



## Other events over Heritage Open Day weekend

**Ride & Stride**  
Sponsored bike ride or walk on Saturday visiting local churches to raise money for their restoration and preservation. All the churches on this map are taking part, as well as others including St Thomas a Becket in Cliffe, St Anne's (Western Road), St Pancras (Irelands Lane), Jireh Chapel (Malling Street), St John sub Castro (Abinger Place, churchyard only).  
See [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org).

**The Priory of St Pancras**  
Candlelit event in the ruins of this 11th century Cluniac monastery, Saturday from 6pm, weather permitting, admission charge. Access via Cockshut Road or Convent Field.

**Lewes railway station**  
The town's Grade II listed station of 1889 is being refurbished. Many attractive architectural details remain on the booking hall exterior and the platform canopies. Display inside the station about its history over HOD weekend.

**Barbican House Library**  
Visit the Sussex Archaeological Society's library in Barbican House in the High Street and learn more about the building's history and the library's resources. Tours Saturday, 10.30am, 13.45pm (for visually impaired visitors) and 15.15pm. Book in person, by phone 01273 405738, or email [library@sussexpast.co.uk](mailto:library@sussexpast.co.uk).

## Access and parking

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 [www.carparks4u.com](http://www.carparks4u.com) for parking locations.

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# Lewes Heritage Open Days 8 - 11 September 2016



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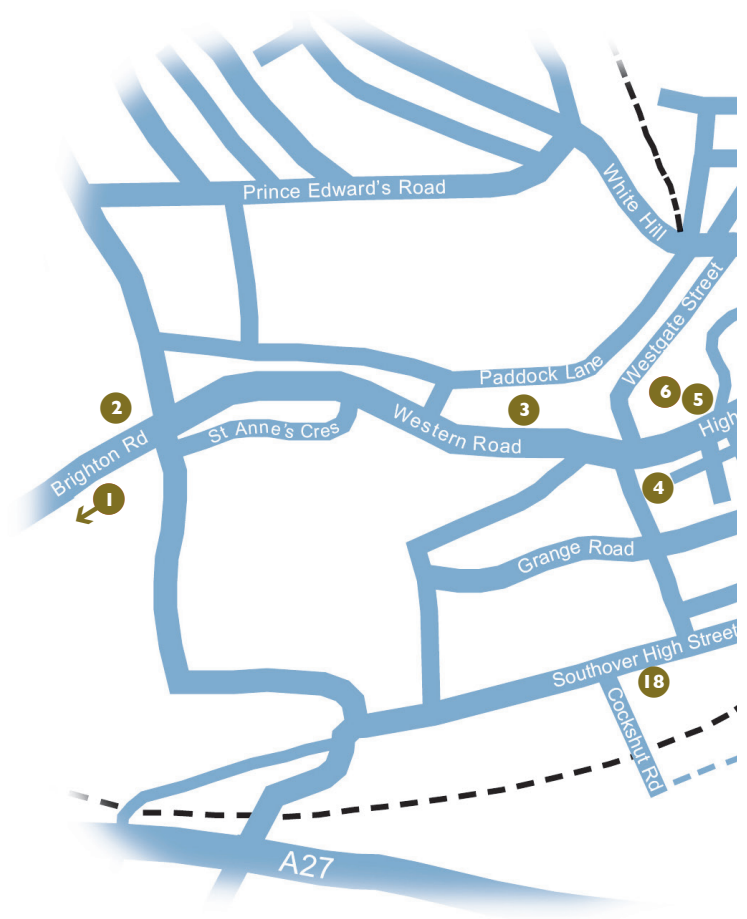
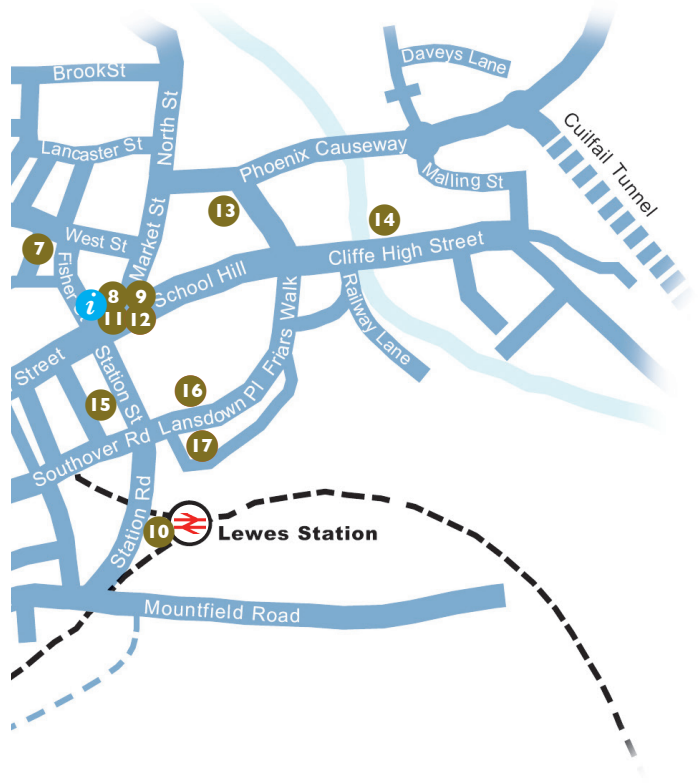
## Heritage Open Days

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](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk).

