

Sheffield

Heritage Open Days



11–20 September 2026
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Everyday Histories

Have you ever wondered what your ancestors did and what their daily lives were like? This year's theme for Heritage Open Days is *Everyday Histories* and we invite you to discover how people used to live and work in the Sheffield area in times gone by.

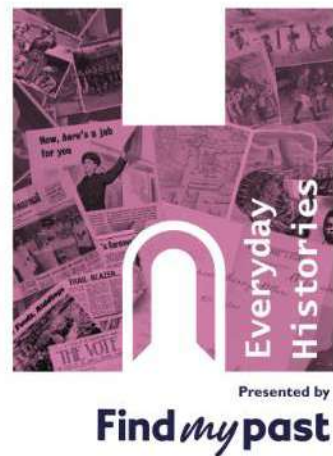
Grade I listed Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet provides a vivid glimpse into the lives of Sheffield workers. Take a tour of this wonderfully preserved crucible steel works, dating from the 18th century, and imagine what life was like for the grinders, teemers, blacksmiths and forgers who produced the top-quality steel which made Sheffield famous across the world.

Step back in time to when Sheffield's old Head Post Office was a busy hub for Sheffield postal and telegraph system workers for nearly a hundred years, and see behind the scenes to explore where many Sheffielders worked, sorting parcels and working on the busy telephone exchange.

A guided walk around Castlegate will introduce you to the lives of the many people who have lived and worked in the area which was the birthplace of Sheffield, including history's most well-known asylum seeker, Mary Queen of Scots, and the notorious Victorian master criminal Charlie Peace.

More recently the stories of the volunteers who saved the former Victorian school buildings on Burton Street are an inspiring record of how the determination and vision of local people saved the buildings for the community. The building featured in the film *The Full Monty*, and now provides essential services to the local community through the Burton Street Foundation.

The Everyday Histories theme is optional but it's great to see so many venues around the city embracing it to tell the stories of Sheffield's people, both past and present. We hope you will enjoy discovering some of these stories and maybe they will inspire you to research and record your own *Everyday Histories* stories too!



Welcome to Sheffield Heritage Open Days 2026

We are delighted to welcome you to Sheffield Heritage Open Days, part of the national annual Heritage Open Days festival, England's largest festival of history and culture. Between 11 – 20 September 2026 you will have the chance to explore hidden places across the city and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to access.

We are proud to be hosting over a hundred fantastic free events across Sheffield for this year, making us one of the largest Heritage Open Days centres in the country. Our success is thanks to the many dedicated history and heritage enthusiasts who support our city's heritage sites, galleries, libraries, museums, churches, green spaces, rivers and historic buildings all through the year. Their hard work and enthusiasm means that so many wonderful venues are able to open their doors during the ten days of the festival, giving everyone the chance to experience Sheffield's rich heritage for free.

Sheffield Heritage Open Days is coordinated by Sheffield Civic Trust, a registered charity which encourages public awareness and appreciation of our city's heritage, places and spaces. We receive no statutory funding to support Sheffield Heritage Open Days so we are grateful to the University of Sheffield and Sheffield City Council for their financial support this year. This has enabled us to produce this free brochure and to coordinate and promote the festival across the city.

For a taste of what Heritage Open Days has to offer in the Sheffield area take a look at our video at www.sheffieldhods.com for a flavour of the fantastic free heritage experiences we have in store for you to enjoy.

We hope that this brochure will help you plan your visits, it was correct when we went to print in July 2025 so as always please check at www.heritageopendays.org.uk for the latest updates before setting off. You can also download a digital version of this brochure at www.sheffieldhods.com

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Can you identify the 15 pairs of eyes on the front cover of this year's brochure? If so, you could win a Sheffield-made pewter Sheffield Crest tankard – see back page for details and how to enter!

This brochure will give you an at-a-glance taste of this year's Sheffield Heritage Open Days programme. This year we have listed events according to which category they fall into so you can easily explore the wide range of events taking place across the Sheffield area.



Talks and tours



Walks and trails



Parks, gardens and cemeteries



Exhibitions and workshops



Religious buildings

Talks and tours



Abbeydale Everyday Histories Tour

Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S7 2QW

What was life like for the people who lived and worked at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet?

