

Guided walks and other events

You must book for all walks and tours - see opposite flap. Walks meet at Lewes House (19 on map) unless otherwise shown.

Frontages and Fashion walk showing how changing tastes affect the look of buildings over centuries, with Sue Berry. Friday and Saturday, 2.30pm.

Quirky Lewes walk with Emma Chaplin visits some of the town's more unusual features. Saturday, 10.30am.

Flintman walk with David Smith looks at Lewes's distinctive flint walls. Saturday, 10am and midday. Meet Castle Barbican.

Clocks of Lewes walk with John Downie looks at church and other public clocks around the town. Saturday, 11am, and Sunday, 10.30am.

Lewes High Street walk with Michael Chartier explores the street's historic buildings, Saturday, 10.15am.

Industries of Lewes walk with Sue Berry recalls past industries near the river, such as shipping, brewing and iron-founding, Sunday, 11am.

Malling Deanery Arboretum (Church Lane, South Malling) Tour of the collection, Sunday, 2pm, meet St Michael's Church, South Malling.

Also over HOD weekend:
Artwave Work by local artists and makers shown in homes and other buildings around Lewes. 2 to 17 September - see artwavefestival.org.

Stories Seen Through a Glass Plate Historic photos of Lewes from the Reeves archive in shop windows around the town. 7 September to 1 October, map guide available.

Smartphone-guided walk
A High Street walk from Cliffe Bridge to Westgate with a map, photos and descriptions of the buildings. Scan this QR code to install the free Izi Travel app.



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 for parking locations

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Lewes Heritage Open Days
8-10 September 2023



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 full list of properties open nationwide, see heritageopendays.org.uk

Booking
For all walks and for buildings where you must book in advance, go to friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2023/ or scan this QR code for full details.



See listings on heritageopendays.org.uk for fuller details, as well as any late changes to the programme.

Lewes House (32 High Street, 19 on map) meeting point for most guided walks. Open Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm with exhibitions by Friends of Lewes and Lewes History Group, and refreshments in the garden.

Lewes Castle (see front cover, 20 on map) Norman motte and bailey castle with wide views of the South Downs. Explore the Museum of Sussex Archaeology in the 16th century Barbican House. Open Friday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm, free timed entry, see sussexpast.co.uk.

House of Friendship (208 High Street, 21 on map) open Friday to Sunday 10am-4pm for refreshments and exhibition about the building.



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Lewes Heritage Open Days 8-10 September 2023



1
Priory School Chapel (Mountfield Road, between Priory School and East Sussex College) War Memorial chapel (1960) by Edward Maufe, designer of Guildford Cathedral and several Sussex churches.
Open Saturday, 1pm-5pm. Parking



2
The Rusty House (South Street) This award-winning 2015 house designed by Sandy Rendel has featured on Grand Designs. The Corten steel skin, with its warm, naturally reddish-brown colour, references the town's industrial past.
Open Sunday, 10am-5pm



3
Jireh Chapel (Malling Street) Grade I listed chapel dating from 1805, enlarged in 1827, and still in regular use. The simple interior has galleries with corner staircases, plastered vault ceiling, octagonal pulpit and pine box-pews.
Open Saturday, 10am-4pm



4
St Thomas à Becket Church (Cliffe High Street) Grade II* church, probably founded as a chapel soon after the martyr's death in 1170. 14th century nave arcade and 15th century tower. 1670 clock by Ditchling blacksmith James Looker.
Tours Friday and Saturday, 11.30am, must book, max 12 people



5
Harpsichord Workshop (English Passage, off Cliffe High Street). Late 16th century timber-framed building with crown-post roof, perhaps originally a market hall, rebuilt in 1990 by local architect David Russell.
Open Saturday, 10am-4pm



6
Harveys Brewery (off Cliffe High Street) is the oldest independent brewery in Sussex and its distinctive Victorian tower is a local landmark.
Tours Friday 6.30pm and Saturday midday, must book, max 25 people, meet near Harveys shop



7
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, it was rescued from demolition in the 1970s.
Open Friday and Saturday, 10am-4pm, Sunday, 11am-4pm. Talk on the building, Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 4pm, must book



8
Trinity House (213 High Street) 1607/8 timber-framed building with Georgian facade clad in red mathematical tiles. Once the town armoury and home of the local commander during the Civil War.
Tours Saturday 10.30am and 2.30pm, must book, max 15 people



9
Crown Court (High Street) Originally designed as the County Hall in 1812, it has a neo-classical facade in Portland stone with Coad-stone figures representing Wisdom, Justice and Mercy. Panelled 19th century court rooms.
Open Saturday, 10am-2pm, security checks



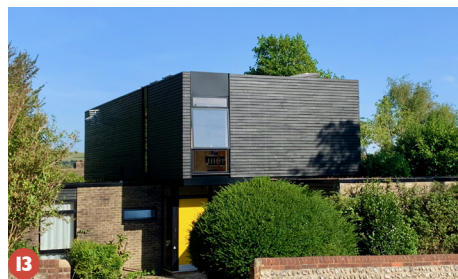
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George Justice (12a Market Street) originally part of a late 18th century stables, converted into houses and offices in the 1830s. This furniture restoration workshop has been here since 1919.
Open Friday and Saturday, 10am-4pm, Sunday, 11am-4pm



11
Town Hall (High Street) once the Star Inn, rebuilt in the 1890s with facade by Brighton-born architect Samuel Denman. Medieval vaults, Jacobean staircase, Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour.
Open Sunday, 10am-2pm



12
Edward Reeves (159 High Street) Unique Victorian photographic studio and display of archive portraits. **Friday to Sunday, 11am-4pm.** Nearby, **The Workshop** (164 High Street) Timbered 18th century interior; basement jewellery workshop with historic features. **Friday and Saturday, 9.30am-5pm**



13
4 Park Road This 1961 single-storey house (by Lewes architectural practice John Schwerdt & Partners) has a recent first-storey addition designed by the current owner Jolyon Brewis.
Open Saturday, 11am-3pm



14
Freemasons Hall (149 High Street) 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.
Open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm



15
Bull House (92 High Street) 15th century timber-framed house, once lived in by Thomas Paine, author of The Rights of Man and a key influence in the American War of Independence.
Open Friday to Sunday, 11am-2pm



16
Southover Grange (Southover High Street) built in 1572 with Caen stone from the demolished Lewes Priory. 16th century fireplaces, main staircase dating from major restoration of 1871, terrace and garden.
Open Friday, 9.30am-midday



17
Anne of Cleves House (52 Southover High Street) 15th Century timber-framed Wealden hall house, part of Queen Anne's annulment settlement from Henry VIII. Historic interiors and many items of Sussex interest.
Open Friday to Sunday, 11am-3pm



18
Ashcombe Windmill (off map) The 1828 post-mill on Kingston Ridge near Lewes was destroyed in a gale in 1916. This replica of the original completed in 2015 has panoramic views over the South Downs.
Tours Saturday 11am and 2.30pm, must book, max 12 people. 30 minutes walk via Juggs Road, see website for details and directions by car

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