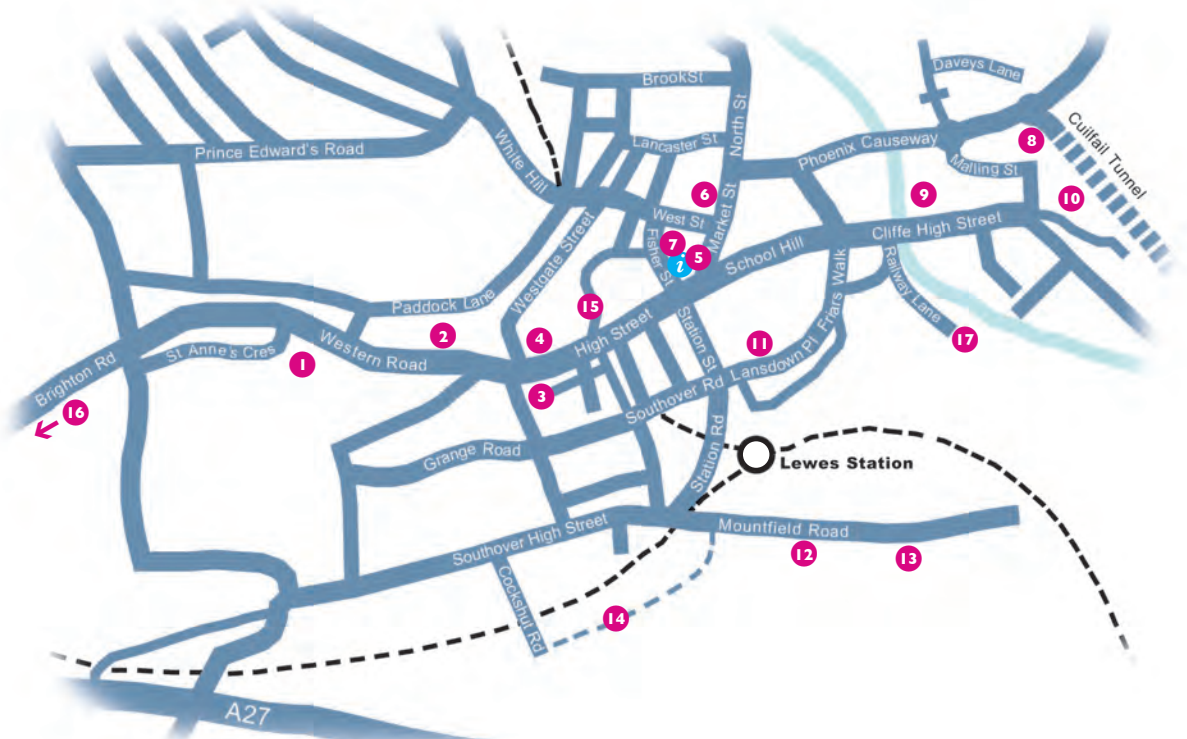


Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public, or charge for admission.

As well as those pictured in this leaflet, other properties in the Lewes district are also taking part in Heritage Open Days. For example, the environment displays at the purpose-built Linklater Pavilion (17 on the map) will be open on Sunday, 2pm-5pm, including a bee-hive, nesting boxes, ground-source heat pump and other displays. Find others by going to www.heritageopendays.org.uk and putting Lewes in the 'Local Council Area' box.

Please note that spaces are limited on some sites and booking in advance may be necessary – see individual listings.



Heritage Open Days

For a complete list of properties open nationwide go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Ale and Hearty

A year-long project focusing on the history of brewing in Lewes and its related industrial and agricultural links from the 18th century to the present day. As well as the vintage mobile cinema event at Harveys brewery over HOD weekend, it is collecting photographs and oral histories for an exhibition and publication. For more details visit www.strikealight.org.

Film showing three times an hour, 10am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday, Harveys car park.



Book offer

A new edition of 'East Sussex' in the Pevsner 'Buildings of England' series was published this year (see walk, no 15). During Heritage Open Days weekend you can buy a copy at Skylark bookshop in the Needlemakers, next to West Street car park, at 10% off RRP.

