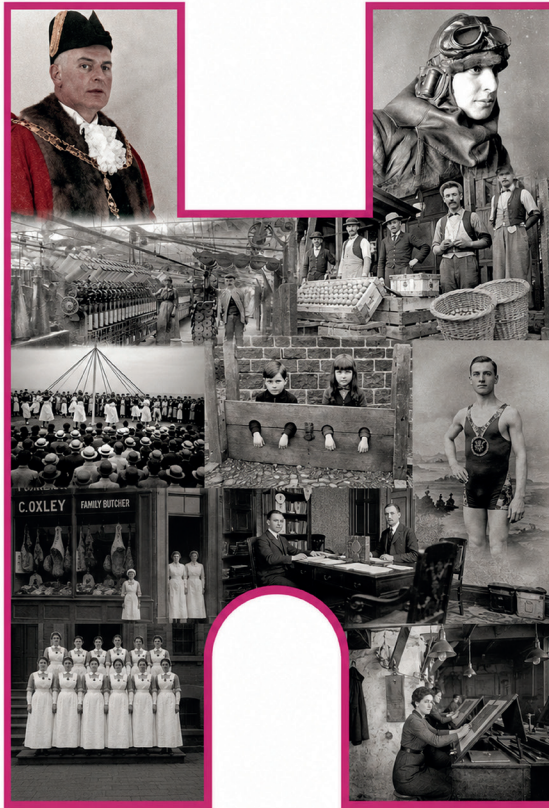


Kirklees



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heritage open days

Everyday Histories

90 free events, 11-20 September 2026



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Events in Batley, Birstall, Cleckheaton, Colne Valley, Dewsbury, Holme Valley, Huddersfield, Kirkburton, Mirfield and more

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Many Stories, One Archive

The Universal Archive is a unique platform created to collate, digitise, preserve and disseminate stories and collections from our past for the future. Using state of the art technology The Universal Archive provides a vehicle to store and share the everyday history of everyday lives which are at the very centre of our human story.

Look out for workshops and events during Heritage Week or www.universal-archive.co.uk

Saving the Past for the Future

Welcome to Kirklees Heritage Open Days



Kirklees contributes 90 events to this year's Heritage Open Days festival, with around 25 of them new this year. This year's festival theme, 'Everyday Histories', is presented by leading family history website, Findmypast. With billions of historical records and detail-packed newspaper archives from every corner of England, Findmypast is the perfect resource to help research local and family history.

Here is a complete listing of Kirklees events, at time of going to press. Full details for each event, including pictures and contact information, are on the national website, www.heritageopendays.org.uk, which may have extra local events registered too late for us to include. There you can search by keyword, place, date or within a given radius of your home, and you will find practical information about access, parking and much more. You can also find this leaflet and other links online at <https://tinyurl.com/KirkleesHOD2026>

For some events, advance booking is required. You will find the exact times, and how to book, on the website, www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Heritage Open Days is coordinated nationally by the National Trust and funded by the People's Postcode Lottery. Events are organised by individual venues, supported by the Kirklees HOD Committee. If you are planning to visit a site, do check the website for updated information – www.heritageopendays.org.uk or use QR code opposite will take you there.

Kirklees HOD Committee is a partnership of Batley History Group, Friends of Batley Library, Friends of Cleckheaton Library, Huddersfield Civic Society, Huddersfield Local History Society, Kirkburton Village Archive, Kirkburton History Group, Holme Valley Tourism Partnership, Kirklees Libraries and Museums Services, Spenn Valley Civic Society, and Dewsbury and Mirfield volunteers. The Holme Valley Tourism Partnership (including Honley), a collaboration between the Parish Council, Holmfirth Forward, Holmfirth Conservation Group and Holmfirth Library has their own website with all their events listed <https://holmevalleyheritage.com>

We can be contacted at kirkleeshodcomm@gmail.com. We hope you enjoy what's on offer and we welcome your feedback.



