 Church Street, Southwell

Saturday 7 September, 11am – 3pm

Did you know that the Bramley apple hails from Southwell? Nottingham Trent University are offering visitors the chance to visit the garden of the original Bramley apple tree located on 75 Church Street. Despite being well over 200 years old and suffering from honey fungus for many years, this important tree has survived much longer than most apple trees and still produces delicious Bramley apples!



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ROUTES AND CONNECTIONS

at The Workhouse and Infirmary

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The Workhouse and Infirmary, Upton Road, Southwell, NG25 0PT

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, 10.30am – 4pm.

Last admission 3pm.

In our 200th anniversary year, come and walk up paupers' path and unearth what life was like for the people who sought refuge at The Workhouse and Infirmary.



Explore why people came here in our 1921 census exhibition and trace their physical route. Discover how vagrants created a secret code language as they moved from workhouse to workhouse through our children's trail. Chat to a room guide, take a tour (limited spaces), play some old-fashioned games, write on a slate or dress in costume. Come and uncover the stories of those who lived and worked here and how this changed over time from the 1820s to the 1980s.



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ST MARY'S OPEN DAY

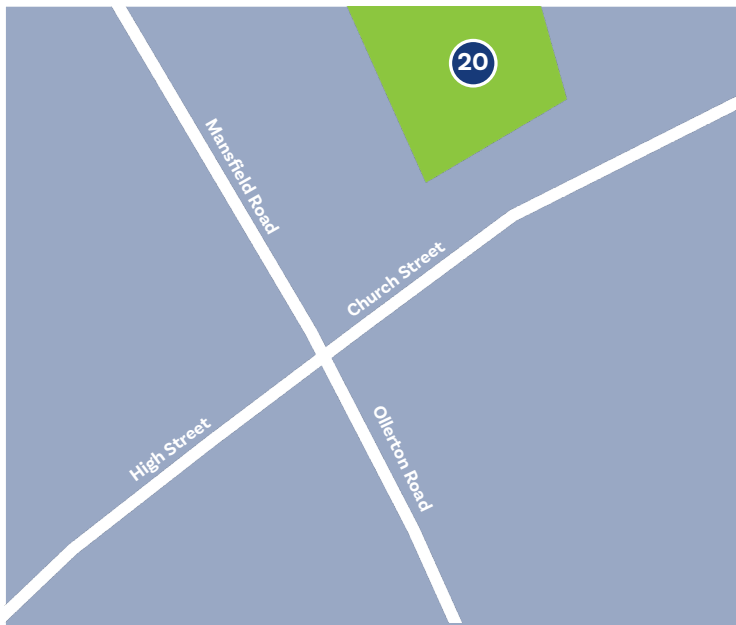


St Mary's Church, Edwinstowe

**Friday 6 September –
Sunday 14 September**

Come and visit this grade 1 listed church. Sited on the edge of Sherwood Forest, the legend of Robin Hood runs deep in this parish church.

You can discover the history of the establishment of a place of worship here when Northumbrian King Edwin was buried in a clearing in Sherwood Forest as well as the romantic links with the legend of Robin Hood.



THE HERITAGE OF WELLOW

at Wellow's Heritage Centre

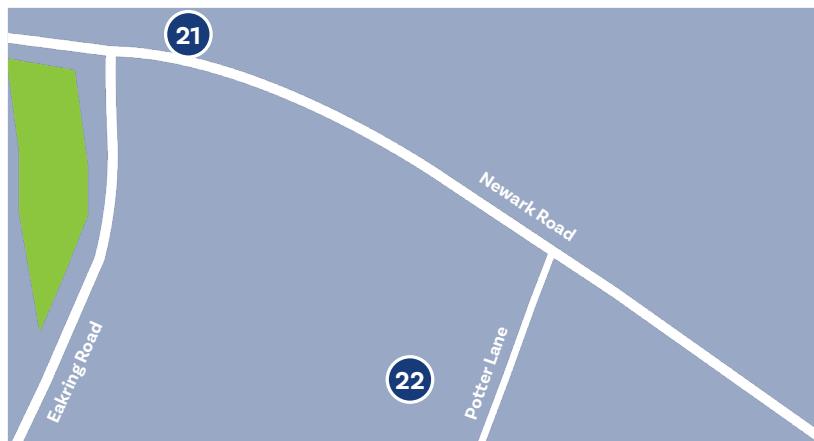
Wellow Church Schoolroom

**Saturday 7 September,
12pm - 4pm**

Come and immerse yourselves in Wellow's heritage by visiting our heritage centre at Wellow Church Schoolroom. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and offer drinks, as you enjoy reading our beautiful interpretation boards.



At 12pm a talk will be held by Denis Hill entitled 'The Dukeries', and at 1.30pm a guided walk around Wellow will commence from the Schoolroom. Visitors will be most welcome to take part in these activities and to enjoy spending time in this remarkably well restored Schoolroom.



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ST SWITHIN'S CHURCH OPEN DAY

St Swithin's Church, Wellow

**Saturday 7 September, 12pm –
4pm**

Come and enjoy the tranquillity of our beautiful 12th century Grade II* listed village church.

St Swithin's has many fine architectural features stretching from the 12th to 15th centuries, including a Norman font, a 19th century font and pulpit by Cox of London, a small but beautiful window in the north elevation dating to 1190 and stunning stained glass in both the Chancel and south aisle – the latter being by Kempe, dated 1877. You will be made very welcome, so please come and enjoy some quiet time in this very pretty and remarkable village church.



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BILSTHORPE 1000 YEARS OF HISTORY

Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum

Sunday 10 September –

Sunday 17 September

There will be a display presenting a brief overview of the fascinating 1,000 years of Bilsthorpe history. The display is part of the Museum's work to put together a more detailed history of the area which will be available to view at the museum at a later date.



for full details, bookings or further
information, please see:
[heritageopendays.org.uk](https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

For regular information on the wide range
of exciting events taking place throughout
the year in and around Newark and
Sherwood, please see:
www.visitevents.co.uk



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