

Guided walk times

For more details of the walks see inside, or the website. You must book in advance - see opposite flap. Meet at Lewes House (19 on map) except where otherwise shown.

**Transporting Lewes River, road and railway** with Sue Berry, Friday 10.30am and Sunday 10.30am; **Lewes railway stations** with Robert Cheesman, Saturday 10am and midday; **The railway and Lewes Priory** with Chris Grove, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2.30pm, meet Priory grounds west entrance in Cockshut Road

**New Ideas walk** with Sue Berry, Friday 2.30pm and Saturday 2.30pm  
**Religious fashions walk** Saturday 10.30am and Sunday 2.30pm

**Flintman walk** with David Smith, Saturday, 10am and midday, meet Castle Barbican

**Clocks walk** with John Downie, Saturday, 11am, Sunday, 10.30am  
**Quirky Lewes walk** with Emma Chaplin, Saturday, 10.15am  
**Lewes High Street walk** with Michael Chartier, Saturday, 10.30am

**Other events this weekend**  
**Artwave** Work by local artists and makers shown in homes and other buildings around Lewes. 7 to 22 September - see artwavefestival.org.

**Eco Open Homes**  
Saturday and Sunday, visit homes in Lewes and Barcombe to learn about the energy-saving solutions they have installed. See ovesco.co.uk.

**Lewes racecourse exhibition**  
It's 60 years since the town's once famous racecourse closed. Show of memorabilia exploring its history at St Mary's Social Centre, Christie Road, Saturday 2pm-5pm. £5 on the door.

**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 access information.

Lewes is well-served by public transport. See [parkopedia.com](http://parkopedia.com) for car-park details

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Lewes Heritage Open Days  
13-15 September 2024



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Heritage Open Days gives free access to properties that are usually closed to the public, or charge for admission

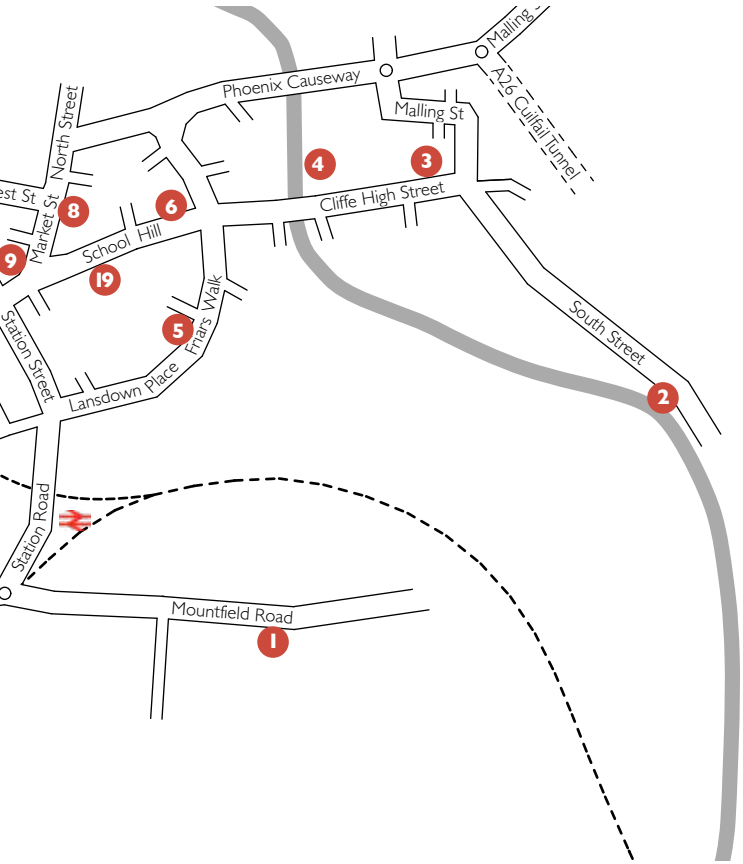
For a full list of properties open nationwide, see [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

**Booking**  
For events needing advance booking go to [friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2024/](http://friends-of-lewes.org.uk/hod2024/) or scan this QR code for full details. At other sites you may need to wait or come back later:



Some buildings have stairs and some walks include steep or uneven streets - see the listings on [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk) for details, plus late changes to the programme.

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





# Lewes Heritage Open Days 13-15 September 2024



**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. Talks, displays, organ music and bell-ringing.  
**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 Saturday, 10am-5pm**



**3**  
**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 Sunday midday, must book, max 25 people, meet near Harveys shop**  
**Tours Friday and Saturday, 11.30am, must book, max 12 people**



**4**  
**Harveys Brewery** (off Cliffe High Street) is the oldest independent brewery in Sussex and its distinctive Victorian tower is a local landmark.  
**Tour Sunday midday, must book, max 25 people, meet near Harveys shop**



**5**  
**Quaker Meeting House** (Friars Walk, entrance in Styles Way) Grade II listed, dating from 1784 with later additions. Original room for Quaker worship remains, with other parts extended and refurbished in 2022-24.  
**Open Saturday, 9.30am-4pm**



**6**  
**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 1pm, must book, max 15 people**



**7**  
**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-2.30pm, security checks**



**8**  
**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.  
**We are sorry that this venue is now unable to open this year.**



**9**  
**Town Hall** (High Street) once the Star Inn, rebuilt 1890s. Medieval vaults, Jacobean staircase, council chamber and Mayor's parlour. **Sunday, 11am-4pm.** Nearby, **Networks** (Fisher Street), 1914 municipal offices, now workspaces. Ornate facade, stained glass and upper room with fine vaulted ceiling. **Friday to Saturday, 8.30am-4pm, Sunday, 9am-3pm. Café**



**10**  
**The Workshop** (164 High Street) One of a pair of shops with timbered 18th century interior; basement jewellery workshop with historic features and display of tools. Surviving details from 20th century use as a butcher's shop.  
**Open Friday and Saturday, 9.30am-5pm**



**11**  
**Lewes Castle** (High Street) Norman motte and bailey castle with fine views of the South Downs, 16th century Barbican House and museum. **Open Friday to Sunday, 10am-5pm.** Nearby, 15th century timber-framed **Bull House**, once home of Tom Paine, key player in the American Revolution. **Open Friday to Sunday, 10am-3pm**



**12**  
**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**



**13**  
**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, 10am-4pm. Café**



**14**  
**Malling Deanery Arboretum** (Church Lane, South Malling, not on map, see website for directions) Guided walk around this collection in a little-known corner of Lewes close to the River Ouse. Mostly planted in the 1970s, with some much older trees.  
**Sunday, 2pm, must book, meet S Malling Church**



**15**  
**'Transporting Lewes' walks** Sue Berry shows how **River, road and railway** links changed the town over the centuries; Robert Cheesman looks at the history of **Lewes railway stations**; Chris Grove on how rail's arrival impacted historic **Lewes Priory**. **Must book, for times see map side**



**16**  
**New ideas walk** How Georgian and Victorian architectural taste changed Lewes; **Religious fashions walk** How new approaches to worship affected the town's many churches and chapels over time. Both walks led by Sue Berry.  
**Must book, for times see map side**



**17**  
**Flintman walk** with David Smith looks at Lewes's distinctive flint walls and how they can be conserved; **Clocks walk** with John Downie looks at church and other public clocks around the town.  
**Must book, for times see map side**



**18**  
**Quirky Lewes walk** with Emma Chaplin reveals some of the town's more unusual features; learn about Lewes's historic buildings on the **High Street walk** with Michael Chartier.  
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