

Heritage Open Days

FREE

Bath & North East Somerset
6-15 September 2024

England's largest festival
of history and culture!

heritageopendays.org.uk



Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It is your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are **FREE** to explore.

Established in 1994, Heritage Open Days is England's contribution to the European Heritage Days and has since grown into the country's largest community heritage festival. It could not happen without the commitment and enthusiasm of local volunteers. Across the country some 40,000 people from all walks of life are involved in opening up places and staging events every year.

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1 Albert Mill

Dapps Hill, Keynsham, BS31 1UL

SAT 7 & SUN 8 SEP 10AM – 3PM

Albert Mill, now a private residence, dates from 1700. Explore its history with a timeline, original pieces of machinery and a special photographic display. There will be people on hand to answer questions, a quiz for children and refreshments in the beautiful gardens.

Albert mill has original flooring and steps. There is an easily accessible viewing area for wheelchairs and plenty of space to store pushchairs.

T: 07746 936506



2 American Museum & Gardens

Claverton Manor, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BD

SUN 15 SEP 10AM – 5PM

Explore the incredible gardens, museum of American arts & heritage, interactive exhibition, shop, play area, American Garden Deli with valley view terrace.

The gardens, parkland, woodland walk, play area and cafe will all be free to enter on this day. To visit the museum and exhibition, there is a small admission fee.

Parking, accessible toilets, wheelchair accessible

www.americanmuseum.org

3 Bath Abbey

Bath, BA1 1LT

TUE 10 SEP

12.30–12.50

Organ demonstration for visitors

(fully accessible, on the Abbey floor)

1.00–1.45

Organ recital

Tour of organ loft

(NB up narrow, steep stairs; please wear sensible footwear)

1.45–2.15

max 10 (book a place in person at the Abbey from 12.15 on the day)

2.15–2.45

max 10 (as above)

A fun demonstration for all ages of our amazing organ, followed by the chance to see the organ close up on a VIP 'backstage' tour.

SAT 14 SEP

3.00–3.20

Organ demonstration for visitors

(fully accessible, on the Abbey floor)

Tour of organ loft

(NB up narrow, steep stairs; please wear sensible footwear)

3.30–4.00

max 10 (book a place in person at the Abbey from 2.45 on the day),

4.00–4.30

max 10 (as above)

A fun demonstration for all ages of our amazing organ, followed by the chance to see the organ close up on a VIP 'backstage' tour.

Wheelchair accessible, parking close to site, toilets

T: 01225 303319

www.bathabbey.org

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Friends of Bath Jewish Burial Ground CIO

4 Bath Jewish Burial Ground

Greendown Place, Bradford Road,
Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5DD

SUN 8 SEP 11AM – 4PM

The Jewish Burial Ground, beautiful resting place of Bath's Jewish community in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

This is a cemetery and we ask visitors to be quiet and respectful of its peaceful atmosphere and significance. Children must be supervised at all times, no running. No dogs allowed on site, please (assistance dogs only).

T: 07884 442385

bathjewishburialground.org

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5 Bath Record Office: Archives & Local Studies

Guildhall, High Street, Bath, BA1 5AW

MON 9 SEP 10AM – 2PM

See behind the scenes into some of our store rooms to discover where and how Bath Record Office keeps its unique collections.

Parking nearby, toilets

T: 01225 477421

www.batharchives.co.uk

archives@bathnes.gov.uk

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6 Bath Royal Literary
& Scientific Institution
BRLSI 16 Queen Square, Bath

LUNCHTIME HALF HOURS

1.15PM – 1.45PM

MON/TUE/WED/THUR

MON 9 SEP

Myra, An elegy for an unknown lady

Rare reading of poem by famous 18th century Bath physician Dr William Oliver.

TUE 10 SEP

My Bath bucket list

Celebrated Bath artist Charles L.W. Minty talks about favourite spots to paint people in landscapes.

WED 11 SEP

Café Days in Bath

BRLSI Bicentenary workshop's World premiere performance of Stella Townson's mesmerising poetry diary about exploring the city.

THU 12 SEP

The Shelleys and their bonds with Bath

The time poet Percy and his wife, Frankenstein author Mary Shelley, spent here.

FRI 13 SEP 1PM – 1.30PM

Our World in 2050

The key social, political, economic, technological and ecological trends we can expect over the coming decades.

