

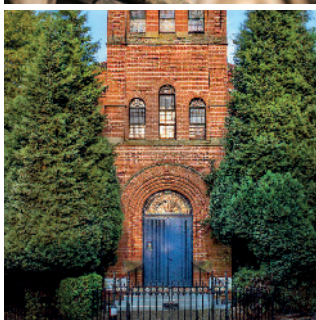
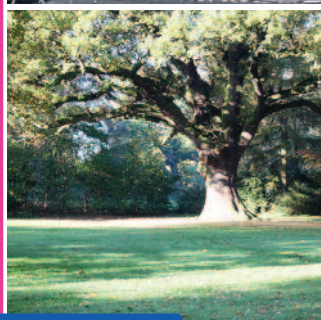
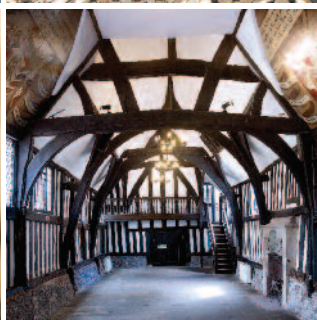
Friday 10 - Sunday 19 September 2021

Your once a year opportunity to discover
Leicester's hidden heritage



heritage open days

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Leicester
visitleicester.info

heritageopendays.org.uk



Yet again, our Heritage Open Days provide the opportunity for Leicester to showcase its remarkable 2000-year history.

Leicester's heritage buildings, parks, businesses, creative venues and faith buildings will once again stage events to reveal their stories and unseen heritage to visitors. Leicester has so many hidden historical gems and stories to discover.

The programme is again made possible by the dedication and enthusiasm of volunteers that the city is very fortunate to have. They generously share their passion for our local history by providing access and staging events encouraging people to discover and appreciate the rich, diverse culture and heritage of our city.

This brochure provides all the information you need about the open days. Whether you are visiting Leicester, or you are a tourist in your own city, I hope you enjoy the city and what it has to offer.

Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

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| At Risk War Memorials Project | 2pm - 5pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| At Risk War Memorials Project | 3pm - 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

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| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Belgrave Hall Guided Tour | Tours: 11.15am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm and 3pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Granby Street Conservation Area Walking Tour | 2pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel | 10am - 5pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LCB Creative Family Day | 12noon - 4pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Cathedral Richard III Tour | Tours: 12noon and 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Central Library Transport | 10am - 1pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heritage Day | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| At Risk War Memorials Project | 10am - 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Print Workshop Old Type Letter Press Activity | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Royal Infirmary | Tours: 10am and 12noon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester St George's Serbian Orthodox Church | 10am - 5pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Magazine Gateway | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Margaret's Church | 10am - 4pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Belgrave Hall Guided Tour | Tours: 11.15am, 12.30pm, 1.45pm and 3pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel | 10am - 5pm | | | | ✓ | | |
| Grey Friars Legal Quarter Walking Tour | Tours: 11am, 1pm and 3pm | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| At Risk War Memorials Project | 2.30pm - 5pm | | | | ✓ | | |
| Guildhall Guided Tour | Tours: 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Magazine Gateway | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Secular Hall Open Day | 10am - 4pm | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

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| Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine Tour | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Abbey Pumping Station Transport Shed Tour | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Winstanley House | 11am - 4pm | | | | ✓ | | |
| Y Heritage Summer Fete | 11am, 2pm and 5pm | | | ✓ | | | |

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

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| Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine Tour | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Abbey Pumping Station Transport Shed Tour | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | | | | | | ✓ |
| LCB Depot and Makers' Yard Guided Tour | 10am | | | ✓ | | | |
| Leicester Abbey Guided Walk | 10.30am | | | ✓ | | | |
| Leicester Cathedral History of Medicine Tour | 2pm | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Leicester Cathedral Pilgrimage Tour | 12noon | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Leicester Guildhall Guided Tour | Tours: 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| The City Rooms | 11am - 4pm | | | | | ✓ | |
| Winstanley House | 11am - 4pm | | | | | ✓ | |
| Y Heritage Summer Fete | 11am, 2pm and 5pm | | | ✓ | | | |