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1 County Hall mural (St Anne's Crescent). The sculpture by William Mitchell above the main entrance of this 1967 office building consists of bronzed fibreglass panels in an abstract design with coloured glass mosaic inserts. Details of Mitchell's other public artworks (some listed Grade II or II*) in the window of the foyer. **Open access to view mural, Thursday to Sunday.**



2 Lewes Old Grammar School (137, 140 and 141 High Street) moved here in the early 18th century. No 137 (1851) was built as a school, but 140 and 141 were once private houses. No 140 is Grade II* listed and parts date from around 1600. No 137 has a well-designed modern extension. **Open Saturday 10am-4pm, small-group tours, please join at No 137. Refreshments in school dining room.**



3 Bull House (92 High Street) is a Grade II* listed 15th century building. Tom Paine, author of *The Rights of Man* and an inspiration for the American Revolution, lived here from 1768-74. **Westgate Chapel** (Grade II) next door was built as a town house in 1593, but by 1700 was a home for non-conformist congregations in Lewes. **Open Saturday, tours (max 12 people) at 10.30, 12.30, 2.30 and 4pm.**



4 St Michael's Church (156-158 High Street) has a 13th century round tower - one of only three in Sussex. Other parts date from the 14th, 18th and 19th century. There are stained glass windows by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Henry Holiday. **Open Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 12-5pm. Short talks on Saturday at 11am on the history and 12 midday on the glass.**



5 Town Hall (High Street) was rebuilt from the 16th century Star Inn and still has the medieval barrel-vaulted undercroft where Protestant martyrs were held. Its fine Jacobean staircase leads to the Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour panelled in oak. **Tours Sunday at 11am, 1pm and 3pm: pre-booking essential, either in person, by phone 01273 471469, or email mayors.sec@lewes-tc.gov.uk**



6 Stephen Steere's House (1 North Street) Corner house of 1805/06, with mathematical tiles, cobbling and 1860 shop front. Front room display with historic photographs and documents about the house and the current conservation work. Limited access to other rooms where traces of the house's previous uses can be seen. **Open Friday to Sunday, 11am-4pm.**



7 Lewes Forge (Fisher Street) A blacksmith's in the heart of the town, Lewes Forge dates back to the early 18th century. It will be demonstrating traditional working methods and new work in forged iron by local smiths. **Open Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm.**



8 Jireh Chapel (Malling Street) listed Grade I, dates from 1805, enlarged in 1826. The simple interior has galleries supported on wood columns with corner staircases, plastered vault ceiling, octagonal pulpit and pine box pews. **Open Saturday 10am-3pm.**



9 Harveys Brewery (off Cliffe High Street) is the oldest independent brewery in Sussex and its distinctive Victorian tower (1882) is a Lewes landmark. **Tour Saturday at 12 midday, max 50 people, pre-booking essential on leweshod@gmail.com (not Harveys) by 11 Sept, max 2 adults per booking.** Also film about local hop-picking and brewing in 'Ale and Hearty' vintage mobile cinema - see over for details.



10 Lamb House (3 Chapel Hill). An opportunity to see the 18th century Chinese lacquer wall panels rediscovered in this house in the 1960s and restored to their former glory by English Heritage. **Open Sunday, 10am-5pm**



11 All Saints (Friars Walk). This former 19th century church with 16th century tower is now a community arts and youth centre. The churchyard has fine Georgian box tombs. **Open Saturday and Sunday - see www.lewes-town.co.uk for programme of events at All Saints.**



12 Dripping Pan (Mountfield Road) has been home to Lewes Football Club since 1885, though other sports were played here long before. The site is probably linked to the nearby Priory and the mound behind may have been a fortification before the Castle was built. Display of 'Rooks' memorabilia and the club's popular match posters in the clubhouse. **Open Sunday, 11am-4pm**



13 Priory School Chapel (Mountfield Road, between Priory School and Sussex Downs College, neither open). The War Memorial Chapel (1960) is by Sir Edward Maufe, designer of Guildford Cathedral and several Sussex churches. The bell came from the former Lewes Naval Prison and the organ from Cuddesdon Theological College near Oxford. **Open Saturday, 1pm-5pm, guide from 2pm.**



14 The Priory of St Pancras was founded by William de Warenne (who built Lewes Castle) and his wife Gundrada at the end of the 11th century. It was the first and greatest of the Cluniac monasteries in England and demolished during the Reformation. **Access via Cockshut Road or Convent Field. Open Saturday 10am to 3pm, tours (including Gundrada Chapel) at 10.30am and 11.30am.**



15 'Pevsner' Walk A new edition of 'East Sussex' in the famous Pevsner 'Buildings of England' series came out this year. This walk looks at some of the historic buildings in the High Street and Southover, and explores how and why towns like Lewes change over the centuries. See over for book offer: **Sunday 12 midday, pre-book on leweshod@gmail.com, max 20 people, meet at Castle Barbican. Some steep/uneven walking.**



16 Ashcombe Toll House (to west of town on the A27, by Kingston roundabout): the survivor of a pair built around 1820 that marked the start of the Brighton turnpike. **Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm.**