AFTERNOON LECTURE

THU 12 SEP 3PM – 5PM

Andrea Casali and his work for Alderman Beckford

Dr Amy Frost spotlights the artist displayed at Dyrham Park and BRLSI.

T: 01225 312084

www.brlsi.org



Bath Royal Literary &
Scientific Institution
1824–2024



**7 Church of Our Lady
and St Alphege**
Oldfield Lane, Bath, BA2 3NR

FRI 6, THU 12, SAT 14 SEP 2.30PM

Join a special guided tour of this grade 2* listed building – an outstanding 1920s example of the work of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.

Wheelchair/partial access, parking, toilets

T: 01225 424894

www.saintalphege.org.uk

9 Eyre Chantry Chapel
Perrymead Cemetery, Blind Lane,
Bath, BA2 5AZ

THU 12 SEP 11AM – 4PM

Explore the interior of this 19th century Catholic chapel with stunning stained-glass windows and Minton tiled floor. The chapel stands in peaceful surroundings above Bath with lovely views over the city.

Parking

T: 07850 988502

8 Elim Church
Charlotte Street, Bath, BA1 2ND

SAT 7 SEP 10AM – 4PM

Explore this stunning and unique space – the only 10-sided church in the UK. Discover the beautifully restored stained-glass windows and rich history, whilst enjoying a coffee and one of our homemade cakes.

Wheelchair accessible, parking and toilets

T: 07754 264565

www.elimbath.org

10 Keynsham Methodism
in the footsteps of the Wesleys
Keynsham Methodist Church, Charlton
Road, Keynsham, Somerset, BS31 2JA

**MON 9 SEP, WED 11 SEP,
THU 12 SEP 10AM – 12NOON**

Explore, see and listen to the history of Methodism from the 18th century to today. Our curators will introduce you to the story of how John and Charles Wesley, and Methodists since, have influenced the growth and development of life in Keynsham. The Shopper's Service at 1100 on the Thursday will recall our history with reflections of John Wesley the founder of the Methodist Church and include hymns written by John and his brother Charles. Whichever morning you visit you will be very welcome to come and journey with us.

Parking nearby

T: 07341 628932

11 The Magdalen Chapel

Holloway, Bath, BA2 4PX –
during the festival

SAT 7 SEP 11AM – 1PM
SUN 8 SEP 12NOON – 2PM
11, 12, 13 SEP 4PM – 6PM
SAT 14 10AM – 2.30PM

Explore the history of Magdalen Chapel with our special exhibition starting from 11th century. Saturday 14 –open day with talk, madrigals and organ recital.

Parking close to site

T: 07903 254562

Magdalenchapelbath.co.uk



12 Museum of Bath Stone
54a Combe Road, Bath, BA2 5HZ

SAT 14 & SUN 15 SEP 2PM – 5PM

The village that built a city

The geology, archaeology, ecology of World Heritage Bath Stone and the Combe Down 'mines.'

Wheelchair accessible, toilets, single disabled parking space outside the museum

T: 01225 837439

www.museumofbathstone.org

13 Museum of Bath at Work
Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2RH

FRI 6 SEP 11AM & 2.30PM

Real Tennis, Mr Sadler's Ballon, The Hereford Chicken – and other stories from the Museum of Bath at Work.

Wheelchair accessible, parking, toilets

T: 01225 318348

www.bath-at-work.org.uk

14 Newton Park – home of Bath Spa University
Bath Spa university, Newton Park,
Newton St Loe, Bath, BA2 9BA

SAT 7 & SUN 8 SEP 11AM – 5PM

A modern university set in a historic landscape, BSU welcomes visitors to our beautiful Newton Park campus. Visitors can enjoy the landscape, indulge their curiosity and explore our buildings, which range from the 12th Century to the present day. See what our students do now, and how we blend the past and the present. Some events will require pre-booking.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bathspalive

Areas around the lake are steep, all other areas have good paths and level access. There is a platform lift to the ground floor of Main House. Upper floors and older buildings may not be wheelchair accessible.

heritageopenday@bathspa.ac.uk

15 Prior Park
Landscape Garden
Prior Park Landscape Garden,
Ralph Allen Drive, Bath, BA2 5AH




SAT 7 & 14 SEP 10AM – 4PM
(LAST ENTRY 3PM)

A chance to see the garden and visit information points about archaeology, gardening, crayfish and the dams' restoration.