17th Sept: 1100-1145

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Aizlewood's Mill Tour

Aizlewoods Mill, Nursery Street, Sheffield, S3 8GG

Guided tours of Aizlewood's Mill and much of the historical flour milling equipment on show.

11th Sept: tours at 1000, 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500

Prebooking required. Email: reception@aizlewoodsmill.com

Birley Spa Bath House History Talk and Tour

Birley Spa, Birley Spa Lane, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, S12 4ED

Guided tour of Sheffield's only Victorian Bath House with a spring-fed plunge pool. Learn about its colourful history, its importance in our city's working-class heritage and the wildlife that call it home.

11th, 13th & 20th Sept: 1330, 1500. 12th & 19th Sept: 1100, 1330, 1500. 18th Sept: 1330, 1500.

Prebooking required. Email: fiona.birleyspa.pt@gmail.com

Broomhill Community Library - Baronets and Beggars

Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR

How an ordinary Sheffield family became grand - and ordinary again!

17th Sept: 1400-1600

Prebooking not required.



Broomhill Community Library - FORK TALK!

Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR

Paul Iseard, who ran the Famous Sheffield Shop, will open the 'fork talk' with a quiz, before taking us on the journey of the humble table fork from the Persian Empire to the British dining room. Bring an item of cutlery to share and test Paul.

15th Sept: 1900-2100

Prebooking not required.

Broomhill Community Library - Oriel House Lives Revealed

Taptonville Road, Sheffield S10 5BR

Experience the everyday lives of the residents of Oriel House from the 1870s through to the 1950s. House tour, exhibition, and afternoon tea for today's visitors. Activities for children.

19th Sept: 1500-1700

Prebooking not required.



Angel Street, 1897

Curated tours of St George's Church, University of Sheffield

St George's Terrace, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield, S1 4DP

A curated tour of St George's Church at the University of Sheffield.

12th & 13th Sept: tours at 1000, 1200, 1400.

Prebooking required. Email jean.simpson@sheffield.ac.uk or via [website](#)

Curated Tours of the Alfred Denny Museum, University of Sheffield

Alfred Denny Building, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TN

The University will hold 6 curated tours of the museum over the weekend of 12/13 September.

12th & 13th Sept: tours at 1000, 1100, 1200

Prebooking required. Email jean.simpson@sheffield.ac.uk or via [website](#)



Cutlers Hall



From Shtetl to Steel City

*Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone Street,
Sheffield S1 2HH*

From the slums of 19th century West Bar, a handful of Jewish immigrants went on to shape Sheffield history. This talk by Judy Simons explores their fascinating stories and the impact on the city – in politics, commerce, industry and public life.

17th Sept: 1400-1500

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Harmony Works at Canada House

*Canada House, 11 Commercial Street,
Sheffield, S1 2AT*

Guided tour of the Victorian grandeur of Canada House, once the headquarters of the Sheffield United Gas Light Company. Learn about its history: its role in the second world war; its reincarnation as an 80s nightclub & as an all-you-can-eat buffet.

**11th Sept: tours at 1400 & 1600.
12th Sept: Memory café 1200-1630. 13th Sept: tours 1200 & 1330. 15th Sept: Memory café 1200-1630. 16th Sept: accessible tour 12.00, tour 13.30. 18th Sept: tour 1200. 19th Sept: tours 1200 & 1330, Memory café 1200-1630.**

Prebooking required (except for drop-in Memory café) via [Harmony Works website](#)

Hemingfield Colliery Open Days, Exhibition and Tours

Hemingfield Colliery, Wath Road/Pit Row, Barnsley, S73 0NX

Visit this surviving Victorian colliery site. Sunk for Earl Fitzwilliam in the 1840s as Elsecar Low pit, working the Barnsley seam until 1920 when it was converted into a pumping station and survived the closure of the industry. Run by volunteers.

12th & 19th Sept: 1030-1530. 13th Sept: 1100-1700. 20th Sept: 1100-1500

Prebooking not required.

Hoylandswaine Nail Forge

*The Nail Forge, Barnsley Road,
Hoylandswaine, Barnsley, S36 7JA*

Discover the history of nail making in Hoylandswaine at the last working nail forge and the only nail forge in Britain with its original hearth and chimney.