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

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| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Castle Hill Country Park Heritage Walk | 2pm | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Granby Street Conservation Area Walking Tour | 2pm | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| High Street Heritage Action Zone | 1pm - 3pm | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| LCB Depot and Makers' Yard Guided Tour | 10am | | | ✓ | | | |
| Leicester Cathedral Richard III Tour | 2pm | | | ✓ | | | |
| Winstanley House | 11am - 4pm | | | | | ✓ | |
| Y Heritage Summer Fete | 11am, 2pm and 5pm | | | ✓ | | | |

THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

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| Abbey Pumping Station Beam Engine Tour | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Abbey Pumping Station Transport Shed Tour | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Church Gate Conservation Area Walking Tour | 2pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes ISKCON | Talk: 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| LCB Depot and Makers' Yard Guided Tour | 10am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Abbey Guided Walk | 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Cathedral Carved in Stone Tour | 12noon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The City Rooms | 11am - 4pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Western Park Heritage Walk | 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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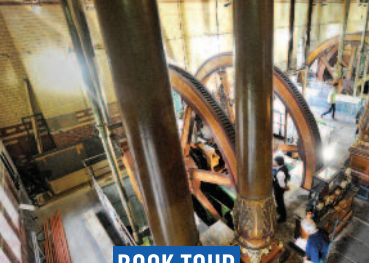
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| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes ISKCON | 12noon - 4pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Cathedral Richard III Tour | 12noon | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes ISKCON | 11am - 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Civic Society | 10.30am - 6pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Civic Society Heritage Walk | 10.30am | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Civic Society Heritage Talks | 1.30pm-3.30pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester St George's Serbian Orthodox Church | 10am - 5pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Magazine Gateway | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

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| Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour | 8am - 7pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Church Gate Conservation Area Walking Tour | 2pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Grey Friars Legal Quarter Walking Tour | Tours: 11am, 1pm and 3pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Secular Hall Open Day | 10am - 4pm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Leicester Synagogue | 10am - 4pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Magazine Gateway | Tours: 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stoneygate Tram Depot | 11am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



BOOK TOUR

Abbey Pumping Station Museum

Corporation Road,
Leicester, LE4 5PX

**Monday 13, Tuesday 14
and Thursday 16 September**
Tours: 11am, 12noon, 2pm
and 3pm

Beam Engine Tour

Join Leicester Museums Technology Association volunteers at Leicester's Museum of Science and Technology, displaying Leicester's industrial, technological and scientific heritage. They will conduct tours of the Beam Engine house detailing the various construction and operation aspects of the Beam Engines, including their historical significance at the time of manufacture.

Transport Shed Tour

Delve into the Abbey Pumping Station's Transport Shed to discover an array of fascinating vehicles. Join Leicester Museums Technology Association volunteers for a tour of several historic vehicles including the Aveling & Porter Steam Roller, Bagnall Steam Locomotive "Leonard", Leicester Corporation buses, Dennis Fire Engines F8 and F7 and many more.

Tours last 1 hour. Transport shed tour is more suited to adults.

Max 10 people per tour.

Booking Details:

To book please visit
W: [leicestermuseums.
arttickets.org.uk](http://leicestermuseums.arttickets.org.uk)

For further information:

W: [leicestermuseums.org/
abbeypumpingstation](http://leicestermuseums.org/abbeypumpingstation)
E: aps@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 454 1292



NEW DROP IN

Belgrave Cemetery Self-Guided Tour

Belgrave Cemetery, Red Hill
Way, Leicester, LE4 3EX

**Friday 10 September -
Sunday 19 September**
8am - 7pm

Explore this Victorian Cemetery at your own pace, guided by information points. Belgrave Cemetery was opened in 1881 and offers visitors 5.5 acres of natural beauty and many testaments to the stonemason's art.

If you have a smartphone with a QR code reader, you can hear a spoken commentary telling you more about what you can see and who is buried beneath your feet.

For further information:

E: nickfathers@sky.com
W: [friendsofbelgrave
cemetery.org.uk](http://friendsofbelgravecemetery.org.uk)



BOOK TOUR

Belgrave Hall Guided Tour

Church Road, Leicester,
LE4 5PE

**Saturday 11 and Sunday
12 September**
Tours: 11.15am, 12.30pm,
1.45pm and 3pm

An 18th century period house surrounded by historic walled gardens; Belgrave Hall provides an oasis of tranquillity. Located in the Belgrave Conservation Area, the hall is surrounded by fascinating historic buildings including the National School, Cross Corners and St Peter's Church. Join a guided tour of the hall and see areas which aren't normally open to members of the public.

