

Other events over Heritage Open Day weekend

Reeves lightboxes
The popular project 'Stories Seen Through a Glass Plate', featuring lightbox displays of historic Lewes photographs by Reeves in shop windows around the town, is being repeated during August and September, and will be on show over the Heritage Open Days weekend. A guide showing the location of all the lightboxes can be found on www.reevesarchive.co.uk.

Lewes Little Theatre, Lancaster Street
The Theatre has just celebrated its 75th anniversary and will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday with conducted tours of the workshop and backstage and other areas.

Offham Chalk Pit
The funicular tramline and tunnels (1809) linking the lime-works and the Ouse were probably the first rail or tramway line in S England. The remains (about 1.5 miles from Lewes town centre, next to the Chalk Pit Inn) are listed Grade II. Download a walk by scanning the smartphone code, right.

Ashcombe Toll House
(west of the town on the A27, by the Kingston roundabout) is the survivor of a pair built about 1820 that marked the start of the Brighton turnpike. Open Saturday 10am-5pm, by the Sussex Heritage Trust (www.sussexheritagetrust.com).

Access and parking



Hamsey Heritage



Circular walking

Space is limited at some sites and you may have to wait for access. In some cases you must book in advance. Some sites have steep stairs or difficult access - see website listings for fuller access information.

See 'Car parking' on www.lewes.gov.uk for parking locations



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Lewes Heritage Open Days

10-13 September 2015



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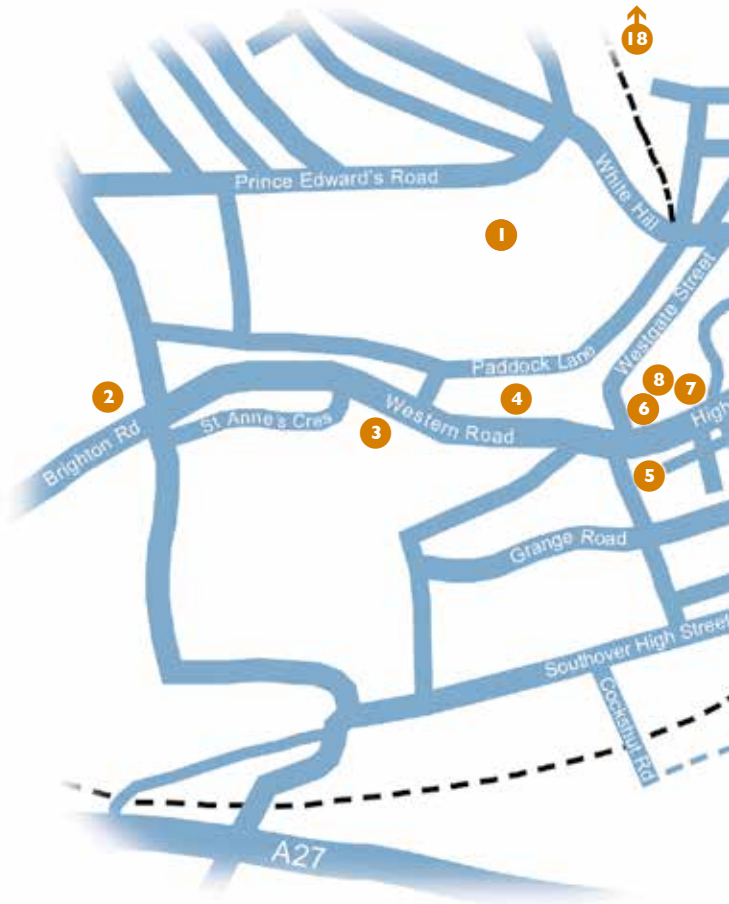
Heritage Open Days

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.

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

Other venues may be added at short notice - check the website or look for flyers around the town.

As well as those shown here, other properties in the Lewes district are also taking part - find them by searching on the website with 'Lewes' in the 'Local Council Area' box.



Lewes Heritage Open Days 10-13 September 2015



1

4 Park Road (between Prince Edward's Road and The Avenue). A striking single-storey house of 1961 designed by Lewes architect John Schwerdt. The choice of materials and open-plan design linking interior and garden are typical of its time. **Open Thursday 10am-1pm:** the job architect for the project, Roger Beasley, will be present.