19th Sept: 1000-1500

Prebooking not required.



Meersbrook Hall Sheffield Tours

*Meersbrook Hall, Brook Road, Sheffield,
S8 9FL*

Your chance to visit the historic 18th Century Meersbrook Hall in Sheffield which housed the Ruskin Museum in Sheffield for 63 years and Florence Nightingale once stayed here. The Friends group is working to reopen it for public use and enjoyment.

11th & 18th Sept: tours 1200 & 1400

*Prebooking required. Email
info@meersbrookhall.org.uk*

Old Head Post Office

Fitzalan Square, Sheffield, S1 2AY

A chance to visit Sheffield's Edwardian Post Office, now the home of the Sheffield Creative Industries Institute at Sheffield Hallam University. Tour the city's original sorting office, telephone exchange and main post office counter.

12th Sept: 1100-1500. Tours at 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400.

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Open days at Freemasons Hall Dore

*1 Woodland View, Abbeydale Road South,
Dore, Sheffield, S17 3LA*

Discover the history of Dore Masonic Hall and the links between the Sheffield & Rotherham Licenced Victuallers Association, Sir Francis Leggatt Chantry, J.B.V. Mitchell-Withers & Sons (Architects) and Burton upon Trent.

12th & 13th Sept: 1000-1530

Prebooking not required.

Portland Works Bookable Tours

Randall Street, Sheffield, S2 4SJ

Portland Works is a fascinating Grade II* listed former Victorian Cutlery Works. We are opening for booked tours only. Take in the view from the flat roof and take a peek inside workshops.

15th Sept: 1400-1600, 16th Sept: 1700-1900, 19th Sept: 1130-1230

Booking required via [Eventbrite](#)





'Rope Women' – A talk by the exhibition curator, Beccy Truman

Western Bank Library, University of Sheffield, Western Bank Sheffield, S10 2TN

A talk by Beccy Truman, founder of 'Skinning the Cat' aerial company and curator of the 'Rope Woman' exhibition, demonstrating the company's contribution to the history of aerial performance and the role of women in the circus.

12th Sept: 1330, 1500. 13th Sept: 1130, 1300

Prebooking required via University of Sheffield [website](#)

Sheffield Town Hall History Tour

Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH

Take a guided tour of this Grade I listed building with historian Janet Ridler, see some of its fine Victorian chambers, meeting rooms and architecture, and hear the stories of its famous visitors and civic dignitaries.

11th Sept: 14.30-1545

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Sheffield Town Hall Open Day

Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH

Step inside one of Sheffield's most iconic civic buildings and discover the stories, treasures and hidden spaces of Sheffield Town Hall.

19th September 1000-1500

Prebooking not required.

Sheffield's Play-Full City

Bond Bryan Architects, 152 Rockingham Street, Sheffield, S1 4EB

An exploration of the city centre through walks, workshops & talks to discover how the playful regeneration of the Pounds Park site & surrounding area can inform the transformation of outdoor spaces to help people to take a break in the city centre.

15th Sept: 1800-2000 talk and tour, 17th Sept: 1800-2000 talk and workshop

Prebooking required via SSOA [website](#)



Showroom Cinema, Sheffield – Projection Tours

*Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row,
Sheffield, S1 2BX*

Take a free tour of the projection booths that have screened thousands of the best independent films from around the world.

12th Sept: tours 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600

Prebooking required. Contact Showroom box office.

The Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire

*Cutlers' Hall, 7-15 Church Street,
Sheffield, S1 1HG*

Discover the stories behind one of Sheffield's most iconic buildings as The Cutlers' Hall opens its doors for Heritage Open Days.

19th Sept: tours at 1030, 11.30, 1300, 1400, 1500

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)



*Sheffield Town Hall
ante room*

The Hawley Tool Collection Behind the Scenes Tours

*Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street,
Sheffield, S3 8RY*

Tour and explore areas of the Hawley Collection not normally open to the public. See behind the scenes, and get up close and personal with some of our favourite objects in our collection.