No age restrictions however very young children may quickly lose interest. Unfortunately, there is only wheelchair access to the ground floor and gardens. Max 15 people per tour.

Booking Details: To book please visit

W: [leicestermuseums.
arttickets.org.uk](http://leicestermuseums.arttickets.org.uk)

For further information:

W: [leicestermuseums.org/
belgravehall](http://leicestermuseums.org/belgravehall)
E: belgrave.hall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 229 8181



NEW BOOK TOUR

Castle Hill Country Park Heritage Walk

Astill Lodge Road entrance, LE4 1BA - meet beside the 'Love Parks' flagpole

Wednesday 15 September 2pm

Leicester's largest and perhaps least known park. The park has over 100 hectares of grassland and woodland. There are two scheduled monuments in the park. The Castle Hill earthworks, associated with the Knights Hospitaller and King Williams bridge; an old pack horse bridge which spans the Rothley Brook.

Led by a Parks Officer, the walk provides an insight into the park's history and development, with reference to site archaeology, landscape features and woodland management over the years. Including reference to earlier medieval deer parks and development of the historic Beaumont Leys Estate.

The walk also provides an insight into modern day park management, recent conservation and heritage initiatives and on-going environmental improvement works, many carried out in partnership with Leicester Environmental Volunteers.

The walk route incorporates gravelled tracks, mown paths and woodland trails, with some slopes.

The walk lasts approximately 3 hours. Max 12 people.

Booking Details: To book please contact Visit Leicester.
E: info@visitleicester.info
T: 0116 299 4444

Please leave a message and a member of staff will return your call as soon as possible.

For further information:
W: leicester.gov.uk/parks

NEW DROP IN

Church Gate Conservation Area Walking Tour

Meet at the Clock Tower, Leicester, LE1 1ST

Thursday 16 and Sunday 19 September 2pm

A walking tour of the Church Gate Conservation Area. It will cover archaeology, history themes and reference the ongoing Heritage Action Zone on Church Gate and Granby Street, showcasing some of the projects currently under way. A "spot the detail" handout will also be available for children.

**Suitable for all ages.
Tours last 30 minutes.
Max 25 people per tour.**

ONLINE

De Montfort Hall Behind the Scenes

demontforthall.co.uk

Friday 10 - Sunday 19 September

Go behind the scenes of one of England's busiest and most popular live entertainment touring venues with an online backstage tour.

De Montfort Hall, nestled next to Victoria Park, has been entertaining the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and beyond for nearly 110 years and is a Grade II listed building.

A purpose-built concert hall, we present a diverse and exciting programme of touring west-end musicals, opera, dance, rock and pop gigs, comedy, family shows, classical concerts and more.

Join our online tour and learn little known facts about the hall and its history and explore, from the comfort of your own home, the areas you don't usually get to see or experience.

Booking Details:
To join please visit:
W: demontforthall.co.uk



NEW DROP IN

Granby Street Conservation Area Walking Tour

**Meet outside the Merchant
of Venice, 173-175 Granby
Street, Leicester, LE1 6FE**

**Saturday 11 and
Wednesday 15 September
2pm**

A walking tour of the
Granby Street Conservation
Area and beyond.

The walk will cover the
history of retail buildings in
Granby Street and the
temperance movement in
Leicester and associated
buildings, with brief
diversions to the Baptist
Chapel on Belvoir Street
and Halford House the
former Temperance Building
Society HQ on Charles
Street.

The walk will also reference
the ongoing Heritage Action
Zone on Church Gate and
Granby Street, showcasing
some of the projects
currently under way.

**Suitable for all ages.
Max 25 people per tour.**



DROP IN

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel

**45 East Bond Street,
Leicester, LE1 4SX**

**Saturday 11 and Sunday
12 September
10am - 5pm**

The Great Meeting
Unitarian Chapel is the
earliest brick building of
significance in Leicester.
Originally built by
dissenters in 1708, it still
stands witness to reason,
freedom and tolerance in
religion. A series of plaques
commemorate the lives of
prominent Leicester
citizens.