Other venues may be added to the weekend 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.





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**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. **Opened Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm**, by the Sussex Heritage Trust ([www.sussexheritagetrust.com](http://www.sussexheritagetrust.com)).



2

**Lewes Prison** (Brighton Road) Imposing Victorian buildings with fine brick and flint walls, similar to the innovative design at Pentonville. Tours Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am and 2pm, max 15 people, security checks on arrival, no bags, cameras or phones on tour. Stairs. **Booking essential on [leweshod@gmail.com](mailto:leweshod@gmail.com) by 2 Sept**, max 2 adults per booking.



3

**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.



4

**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. **Open Saturday, tours 10am, 11.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm**, max 12 people, book by 5 Sept on [leweshod@gmail.com](mailto:leweshod@gmail.com).



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**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. Stained glass by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Henry Holiday. **Open Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday midday-5pm. On Sunday at 2.30pm**, talk by Prof Roger Homan on the religious history of Lewes.



6

**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 2pm-5pm**.



7

**The Maltings** (Castle Precincts) 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, book by 5 Sept on [leweshod@gmail.com](mailto:leweshod@gmail.com).



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**Town Hall** (High Street) was rebuilt from the 16th century Star Inn. Medieval vaults, Jacobean staircase, Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour. Display of memorabilia for the Queen's 90th birthday. **Tours Sunday 10am, noon and 2pm**, pre-booking essential: in person, by phone 01273 471469, or email [mayors.sec@lewes-tc.gov.uk](mailto:mayors.sec@lewes-tc.gov.uk).



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**Lewes Streets Project** (Town Hall, Yarrow Room) Exhibition by residents showing some of their street's history: South Street, a centuries-old street with a rich mix of residential and industrial heritage, and Grange Road, a 19th century residential development. **Open Saturday, 11am-3pm and Sunday 10am-3pm**.



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**Quirky Lewes** Walk round some of the town's unusual features, led by Kevin Gordon. **Sunday 11am and 2pm**, meet at Lewes railway station forecourt, max 20 people, book by 5 Sept on [leweshod@gmail.com](mailto:leweshod@gmail.com).



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**Flint Man walk** David Smith leads a tour showing how flint has been used as a building material over the centuries and the different styles of flint work around the town. **Saturday 11am**, meet Tourist Information Centre, max 20 people, book by 5 Sept on [leweshod@gmail.com](mailto:leweshod@gmail.com).



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**Priory Trail** Town walk led by Arthur Franklin, ending with a tour of the 11th century Priory ruins. **Saturday 2pm**, meet Tourist Information Centre, max 20 people, book by 5 Sept on [leweshod@gmail.com](mailto:leweshod@gmail.com).



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**Lewes Old Library** (Albion Street) This 1870 building was a School of Science & Art and then the town museum before becoming the town library from 1956 to 2005. Exhibition about its history and the work of its current occupants, local architects Mackellar Schwerdt. **Open Friday, 11am to 3pm**.



14

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



15

**23 Station Street** 18th century house and garden in what was St Mary's Lane, birthplace in 1790 of Gideon Mantell, whose fossil research began the scientific study of dinosaurs. Exhibition of the history of the street. **Sunday 11am-4pm**. Uneven floors, stairs.



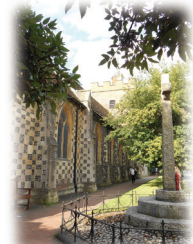
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**All Saints** (Friars Walk) Former 19th century church with 15th century tower; now an arts and community centre. **Open Sunday 10am to 3pm for self-guided tour of graveyard and internal monuments**, and craft activities for children. Recital by Susan Bain on the William Hill organ at 2pm.



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**Depot cinema** (Pinwell Road) Once a 19th century GPO sorting office and then a depot for Harveys Brewery, this building is now being converted into a three-screen independent cinema due to open in 2017. Site tours, **Saturday, 10am and 11.30am**, max 30 people. Sturdy footwear necessary.



18

**St John the Baptist Church** (Southover High Street) The church's Gundrada Chapel contains the magnificent tomb of the Priory's founder. **Open Saturday, 2pm-5pm. The bells will be rung 2pm-3pm; demonstration of bell-ringing in the tower belfry on muffled bells that visitors can watch, 3pm-4pm (spiral staircase access).**