16th Sept: tours at 1100-1200 & 1330-1430

*Prebooking required. Email:
enquiries@hawleytoolcollection.com*



The people who made Burton Street



*Saw shop in the
Hawley Gallery*



The people who made Burton Street - from a school to a community

Burton Building, 57 Burton Street, Sheffield, S6 2HH

Visit our beautiful 1879 school buildings and discover the people who shaped the Victorian School, the people who saved Burton Street from demolition and the workers, volunteers and clients who keep this place vibrant and full of creativity.

15th & 17th Sept: 1300-1500

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

The Sheffield Blitz

Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HY

The Sheffield Blitz in 1940 changed the face of Sheffield forever with thousands left homeless and hundreds killed. Discover how people lived, worked and played in wartime Sheffield and how today's city centre has been shaped by the events of those fateful nights over 85 years ago.

16th September 1300-1400

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)



The Sheffield Blitz, 1940

Thundercliffe Grange – Open Day

*Thundercliffe Grange, Grange Lane,
Kimberworth, Rotherham, S61 2SQ*

Visit the state (and some other rooms), talks on Thundercliffe's past and present, discover C18 plunge bath and other garden features, leaflets, residents as guides and informants and refreshments (cash only).

19th Sept: 1000-1530

Prebooking required. Email
Info@thundercliffegrange.co.uk

Tours of the Turner Museum of Glass at the University of Sheffield

*Floor E, Sir Robert Hadfield Building,
University of Sheffield, Portobello Street,
Sheffield, S1 4DT*

Tours and curated talks at the Turner Museum of Glass, University of Sheffield.

15th & 17th Sept: tours at 1030, 1300, 1500

Prebooking required via University of Sheffield [website](#)



Walk the Streets in the Sky at Park Hill

Park Hill Flats, South Street, Sheffield, S2 5QX

Walk the 'Streets in the Sky' on a guided tour of Grade II* listed Park Hill. Learn about its architecture and history, all while taking in its grand views of across the city and beyond.

12th Sept: 1030, 17th Sept: 1800

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Wentworth Pewter Factory Tour

Wentworth Pewter, Monarch Works, Catley Road, Sheffield, S9 5JF

Back after a break in 2025 we are proud to open our doors again for a tour of our workshops - see pewter being hand crafted here in Sheffield.

16th Sept: 1400

Prebooking required. Email richard@wentworth-pewter.com



Park Hill

Whiteley Woods Outdoor Activity Centre

Common Lane, Sheffield, S11 7TG

Discover the story of the 300-year-old Grade II-listed stable block of Whiteley Wood Hall and experience the tranquil nine-acre grounds that surround it. Enjoy a guided tour of this historic site now used by young people for residential/day visits.

19th Sept: tours at 1000, 1115, 1300, 1415

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Yellow Arch Studios

30-36 Burton Road, Sheffield, S3 8BX

Yellow Arch Studios is one of the UK's top live music and recording venues. This tour tells its life from the 1870s as Clarence Works, part of Sheffield's traditional industries, to its current influential role in the music industry.

13th Sept: 1130 & 1330

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)



Whiteley Wood Outdoor Centre

Heritage Highlights for 2026

Every year we have an exciting and diverse range of Heritage Open Days events taking place across the Sheffield area, and as always 2026 sees a great mix of new events and old favourites.

If you've ever walked past Sheffield's last police box on Surrey Street and wondered what's inside (is it really a TARDIS?) now is your chance to find out thanks to our friends at the National Emergency Services Museum. There'll be historic police vehicles on display and original artifacts to explore as you discover the stories of Sheffield's former 'Bobbies on the Beat.'

Visit Sheffield's popular inner-city playground Pounds Park and discover how this regeneration of an outdoor space has transformed this part of the city centre into a popular public leisure space. Meet the designers and discover how 'Play-Full' spaces in cities can successfully improve the city centre environment for everyone.

We are delighted that Meersbrook Hall will be opening its doors for us this year so you can discover the fascinating Everyday Histories of the many people who have lived and worked there over two and a half centuries. Can the building be saved and reopened to the public? Come and find out!