NEW BOOK TOUR

Grey Friars Legal Quarter Walking Tour

**Meet at the junction of
Millstone Lane and
Wycliffe Street, Leicester,
LE1 5LS**

**Sunday 12 and Sunday 19
September
Tours: 11am, 1pm and 3pm**

A walking tour of the Grey
Friars legal quarter -
Millstone Lane, Wycliffe
Street, Friar Lane, New Street
and Peacock Lane with a
commentary covering the
period 1750 – 2021. The
legal history of Grey Friars is
one of tour guide Andrew
Harper's current research
interests.

**The tour lasts between
45 minutes and 1 hour,
suitable for all adults and
young people.**

Max 20 people per tour.

**Booking Details:
To book please contact
Visit Leicester
E: info@visitleicester.info
T: 0116 299 4444
Please leave a message
and a member of staff will
return your call as soon as
possible.**

**For further information:
W: [greyfriarsheritage.
org.uk/history/new-street](http://greyfriarsheritage.org.uk/history/new-street)**



NEW ONLINE

High Street Heritage Action Zone Virtual Newsroom

Granby Street and Church Gate, Leicester

**Wednesday 15 September
1pm - 3pm**

Find out about Leicester's High Street Heritage Action Zone, Building Roots campaign, cultural events programme and how you can help to make Granby Street and Church Gate more attractive, engaging and vibrant places to live, work and spend time.

A two-hour newsroom live streamed via the Documentary Media Centre's Facebook page. Drop in anytime to hear interviews with local businesses, updates on restoration projects, local history and young people involved in the project.

Booking Details:
To book please visit facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063774090811



DROP IN

ISKCON, former Leicestershire Banking Corporation HQ

31 Granby Street, Leicester, LE1 6EJ

**Thursday 16 September
6pm Talk on the history of Granby Street**

**Friday 17 September
12noon - 4pm Drop in and public consultation
Saturday 18 September
11am - 2pm Drop in**

This former bank, the HQ of the Leicestershire Banking Corporation, is a gem of the Victorian era. It was built in 1874 and is a masterpiece of Joseph Goddard. You can come and see the grand Banking Hall, have a wander around the building and hear about plans for its development.

For further information:
W: iskconleicester.org
E: pradip@iskconleicester.org



BOOK TOUR DROP IN

LCB Depot and Makers' Yard Guided Tour and Family Day

31 Rutland Street, Leicester, LE1 1RE

**Creative Family Day:
Saturday 11 September
12noon - 4pm
Tours: Tuesday 14,
Wednesday 15 and Thursday
16 September
10am**

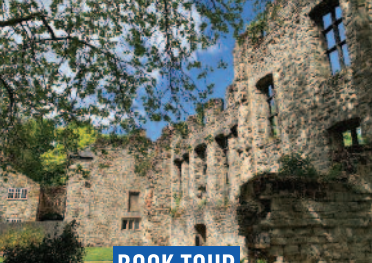
Discover the history and see behind the scenes in a combined tour of Leicester Creative Business (LCB) Depot that was previously Leicester City Bus depot, remodelled in 2004 into a workspace hub for creative businesses and the Makers' Yard a former hosiery factory/warehouse opened in 2013 as studios for designer-makers. Tours start at the LCB Depot and then go onto the Makers' Yard.

Visitors can also enjoy refreshments at our café-bar Grays. Look out for special Leicestershire dishes during the HODs festival!

The Creative Family Day is aimed at children and families. Some stairs at Makers' Yard are quite steep and narrow.
Max 20 people per tour.

Booking Details:
Family Day: Drop in event
Tours: To book your place please contact LCB Depot
E: info@lcbdepot.co.uk
T: 0116 261 6800 or pop in to LCB Depot Reception Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

For further information:
W: lcbdepot.co.uk



BOOK TOUR

Leicester Abbey Guided Walks

Abbey Grounds car park in
Abbey Park, opposite Pets
Corner by the ruins, LE4 5AP

Tuesday 14 September

Tour: 10.30am

Thursday 16 September

Tour: 2pm

Take a guided tour of the Leicester Abbey ruins. Learn about the different rooms, what it would have been like to live there, what the rooms were used for and what was found during excavations.

