

Heritage walks and other events during the Heritage Open Days weekend

**Priory Trail** Town walk led by Arthur Franklin ending with a tour of the 11th century Priory ruins, St John's Southover churchyard and Gundrada chapel. Friday, 11am, max 20 people. Gundrada chapel open midday-3pm

**High Street walk** led by Graham Mayhew, will look at how Georgian shop fronts conceal earlier timber-framed buildings and the variety of materials used, notably mathematical tiles. Friday, 2.30pm, max 20 people

**'Flint Man' walk** led by David Smith, will look at the many distinctive styles of flint wall found in Lewes and how they can be conserved. Saturday, 11am, max 15 people

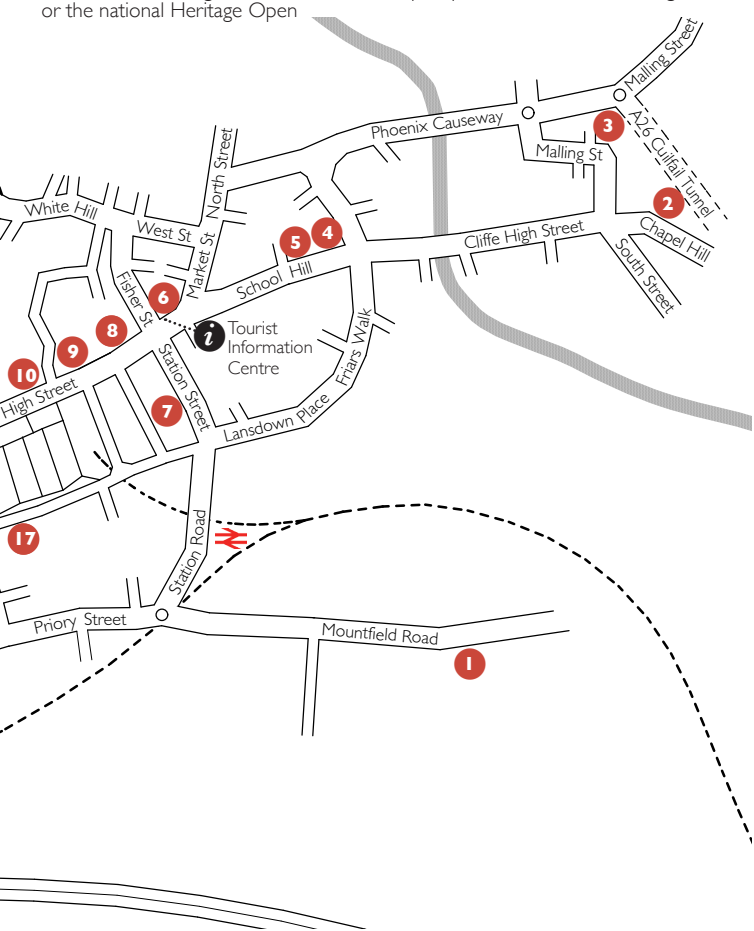
Book above walks by 9 Sept on [friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2019/](http://friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2019/) or the national Heritage Open

Days website. Meet at the Tourist Information Centre

**Reeves Archive photographs** Lightbox images of the High Street 1860-1960, in shop windows around the town. Self-guide leaflet from Edward Reeves or the Tourist Information Centre: runs until 29 Sept

**Baxter's Field** Leafy sanctuary in the heart of Lewes. Guided tours on the history and natural history of the site, visits to an old air-raid shelter, and an archaeological dig. Sunday, 11am to 4pm, tours 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm, access from Bradford Road

**Ride & Stride** Sponsored bike ride or walk on Saturday visiting local churches to raise money for their upkeep. See [rideandstrideuk.org](http://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 [parkopedia.com](http://parkopedia.com) for parking locations in the town

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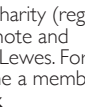
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The Friends of Lewes is a charity (reg no 258756) set up to promote and enhance the townscape of Lewes. For more details, and to become a member, see [friends-of-lewes.org.uk](http://friends-of-lewes.org.uk)

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**Building blocks of Lewes**  
[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)  
[www.friends-of-lewes.org.uk](http://www.friends-of-lewes.org.uk)

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 open nationwide, go to [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

For some events you must book in advance - go to [friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2019/](http://friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2019/) for full details of how to book, and to access booking through Eventbrite for venues marked with a \*

Other venues may be added at short notice - check the website

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



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# Lewes Heritage Open Days 12-15 September 2019



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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 Edward Maufe, designer of Guildford Cathedral and several Sussex churches. Organ recital and showings of video about the memorial's significance. **Open Saturday, 2pm-5pm. Parking**



2

**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 Saturday and Sunday, 2pm-5pm**



3

**Jireh Chapel** (Malling Street) listed Grade I, dates from 1805, enlarged in 1827. 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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**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, 12.15pm and 2.30pm, max 15 people, book by 9 Sept on website below\***



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**Sussex House** (212 High Street) Mid-18th century five-bay town house, a private school in the 1920s and 30s, until recently offices and now restored as a private house. **Tours Saturday, 11am, midday and 2pm, max 15 people, book by 9 Sept on website below\***



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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 about East Street by Lewes History Group. **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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**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. Refreshments. **Open Sunday, 11am-4pm, uneven floors, stairs**



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**Law Courts** (High Street) Originally designed as a County Hall in 1812. Elegant façade in Portland stone with Coade-stone figures representing Wisdom, Justice and Mercy. Ornatly panelled 19th-century court rooms. **Open Saturday, 10.30am-2.30pm, security checks**



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**Barbican House** (169 High Street) the Sussex Archaeological Society's library and museum. Display of historic local photographs and presentation on Lewes Priory stones. **Open Friday, 10.30-11.45am, 1.30-3pm and 3.15-4.30pm, max 12 per tour. Book by 12 Sept on library@sussexpast.co.uk or 01273 405738**



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**The Workshop** (Jonathan Swan, 164 High Street) One of a pair of shops, timbered 18th century interior; jewellery workshop in basement with historic features and display of tools. Surviving details from 20th century use as a butcher's shop. **Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, times 10am-5pm**



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**Edward Reeves** (159 High Street) Believed to be the world's oldest still-existing photographic business, c.1855. Unique Victorian daylight studio and display of archive images. **Open Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm. Pick up a map of shop windows displaying historic lightbox photos of the High Street (see also other side of leaflet)**



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**The Round House** (Pipe Passage) The brick and flint base of an 1802 corn windmill, converted and extended into a private house. 100 years ago it was briefly owned by Virginia and Leonard Woolf, and then sold to John Every. Ground floor open with display of historic material. **Open Sunday, 2pm-5pm**



13

**Freemasons Hall** (149 High Street) 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. Behind in Pipe Passage, the remains of a Victorian clay-pipe kiln. **Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm**



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**Westgate Chapel** (to rear of Bull House, High Street) Grade II\* listed, part of late 16th century town house, altered for use as a non-conformist chapel. Exhibition by Rod Saunders features events from Britain's struggle for democracy and equality. **Open Saturday, 10am-2pm**



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**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, tours, refreshments**



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**The Croft** (off High Street nr St Annes Church) Large 1899 house by Brighton architect Samuel Denman for John Every, owner of the Phoenix iron foundry. Elaborate garden front with 2-storey verandah, main rooms with stained glass, fireplaces and other original features. **Tour Saturday, 2pm, max 15 people, book by 9 Sept on website below\***



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



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**Lewes Prison** (Brighton Road) Imposing Victorian buildings with fine brick and flint walls, like Pentonville's innovative design. **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 6 Sept, email leweshod@gmail.com, max 2 adults per booking, no under 18**