

Heritage walks and other events during the Heritage Open Days weekend

- IIa**

Lewes Women walk Town walk led by Judith Davies, highlighting the contributions of notable women to the life of the town and beyond, from medieval times to the 20th century. Thursday 2.30pm, meet at Tourist Information Centre, max 20 people
- IIb**

Battle of Lewes walk led by Graham Mayhew around part of the site of the 1264 battle which led to the formation of the first parliament. Friday 2.30pm, meet at Brighton bus-stop opposite Lewes Prison, max 20 people
- IIc**

Priory Trail Town walk led by Arthur Franklin, ending with a tour of the 11th century Priory ruins, Saturday 2pm, meet at Tourist Information Centre, max 20 people
- Book all walks** by 3 Sept on [friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2018/](https://www.friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2018/) or the national Heritage Open Days website
- Ride & Stride** Sponsored bike ride or walk on Saturday visiting local churches to raise money for their upkeep. See rideandstrideuk.org



Access and parking

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

See [carparks4u.com](https://www.carparks4u.com) for parking locations in the town

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The Friends of Lewes is a charity (reg no 258756) set up to promote and enhance the townscape of Lewes. For more details, and to become a member, see [friends-of-lewes.org.uk](https://www.friends-of-lewes.org.uk)

Lewes Heritage Open Days 6-9 September 2018



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[heritageopendays.org.uk](https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)
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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 [heritageopendays.org.uk](https://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

For some events you must book in advance - go to [friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2018/](https://www.friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2018/) for full details of how to book, and to access booking through Eventbrite for venues marked with a *



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1

Sussex Police HQ (Malling House, Church Lane) is a Grade I listed 17th century building. Tour includes entrance hall and main staircase of 1760, and also a visit to the nearby contact call-centre. **Tours Saturday and Sunday, 10am, midday and 2.30pm. Booking essential on heritage@sussex.pnn.police.uk by 30 August**



2

Lewes Prison (Brighton Road) Imposing Victorian buildings with fine brick and flint walls, similar to innovative design at Pentonville. **Tours Thursday and Friday, 9.30am and 2pm**, max 15 people, security checks on arrival, no bags, cameras or phones on tour. Stairs. **Booking essential by 1 Sept**, email leweshod@gmail.com, max 2 adults per booking, no under 18



3

St Anne's Church (Western Road) is partly 12th century, the oldest surviving church in Lewes, and Grade I listed. Memorials and stained glass from various periods, and 12th century anchorite's cell. **Open Saturday, 10am-5pm, guided tours all day**



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 3 Sept on website below*



5

Westgate Chapel (rear of Bull House, High Street) Grade II* listed, part of late 16th century town house, altered for use as a non-conformist chapel. Today a range of community uses, including the Oyster Project charity. Refreshments. **Open Saturday, 10am-2pm**



6

Freemasons Hall (149 High Street) is a Grade II 1868 building still owned by the South Saxon Lodge, one of the oldest in Sussex, built on the remains of the medieval Westgate tower. First-floor Temple. To the rear in Pipe Passage, the remains of a Victorian clay-pipe kiln. **Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm**



7

Edward Reeves Photography (159 High Street) Established c.1855, Reeves is believed to be the world's oldest still-existing photographic business. Unique Victorian daylight studio and exhibition of images from the remarkable archive of over 200,000 glass negatives. **Open Saturday and Sunday, 11am-4pm**



8

Barbican House (169 High Street) the Sussex Archaeological Society's library and museum. Displays on Humphrey Repton's work and on women in the Society's history; portraits exhibition. **Open Friday, 10.30-11.45am, 1.30-3pm and 3.15-4.30pm**, max 10 per tour. **Book by 5 Sept on library@sussexpast.co.uk or 01273 405738**. Support available for visually impaired visitors - indicate when booking



9

St John sub Castro (Abinger Place) 19th century church recently altered to create multi-functional space for services, musical and community events, meeting rooms and café. Monuments and relics from original medieval church in and around church and churchyard. **Tours, exhibition and refreshments. Open Saturday, 9am-5pm**



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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. Displays of newly-restored paintings and the history of Station Street. **Tours Sunday 10am, midday and 2pm, booking essential, in person, by phone 01273 471469, or email mayors.sec@lewes-tc.gov.uk**



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Heritage walks including **Lewes Women, Thursday 2.30pm**, town walk featuring the contributions of notable women to Lewes; **Battle of Lewes** walk, **Friday 2.30pm**, around part of the 1264 battle site; **Priory Trail, Saturday 2pm**, town walk ending with tour of 11th century Priory ruins. Full details on other side of leaflet



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Trinity House (213 High Street) 1607/8 timber-framed building with Georgian façade clad in red mathematical tiles, once the town Armoury and home of the local commander during the Civil War. **Tours Saturday 10.15am, 12.15 and 2.30pm**, max 15 people, book by 3 Sept on website below*



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Fitzroy House (corner of High Street and Friars Walk) Landmark Victorian Gothic building (1862) by Sir George Gilbert Scott, for many years the town library. Rescued from demolition in the 1970s it is now again being refurbished, with the spacious atrium to be used as an arts venue. **Open Thursday 10am-4pm**



14

Harpisichord Workshop (English Passage, off Cliffe High Street). Late 16th century timber-framed building with a crown-post roof, perhaps originally a market hall, extensively rebuilt in 1990 by local architect David Russell. **Open Sunday, 11am-5pm**



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Jireh Chapel (Malling Street) listed Grade I, dates from 1805, enlarged in 1926. 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**



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Lamb House (3 Chapel Hill) Grade II* listed. An opportunity to see the 18th century Chinese lacquer screen rediscovered in this house in the 1960s and restored to its former glory by English Heritage. **Open Sunday, 2pm-5pm**



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Southover Grange (Southover High Street) built in 1572 with Caen stone taken from the demolished Lewes Priory. 16th century fireplaces; main staircase dating from major restoration of 1871. Spacious terrace and garden. **Open Sunday, 10am-2pm**



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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. Its bell came from the former Lewes Naval Prison. Organ recital. **Open Saturday, 2pm-5pm, talk at 3pm. Parking**

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