The tour is more suitable for adults and takes around 90 minutes to complete. It includes 6 steep steps with a handrail but is mostly on the flat with little opportunity for shade and seating. Therefore, please wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear, bring water and wear sunscreen and or a sunhat. Max 10 people per tour.

Booking Details:
To book please
E: Lev@leicester.gov.uk up
to 2 days before the event.

For further information:
W: leicester.gov.uk/parks



NEW BOOK TOUR

Leicester Cathedral Carved in Stone Tour

Leicester Cathedral
Peacock Lane, Leicester,
LE1 5PZ

Thursday 16 September

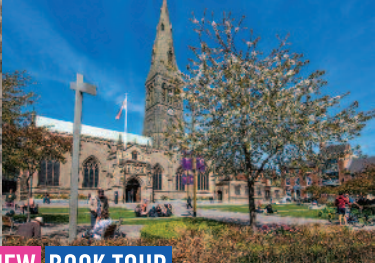
Tour: 12noon

This tour explores the stone of Leicester Cathedral, from the ancient to the present day. Taking in the visible remnants of its Norman origins and paying homage to the Romans, the tour will focus primarily on the Medieval and Victorian eras whilst also looking carefully at the tomb of Richard III.

Family groups welcome.
Max 8 people.

Booking Details:
To book please
E: Rebecca.Hale@Leicester.CofE.org

For further information:
W: leicestercathedral.org
T: 0116 261 5362



NEW BOOK TOUR

Leicester Cathedral History of Medicine and Links to St Martin's Parish Tour

Leicester Cathedral
Peacock Lane, Leicester,
LE1 5PZ

Tuesday 14 September

Tour: 2pm

The history of medicine is rich and varied. This tour looks at the superstitions at the heart of medical care during the Middle Ages, the role of the church in ministering to the sick and how this changed over the centuries. Local eminent figures with connections to the Cathedral and its parish also add interest to this fascinating tour.

Family groups welcome.
Max 8 people.

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NEW BOOK TOUR

Leicester Cathedral Pilgrimage Tour

Leicester Cathedral,
Peacock Lane, Leicester,
LE1 5PZ

Tuesday 14 September
Tour: 12noon

The act of pilgrimage, or taking a journey in search of meaning, has gained new prominence in recent years. This tour explores the history of pilgrimage, focusing particularly on St Martin's Church as a place of pilgrimage during the Middle Ages. More broadly, it focuses on those aspects that draw the modern visitor in reverence and prayer and what this tells us about ourselves.

Family groups welcome.
Max 8 people.

Booking Details:
To book please
E: [Rebecca.Hale@](mailto:Rebecca.Hale@Leicester.CofE.org)
[Leicester.CofE.org](mailto:Rebecca.Hale@Leicester.CofE.org)

For further information:
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BOOK TOUR

Leicester Cathedral Richard III Tours

Leicester Cathedral,
Peacock Lane, Leicester,
LE1 5PZ

Saturday 11 September
12noon & 2pm
Wednesday 15 September
2pm
Friday 17 September
12noon

Leicester Cathedral is the site of Richard III's burial. The tour takes in the tomb, the Richard III redemption windows and the pall that covered the coffin whilst he lay in repose.

Family groups welcome.
Max 8 people.

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[Leicester.CofE.org](mailto:Rebecca.Hale@Leicester.CofE.org)

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NEW DROP IN

Leicester Central Library – Transport Heritage Day

Central Library,
Bishop Street, Leicester,
LE1 6AA

Saturday 11 September
10am - 1pm

During this event there will be the opportunity to talk to local experts and see documents and items relating to the transport history of the city.

For further information:
T: 0116 299 5440



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DROP IN

Leicester City, County & Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project

The Chancel, behind All Saints Church, Highcross Street, Leicester, LE1 4PH

Thursday 9 September
2pm - 5pm

Friday 10 September
3pm - 6pm

Saturday 11 September
10am - 6pm

Sunday 12 September
2.30pm - 5pm

View over 45 different types of war memorials which have been taken into care from closed churches, chapels, clubs and factories which otherwise would have been lost. Each one has a story board telling of its history and how it was rescued, often in dramatic circumstances. Past visitors have discovered ancestors and have had the opportunity to see their family members honoured.