Heritage isn't just about old buildings, and our popular tours of the Streets in the Sky at Park Hill flats and of the Yellow Arch Studios have their unique stories to tell about our cultural heritage. Grade II* listed Park Hill has become an iconic feature of the city's landscape, and Yellow Arch, one of the UK's top live music and recording venues, continues to play a significant role in Sheffield's rich musical heritage.

Lots of our most intriguing and fascinating heritage lies outside of the city centre so take a trip out further afield and explore parts of the city you've maybe not visited before, there's lots to discover. Returning hidden gems include the fascinating History Museum in Stocksbridge, well worth a visit for its beautiful collection of locally made Bolsterstone glass, and to discover why this Steel Town is home to the modern umbrella.

This is just a flavour of what's on offer this year so do check out all our listings for more details and enjoy Sheffield Heritage Open Days 2025!

Prebooking

Many of our events are very popular and so organisers require prebooking to control numbers. Please check the national website for event-specific booking information.

Each year there are often no-shows at many popular events. Please only book tickets for events you can definitely attend, and cancel your tickets if you find you cannot use them so that others can attend. Thank you.

Walks and trails



'Drainspotting' – Sheffield's Victorian pavement features

Next Chapter Books, 7 Rustlings Road, Sheffield, S11 7AA

A look at the history under our feet. Discover the social heritage that we walk over every day.

15 Sept: 1100-1300, 20 Sept: 1300-1500

Prebooking not required.

'Women walk into history': Retracing the 1984 Sheffield Women's History Group walk

The Fargate Pub, Fargate, Sheffield S1 2HD

'Women walk into history': a walk around the centre of Sheffield that retraces a local women's history walk first held on 15 July 1984, organised by the Sheffield Women's History Group.

12th, 15th & 20th Sept: 1030-1230

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

A Short History of Professional Theatre in Sheffield from Georgian Times to the Present Day

The Lyceum Theatre, Tudor Square, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 2LA

A guided walk (with pictures) round the city centre, visiting the locations of the city's surviving and former theatres and concert halls, from travelling players to Georgian and Victorian theatres.

16th Sept: 1430-1600

Prebooking required. Email: pantohorseman@gmail.com

A Taste of the Rivelin

Rivelin Park Café, Rivelin Park Road, Sheffield S6 5FE

An introduction to the foraging present and industrial past of the Rivelin. Led by Siobhan (Shony's Mushrooms) and Calvin (Hidden Sheffield Walks), we will explore edible fungi and flora alongside the remnants of water-powered industry.

19th Sept: 1100, 1300, 1500

Prebooking not required.



A Walk around Victorian Hunter's Bar in Sheffield with The Victorian Society

Endcliffe Park, Hunter's Bar roundabout, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, S11 8TG

Starting at the gates of Endcliffe Park by Hunters Bar roundabout, we will walk around the Hunters Bar area taking in monuments placed here from the city centre, residential expansion, schools, local industry, religious buildings and civic services.

13th September: 1400-1600

Prebooking required. Email: victoriansocietysyorks@gmail.com

A Walk round Attercliffe

Attercliffe Supertram Stop, Shortridge Street, Sheffield, S9 3SH

The Lower Don Valley was the powerhouse of Sheffield's heavy steel industry and Attercliffe was where its workers lived. Though many buildings have disappeared what remains is a fascinating insight into the life of a once-thriving community.

11th Sept: 1000-1230

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

AudaTours Sheffield Audio Tour: Crucible and Hull

Castlegate, Sheffield, S3 8RD

Follow Sheffield's working streets from Broomhall to Leah's Yard, hearing cutlers, grinders, chapel congregations and the Little Mesters in the places where they worked, prayed, printed and traded.

Available anytime

Visit the Audatours [website](#) to download the app.

Broomhill Community Library - 'Three Gardens Eighteen People Treasures Trail'

Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR

A guided tour following the new 'Three Gardens Eighteen People Trail' from Broomhill Community Library to Sheffield Botanical Gardens where the tour will continue.

13th Sept: 1030

Prebooking not required.



Broomhill Community Library - Ashdell/Oakholme Road Local History Walk

Junction of Ashdell Road and Oakholme Road, Sheffield, S10 3DB

We shall walk down Oakholme Road and find out about some of its inhabitants - Mayors, Masters Cutler, steel manufacturers, education and a new Bishop!