Limited accessible parking and visitors are asked to book in advance on 01225 833422. Site is only partially accessible by wheelchair due to steep paths, toilets.

T: 01225 833977

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park

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 @NTinBath





16 Roman Baths – Local History Store Lansdown

Located near Lansdown Park and Ride – BA1 9BJ, precise location and directions will be given with your booking confirmation.

WED 11 SEP 10AM – 3PM

GUIDED TOURS

10AM, 12NOON & 2PM

Explore weird and wonderful objects from Victorian spa equipment to Georgian furniture. Join a treat of a tour at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm.

Booking essential –

romanbaths_enquiries@bathnes.gov.uk

Parking

www.romanbaths.co.uk

17 Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre

Swallow Street, Bath, BA1 1RB

MON 9 SEP 2.30PM – 3.30PM

Volunteer Day – find out about volunteering with school groups and talk to members of the learning team at the Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre. Pick up an application form!

Doorbell on right, toilets

www.romanbaths.co.uk

18 Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre – New Wave

Swallow Street, Bath, BA1 1RB

FRI 6 & TUE 10 SEP 6PM – 8PM

Discovering the Romans – through fun activities, crafts and crazy rituals, uncover what it was like to live in Bath 2000 years ago. Discover the people who lived in and travelled to Aquae Sulis and how they spent their time.

Booking essential –

<https://shorturl.at/r9zbE>

Doorbell on right, wheelchair accessible, toilets

www.romanbaths.co.uk

19 Saltford Brassmill

The Shallows, Saltford, Bristol, BS31 3EY

SAT 7 & 14 SEP 10AM – 4PM

SUN 8 & 15 SEP 1PM – 4PM

Join our knowledgeable volunteer team and guides as we show how the mill worked, how it came to survive into the 21st century and its impact on local social history. We have videos and sound effects to enhance the visit and to show our diverse wildlife.

No toilets on site; no booking required; about 70% of the mill can be accessed by wheelchair; some areas stair access only; some cobbled surfaces.



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20 Somerset and Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

Midsomer Norton South Station, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2EY

WED 11 SEP

STATION OPEN DAY

(Wickham Trolley Rides)

SUN 15 SEP 10.30AM – 3.30PM

STATION OPEN DAY

(Brake Van Rides)

Experience the historic Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway. Ride the line and visit the museum, pill box and buffet car.

Wheelchair access to parts of the site – the Wickham Trolley is not accessible for wheelchair users and the brake van access is difficult for those with mobility issues, parking, toilets.

T: 01761 411221

www.sdjr.co.uk

@somersetanddorsetrailway

21 Southcot Burial Ground

Bottom of Lyncombe Hill, Widcombe, Bath, BA2 4PG

SAT 7 SEP 11AM – 3PM

A hidden oasis in the centre of Bath.

Come and discover it for yourself.

Children's activity.

T: 01225 338727

22 St John the Baptist Church

42 Priory Cl, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, BA3 2HZ

SAT 7 SEP 2PM – 5PM

Church Tower Tours:

Climb 100 steps and take in the view!

Refreshments available.

WED 11 SEP 7.30PM – 9PM

Bell Ringing Practice:

See the bells rung, perhaps have a go!

Parking close to the site, toilets

T: 01761 412118

www.stjohnschurchmsn.org.uk

23 Victoria Art Gallery

Bridge Street, Bath, BA2 4AT

TUE 10 SEP, THU 12 SEP & SAT 14 SEP

12 NOON – 1PM

Join us at the Victoria Art Gallery and explore the wonderful collection housed in the art stores.

Booking is essential – book on

01225 477237.

Lift available, but one store is inaccessible without using stairs. Accessible toilet. Nearest parking at Podium. Level access entrance on Bridge Street (opposite Mallory's).

Victoriagal.org.uk

VictoriaArtBath VictoriaArtGallery

@victoriaartgallerybath

24 Walcot Methodist Chapel

Bath Methodist Church, Nelson Place East, Bath, BA1 5DA

SAT 7 & SUN 8 SEP 12 NOON – 3PM

Bath's oldest Methodist chapel, opened in 1816. The organ, built in 1771, was originally installed in Bath Assembly Rooms.

T: 01225 461509

bathmethodists.org.uk

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@walcotmethodistchapel