All ages welcome.
Max 30 people at a time.

For further information:
W: atriskwarmemorials.co.uk
E: mail@atriskwarmemorials.co.uk



NEW DROP IN

Leicester Civic Society - Celebrating 50 years of Championing Leicester's Built Heritage

St Mary De Castro Church,
Castle View, Leicester,
LE1 5WH

Saturday 18 September
10.30am - 6pm

Tours/talks at various times

All Day: Displays and information about Leicester Civic Society
Tour: 10.30am - 12.30pm:

A heritage walk, starting at the London Road Train Station, exploring South Highfields, a Victorian suburb. Led by Richard Warren.

Talk: 1.30pm - 2.30pm: "Homes Fit for Heroes" a talk by Ned Newitt on the provision of quality council housing and gardens in Leicester after the First World War.

Talk: 3.30pm - 4.30pm: "Kenneth Browne's Townscape of Leicester" a talk by Mike Taylor (Quality of Leicester author).

Leicester Civic Society Awards: 5pm
Best Heritage Restoration, Best New Building Design, The Best Heritage Champion in Leicester.

Leicester Civic Society, founded in 1971, have planned a day of celebration to be held in the beautiful St Mary De Castro's Church. There will be the opportunity to look around the ancient, Grade I listed church, located within the former bailey of Leicester Castle.

Refreshments can be purchased throughout the day.

Booking Details: For the heritage walk starting from London Road Train Station, booking is required on arrival. Max 25 people per tour (first come first served).



BOOK TOUR

Leicester Guildhall Guided Tour

Guildhall Lane, Leicester,
LE1 5FQ

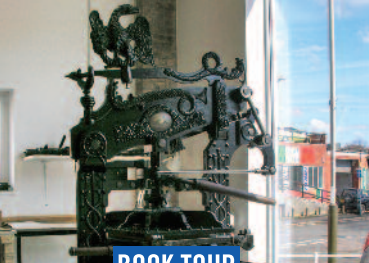
Sunday 12 and Tuesday
14 September
Tours: 11.30am, 1.30pm
and 3.30pm

Built in 1390, a Guildhall tour will take you on a trip through time. Discover the many uses of the site down the centuries. Its first role as a meeting place for the Guild of Corpus Christi to the Police Cells dating back to the Victorians.

Suitable for all ages. The upper floor is accessible only via steps with a hand rail. Uneven floors relative to the age of the building.

Booking Details:
To book please visit
W: leicestermuseums.arttickets.org.uk

For further information:
W: leicestermuseums.org/leicesterguildhall
E: the-guildhall@leicester.gov.uk
T: 0116 253 2569



BOOK TOUR

Leicester Print Workshop Old Type Letterpress Activity

Leicester Print Workshop,
50 St George Street,
Leicester, LE1 1QG

Saturday 11 September
Tours: 11am, 12pm, 1pm,
2pm and 3pm

Come and see how
letterpress was printed on
the Leicester Print
Workshop's amazing
Columbian press and try
your hand at printing using
a beautiful collection of
wooden type.

Tours last 45 minutes.

Booking Details:
To book please contact
Leicester Print Workshop
E: k.kneller@leicesterprintworkshop.com
T: 0116 251 4174

For further information:
W: leicesterprintworkshop.com
T: 0116 251 4174



NEW BOOK TOUR

Leicester Royal Infirmary - 250th Anniversary

Victoria Building Entrance,
Infirmary Road, Leicester,
LE1 5WW

Saturday 11 September
Tours: 10am and 12noon

2021 is the 250th
anniversary of the opening of
the Leicester Royal Infirmary.
Find out more about the
history of the hospital and go
on a tour around the historic
areas of the site. Some
heritage artefacts will be on
display for people to view
and hold.

Tours last 1 hour 30 minutes.
Max 10 people per tour.

Booking Details:
To book please contact
Visit Leicester:
E: info@visitleicester.info
T: 0116 299 4444
Please leave a message and
a member of staff will return
your call as soon as possible.

Tour is not suitable for
children.