2

Lewes Prison (Brighton Road) Imposing Victorian buildings of 1853 with fine brick and flint walls. The original cell wings radiate from a central hall similar to the innovative design for Pentonville. Tours Thursday and Friday, 10am and 2pm, max 15 people, security checks on arrival, no bags, cameras or phones on the tour. **Booking essential on leweshod@gmail.com by 5 Sept, max 2 adults per booking. Over 18s only.**



3

St Anne's Church (Western Road) listed Grade I is the oldest church remaining in Lewes, with 12th century tower; nave and south chapel, altered in Victorian times. 14th century altar tomb and 1538 nave roof with tie-beams, queen-posts and carved raking struts. Church and churchyard trails. **Open Thursday 9am-3pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.**



4

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.**



5

Bull House (92 High Street) is a Grade II* listed 15th century building. Tom Paine, author of The Rights of Man, lived here from 1768-74. Westgate Chapel (Grade II) next door was a town house of 1593 which by 1700 was a home for non-conformist congregations. **Open Saturday, tours 10am, 11.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm, max 12 people, pre-book by 7 Sept on leweshod@gmail.com**



6

Freemasons Hall (149 High Street) is a Grade II listed 1868 building still owned by the South Saxon Lodge, one of the oldest in Sussex, built on the remains of the medieval Westgate tower. The remains of a Victorian clay-pipe kiln can also be seen at the rear from Pipe Passage. **Open Saturday and Sunday 10am-3.30pm, small-group tours (max 10) including committee room with historic photographs and first-floor Temple.**



7

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. **Open Saturday 10am-5pm with the Lewes Singers rehearsing Bach, William Harris & Stanford; Sunday 12 midday-5pm, talks on the church's history 2.30pm, the Pre-Raphaelite stained glass 3pm.**



8

The Round House (Pipe Passage) The brick and flint base of a corn windmill built in 1802, converted into a private house, extended in the 1870s and 1920s. Links with Virginia Woolf and with John Every, owner of the town's Phoenix Ironworks. Ground floor open with display of historic material. **Open Sunday, 1pm-5pm.**



9

The Maltings (Castle Precincts) is an early 19th century flint and brick building designed to make malt from barley for brewing beer. Although converted for other uses in the 20th century, the drying floors and kilns can still be seen. **Tour Saturday 2.30pm max 12 people, prebook by 7 Sept on leweshod@gmail.com.**



10

St John sub Castro (Abinger Place) is an early Victorian church with interesting features saved from the original Saxon church and a churchyard with notable memorials. Exhibition 'St John sub Castro Church & Parish' including recent local history projects by residents of nearby streets. **Open Saturday, 10pm to 5pm. Refreshments and toilets.**



11

Town Hall (High Street) was rebuilt from the 16th century Star Inn. Medieval barrel-vaulted undercroft, fine Jacobean staircase leading to Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour panelled in oak. Display of newly restored Baxters prints. **Tours 10am, 12 midday and 2pm, must pre-book: in person, by phone 01273 471469, or email mayors.sec@lewes-tc.gov.uk.**



12

Priory Trail walk through the town, led by Arthur Franklin, visiting some of the historic sites associated with the Priory (see no 17) and ending at the Priory ruins. Some steep walking. **Saturday 2pm, meet at Tourist Information Centre, max 15 people. Pre-book on leweshod@gmail.com.**



13

Harveys Brewery (off Cliffe High Street) is the oldest independent brewery in Sussex and its distinctive Victorian tower is a local landmark. **Tour Saturday at 12 midday, max 50 people, pre-booking essential on leweshod@gmail.com (not Harveys) by 8 Sept, max 2 adults per booking.**



14

Harpsichord Workshop (English Passage, off Cliffe High Street). Late 16th century timber-framed building with a crown-post roof, extensively rebuilt in 1990 by local architect David Russell. Its original use is uncertain but it was perhaps a market hall. **Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm.**



15

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.**



16

Undercliffe House (off Malling Street). Grade II listed Victorian Gothic house of 1865 with unusual roof and 20th century extension. Its mysterious quality is enhanced by its well-hidden location. Tours of exterior by owners. Very steep access via steps opposite Cuilfail Cars forecourt. **Open Sunday, 2pm-5pm.**



17

The Priory of St Pancras Candlelit event in the ruins of this great 11th century Cluniac monastery, **Saturday from 6pm**, weather permitting. Access via Cockshut Road or Convent Field. The Gundrada Chapel **open Saturday 2-6pm** in nearby Southover church houses the tomb of the Priory's founder.



18

Malling Deanery Arboretum (Church Lane, South Malling) A guided walk led by Peter Thurman around this unusual collection of trees planted in the 1970s which also features some much older specimens. This is a beautiful but little-known corner of Lewes, close to the River Ouse and the historic Deanery (not open). **Meet outside South Malling church Sunday 6pm.**