Scan the QR code for full details of all events

Events at a Glance

11–20 September 2026

Activities

Museums & Displays

Performances & talks

Places of worship

Other open buildings

Outdoor walks

N New event in 2026

SITE	ADDRESS	FRI 11	SAT 12	SUN 13	MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THURS 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
BATLEY & BIRSTALL											
All Saints Batley	Stocks Lane, WF17 8PA			1230-1600							
Bagshaw Museum Guided Museum tour	Wilton Park, WF17 0AS			1400-1500 BOOK							
N Hands that Built Batley: a Cemetery Walk through everyday working lives	Batley History Group Cemetery Road, Batley, WF17 8ES			1400-1600							
N Batley Library – Step Back in Time: A Medieval Batley Adventure	Batley Library, Market Place, WF17 5DA	1400-1600	1430-1700		1430-1830	1400-1700		1400-1700		1430-1700	
Batley Railway Station – Past & Present	Upper Station Rd, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 5TA		1100-1500								
Oakwell Hall (regular opening hours)	Nova Lane, Birstall, WF17 9LG			1200-1600						1200-1600	
N Oakwell Hall: The National Gallery Art on your doorstep: Talk and tour	Nova Lane, Birstall, WF17 9LG			1300-1500 BOOK							
St Peter's Church, Birstall	Kirkgate, WF17 9PB		1030-1530								
St Saviour's Church, Brownhill	Brookroyd Lane, WF17 OBU		1100-1500								
St Thomas's Church, Batley	Grosvenor Road, WF17 0LX		1000-1600								
COLNE VALLEY											
Colne Valley Museum with griddle baking and well tours	Cliffe Ash, Golcar, HD7 4PY			1200-1530						1200-1530	
Knitting & Crochet Guild	Britannia Mill, Britannia Road, Slaithwaite, HD7 5HE					Hourly tours 1000-1500					
St Mark's Longwood (church open 12 Sept) and Longwood Sing (13 Sept)	St Mark's Road, HD3 3DZ		1000-1400	1430-1630							
Providence Methodist Church, Golcar	Knowl Road, HD7 4AN		1000-1500								
St John's Church with Family History Society	Church Street, Golcar, HD7 4PX		1000-1500								
N Baglady – Performance for families with children who have additional needs	Shabang, Old Providence Chapel, Hollins Row, Slaithwaite, HD7 5LA									1030-1300 BOOK	1430-1700 BOOK
Wholestone Moor Heritage Walk (HDAS) – Ancient routeways from the Iron Age onwards	Nettleton Hill Road, Scapegoat Hill, HD7 4NH		1000-1300 BOOK								