For further information:
E: ArtsandHeritage@UHL@uhl-tr.nhs.uk



DROP IN

Leicester Synagogue

40 Highfield St, Leicester,
LE2 1AD

Sunday 19 September
10am - 4pm

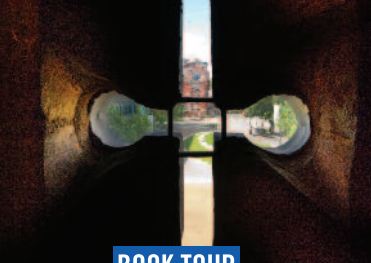
The Orthodox Jewish
Synagogue is over 120 years
old and is a Grade II listed
building.

Work has been completed
recently in creating a Visitor
Centre with the help of a
substantial grant from the
National Lottery Heritage
Fund.

There will be informal tours
around the building
together with explanations
by members of the
community about its use
and the Jewish faith.

All ages welcome.

For further information:
W: jewish-leicester.co.uk
T: 0116 271 5603



BOOK TOUR

Magazine Gateway - Guided Tour

Newarke Gateway
(Magazine), Oxford Street,
Leicester, LE1 5WH

Saturday 11, Sunday 12,
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19
September

Tours: 11am, 12pm 1pm
and 2pm

The Magazine Gateway, a building people regularly walk, cycle and drive past, opens its doors for Blue Badge guided tours.

Originally a 15th century gateway into the former Newarke religious precinct, this building was later used as a munitions store during the English Civil War. The tour includes fascinating architectural features and graffiti dating back to the 16th century.

Not suitable for young children, or those with mobility issues.
Max 8 people tour.

Booking Details:
To book your place contact
Newarke Houses Museum
T: 0116 225 4980



DROP IN

Secular Hall Open Day

75 Humberstone Gate,
Leicester, LE1 1WB

Sunday 12 and Sunday 19
September
10am - 4pm

Leicester Secular Hall, a Grade II listed building, opened in 1881 and is home of Leicester Secular Society, the oldest Secular Society in the world. Find out more about the history of the society and its hall in the special exhibition and information leaflets. There will be guided tours of the building with an opportunity to see old Dutch tiles which are not usually on view.

Ned Newitt will be presenting a display of historic images of what is now the Cultural Quarter. This will include pictures of the old Wholesale Market area and Humberstone Gate.

Children welcome, but more suitable for ages 12+.

For further information:
W: leicestersecularsociety.org.uk
E: events@lsec.org.uk



NEW DROP IN

St George's Serbian Orthodox Church

Rutland Street, Leicester,
LE1 1RD

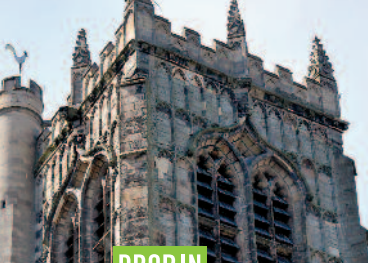
Saturday 11 and Saturday
18 September
10am - 5pm

St George's was the first church built in Leicester since the Reformation. Built in 1823-7 by William Parsons; the chancel was added by Sir Arthur Blomfield in 1879.

The church was adopted in 1983 by the Serbian Community in Leicester. The church continues to serve the people of the Christian Orthodox faith today with services held regularly on most Sunday mornings.

Take an opportunity to see this beautiful church and look through the altar at the breathtaking stained glass windows.

Children to be supervised by a responsible adult.



DROP IN

St Margaret's Church

**St Margaret's Way,
Leicester, LE3 3EB**

**Saturday 11 September
10am - 4pm**

St Margaret's Church opens its doors and welcomes you to visit and discover what lies within.

A large Medieval church steeped in local history. Visitors are invited to search for the wooden church mouse and enjoy the Victorian stained glass windows. See monuments of well known people and in the churchyard the tomb of Lord Rollo. See extremely old and rare items of furniture, including a tithe chest which is complete with nail head decorations. The North Aisle also has a Children's Corner.

**For further information:
W: stmargaretsleicester.com**



ONLINE

Stoneygate Tram Depot

**Sunday 19 September
11am**

Hear the fascinating story of the Edwardian Tram Depot located on London Road through a Zoom presentation. Opened in 1904 it was only a Tram Depot for 18 years. Over the next 99 years it has had many uses including a period as a Railway Museum. The depot is now looked after by the Leicester Transport Heritage Trust who have big plans for its future.

**To receive the Zoom meeting
invitation e-mail:
mikegreenwood@ltht.org.uk**



DROP IN

The City Rooms

**16 Hotel St, Leicester,
LE1 5AW**

**Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16
11am - 4pm**

The City Rooms are opening their grand doors to reveal the beauty of the inside of the building. The City Rooms is a Georgian Grade I listed venue in the heart of Leicester city centre. Built in 1792 it has undergone major restoration in recent years which has transformed it into a stunning wedding and conference venue. Steeped in history, the centerpiece is a magnificent ballroom which runs the entire length of the building which also retains many period decorative features.

**For further information:
E: info@thecityrooms.co.uk
T: 0116 251 5337**



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EXPLORE**



BOOK TOUR

Western Park Heritage Walk

**Hinckley Road Entrance,
Leicester, LE3 6HX**
Meet in car park, besides
children's play area

**Thursday 16 September
2pm**

A leisurely walk around this attractive late Victorian park. Led by a Parks Officer, the walk provides an insight into the park's history and development. During the walk you will find out about Western Park's archaeological and landscape history. Learn about how the woodland has been managed over the years and Medieval parks.

The walk also provides an insight into modern day park management, recent conservation initiatives and on-going environmental improvement works.

The walk route is mainly along mown paths and woodland trails, with some slopes. Toilets available on site, besides the children's play area/car park. Parts of the site may be subject to waterlogging following wet weather. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

The walk is approximately
2 hours. Max 12 people.

Booking Details: To book please
contact Visit Leicester.
E: info@visitleicester.info
T: 0116 299 4444

Please leave a message and a
member of staff will return your
call as soon as possible.

For further information:
W: leicester.gov.uk/parks



DROP IN

Winstanley House

**Hinckley Road, Leicester,
LE3 1HX**

**Monday 13, Tuesday 14
and Wednesday 15
September
11am - 4pm**

This historic building is set
within 160 acres of parkland
and has been sympathetically
restored into a boutique
hotel and entertainment
venue.

Winstanley House, formerly
Braunstone Hall, was created
for Clement Winstanley the
wealthy owner of the
surrounding estate. It
became the family's primary
residence in the 18th
century. Since 1932 it has
been many things, including
a school and the Divisional
Headquarters to the US
82nd Airborne Division
during World War Two.

This is an opportunity to
drop in and discover this
historic building and grounds
and to view the restoration
and transformation that has
brought it back to life today.

For further information:
W: winstanleyhouse.co.uk
T: 0116 366 5642



BOOK EVENT

Y Heritage Summer Fete

**The Y Theatre, East Street,
Leicester, LE1 6EY**

**Monday 13, Tuesday 14 and
Wednesday 15 September
Sessions: 11am, 2pm & 5pm**

Join us in the Y Theatre, a stunning
Grade II listed building close to
the centre of the City and a stone's
throw from Leicester railway
station. Built in 1900, The Y is the
oldest surviving theatre in Leicester.
Go back in time and have fun at
The Y Heritage Summer Fete
with original sideshows, Edwardian
and mid-20th century games.
All sideshows and games will be
free and can be played by adults
and children alike making it
perfect for a family Heritage
Open Day visit.

Traditionally dressed "Barkers"
will be on hand to encourage
visitors to play, show you the
tricks to make you a winner and
how to avoid the showman's
traps. There might even be prizes
for the winners!

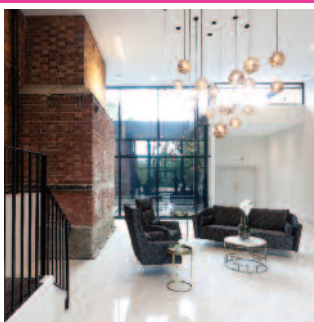
Younger children should be
supervised by a responsible adult.
Each session lasts up to 2 hrs.
Max 30 people per session.

Booking Details:
To book your place please visit
ytheatre.co.uk
Booking is essential.

For further information:
W: [leicesterymca.co.uk/
youth-community/our-work/
y-heritage](http://leicesterymca.co.uk/youth-community/our-work/y-heritage)

For further details of events and access information, please visit:
heritageopendays.org.uk
visitleicester.info

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