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DEWSBURY, RAVENSTHORPE & THORNHILL												
	Dewsbury Town Hall tours	Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG		1100, 1230 & 1400 BOOK								
	Greenwood’s – Dewsbury’s oldest shop	3 Church Street, WF13 1JJ								1000 hourly till 1500 BOOK		
	Crow Nest Park – A celebration for World Peace Day	Dewsbury Museum, Crow Nest Park, Dewsbury, WF13 2SG										1030-1230
N	Crow Nest Park – Our lives with trees							1030-1230				
N	The Arcade Dewsbury – a proud history, a bright future – guided tours	The Arcade 25 Princess of Wales Precinct, WF13 1NH	1030, 1200 BOOK					1030, 1200 BOOK				
	St John the Evangelist, Dewsbury Moor	140B Boothroyd Lane, WF13 2LP									1100-1500	
	St Saviour’s Church, Ravensthorpe – Rags to Riches exhibition	Church Street, WF13 3JR		1000-1500								
	Thornhill Parish Church	Church Lane, WF12 0JZ		1000-1600 Talk 1030	1030-1600			1030-1400			1000-1600 Talk 1030	1030-1600
HOLME VALLEY												
 For details of events in and around Holmfirth and Honley, please see www.holmevalleyheritage.com or scan the QR code 												
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN CENTRE												
N	Huddersfield Heritage Pub Walk	The County Beerhouse, 4 Princess Street, HD1 2TT			1500-1630 SOLD OUT							
N	Brass Bands Archive open Day: Timed tours	Heritage Quay, University Huddersfield, Queensgate, Huddersfield, HD1 3DH									1100-1500 BOOK	
	Huddersfield Town Hall tours	Ramsden Street, HD1 2TA		1100 1230 & 1430 BOOK								
	Jo Cox More in Common Building – Tour	University of Huddersfield Jo Cox More in Common Centre, HD1 3DH							1215-1300 BOOK			
N	Emily Siddon Building – Tour	University of Huddersfield, Old Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD1 1SG	1100 BOOK									
	Daphne Steele Building: Tour	University of Huddersfield, Southgate Huddersfield, HD1 1AD	1230 BOOK									
N	Joseph Kaye: builder of Huddersfield – Talk	Brian Jackson House, 2 New North Parade, HD1 5JP					1900-2000					
N	St Patrick’s RC Church	34 New North Road, HD1 5JY		1130-1530								
	St Peter’s Parish Church, Huddersfield: Guided tours available	Byram Street, HD1 1BU				1000 BOOK						
HUDDERSFIELD BEYOND THE TOWN CENTRE												
	All Hallows Church (Family History Exh)	2 Westgate, Almondbury HD5 8XE		1000-1700								
	Castle Hill Walk: ancient hillfort and C12th castle	Hillside, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, HD4 6TA										
	Victoria Tower, Castle Hill	Hillside, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, HD4 6TA		1200-1630	1200-1630							
	Exploring Beaumont Park: guided walk	The Visitors Centre, Beaumont Park Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7AY									1430 BOOK	
N	Exploring Edgar Wood’s Legacy – Arts & Crafts Walk	Briarcourt, 28 Occupation Rd, Lindley, HD3 3EE	1730 BOOK									
	The making of Greenhead Park – Talk	The Community Room, Greenhead Park top cafe, Trinity Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4DN								Talk 1400-1500 Display 1500-1600		
	King James’s School	St. Helen’s Gate, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG		1000-1400								
N	St Johns Parish Church	Church Lane, Kirkheaton, HD5 0BH		1000-1600								
N	“Then and Now - the Evolution of Football”	Accu Stadium, Legends Bar, Stadium Way, HD1 6PX						0930-1200				
	Lindley Clock Tower	6 Lidget St, Lindley HD3 3JB		1000-1400								
	Display of historical leisure activities	Lindley Library (Closed 1300-1400)		1000-1400		1000-1700			1000-1900	1000-1700	1000-1400	
	St Stephen’s Church, Lindley – sketching event/ exhibition of artefacts	Lidget Street, HD3 3JB		1000-1500								
N	The Mill workers of Lockwood – Walk and book launch	Meet outside Euro Tyres, Bath St (off Albert St), Huddersfield, HD1 3QG		1400 & 1500 Book Launch								
	Newsome Centre (ex St John’s Church)	Jackroyd Lane, HD4 6QU		1000-1500								
	St Pauls Church – Graveyard tours with Family History Soc	Armitage Bridge, HD4 7PD	1900 BOOK	1000-1600								
	St John the Evangelist, Birkby	75 St. Johns Road, HD1 5EA		1000-1400				1000-1300		1400-1600	1000-1400	
N	The changing faces of Birkby – Walk	75 St. Johns Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5EA										1430-1630 BOOK
N	Scammonden Activity Centre – Tours	Off Sledge Gate, Huddersfield, HD3 3FT							1400-1530 1900-2030 BOOK			
N	Tolson Museum Guided tour : Exploring Women’s Lives Through Museum Objects	Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Rd, HD5 8DJ										1400 BOOK
	Ravensknowle Park Vintage Motorcycle Show	Wakefield Rd, HD5 8DJ			1100-1500							
N	Woodsome Golf Club: Guided Tour of the historical Hall	Woodsome Road, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, HD8 0LQ			1400 BOOK				1400 BOOK			1400 BOOK
MIRFIELD & SPEN VALLEY												
	Red House Yorkshire	On line	https://www.facebook.com/redhouseyorkshire									
N	Ordinary People – Local Memories from Tape	Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road, BD19 3DX									1030-1400	
N	Old Cleckheaton and its Town Hall – Walk	Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RH									1500-1630	
	Mirfield Library talks: Yorkshire & Local history themes	Mirfield Library, Eastthorpe Lodge, WF14 8AN					1300-1430	1900-2015		1030 & 1400	1000-1230	
	Mirfield Masonic Lodge	14 King Street, WF14 8AW		1000-1500								
N	St Peter’s Church Hartshead with Hightown	St Peter’s Church, Church Lane, WF17 8EU									1000-1600	1230-1500
	West Yorkshire Print Workshop	75a Huddersfield Road, WF14 8AT	1030-1500									
SOUTH KIRKLEES VILLAGES												
	All Hallows' Church: Archive & Talks	Shelley Lane Kirkburton,, HD8 0SJ		1000-1600				1800-2000 BOOK			1000-1600	
	Kirkburton Graveyard Tours & History Walks	All Hallows Church, Shelley Lane, HD8 0SJ		a.m. & p.m. BOOK								
	Historic Walk Through Kirburton			1015 & 1300 BOOK								
N	Journey of Explorations into the creation of a Village Archive	Denby Dale Pie Hall, 297 Wakefield Road, Huddersfield, HD8 8RX			1300-1600							
	High Flatts Quaker Meeting House + nature tours	Firth Lane, High Flatts, HD8 8XU							1000-1700		1230-1700	
	St Michael’s Church, Emley	31 Church Street, HD8 9RP		1030-1600								
	Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre	6 Queen Street, HD8 9DU							1200-1700 BOOK		1000-1600 BOOK	
N	Shepley over the years at St Paul’s Church and hall: with Family History Society	St Paul’s Church, Marsh Lane, Shepley, HD8 8AE		1400-1800	1400-1800							
N	St Thomas’ Church, Thurstonland	St Thomas’ Church, Marsh Hall Lane, HD4 6XD	1000-1600	1400-1800	1400-1800							