16th Sept: 1345

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Broomhill Community Library to General Cemetery - Three Gardens Eighteen People Treasures Trail

Taptonville Road, Sheffield S10 5BR

Self-guided trail starting at Broomhill's Percy Cane Heritage Garden on to Sheffield Botanical Gardens ending at Sheffield General Cemetery. This trail will discover some of the people connected with the gardens and buildings on the route.

Throughout the festival 0800-2000

Trail guide available from Broomhill Library.

Conduit and Confinement - A Lodge Moor explore

51 bus terminus, Redmires Road, Sheffield, S10 4LJ

The beauty and history of Lodge Moor and Redmires. Reservoirs and conduit, a military base and prison camp, isolation hospitals and a racecourse, all formed a remote outpost in years gone by, with much evidence of the past still to be found today!

13th Sept: 1400-1600, 16th Sept: 1100-1300

Prebooking not required.

Discover the Roman Ridge, Rotherham's unique boundary

Milton Arms, Church St, Greasbrough, S61 4DY

The mysterious "Roman Ridge" (probably not Roman) ran from Bridgehouses in Sheffield to Swinton and Mexborough. It is thought to be Iron Age, but re-used in Roman and Anglo Saxon Times. It claims to be the longest pre-Roman earthwork in England.

13th & 15th Sept: 1015-1300

Prebooking required. Email info@thundercliffegrange.co.uk



Geological Ramble around the General Cemetery

The Gate House, Sheffield General Cemetery, Cemetery Avenue, Sheffield, S11 8NT

Led by two Geologists from different working backgrounds we will look at rocks in the Cemetery, at the gatehouse entrance, and the rock spiral. We will look various gravestone types - which rock would you would want to pick for your memorial?!

12th Sept: 1030-1200

Prebooking not required.

Graves Park: 1926-2026 Centenary Walk

Graves Park, Top of Derbyshire Lane, Sheffield, S8 8QA

A walk within the original Graves Park, exploring the beauty and diversity of J G Graves's original gift to the citizens of Sheffield.

13th & 15th Sept: 1100-1300

Prebooking not required.

Kelham Island walking tour

Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, Sheffield, S3 8RY

This guided walk brings to life one of Sheffield's first industrial districts. You'll discover its buildings, stories about its history, the successes and the tragedies of the people who made it what it is, and an insight into the place today.

15th Sept: 1800

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

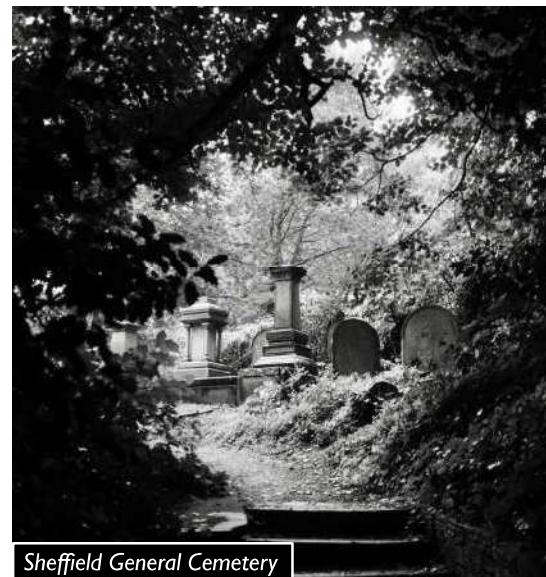
Little Chicago - Pub Heritage and History walk

48 West Bar, Sheffield, S3 8PH

A guided historical/pub walk in Little Chicago, Sheffield.

11th Sept: 1530

Prebooking required via [Sheffield CAMRA website](#)



Sheffield General Cemetery



Of Quarns, Dragons and Gannister Kings

Wantley Avenue Bridge, Wharnccliffe Park, Deepcar, Sheffield, S36 2QX

A short circular walk exploring the rich history of Deepcar and Stocksbridge following the Little Don arm of the Upper Don Trail from Wharnccliffe Park to Fox Valley and back, including pre-historic industry, legendary dragons & forgotten mines.

17th Sept: 1800-2000

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Parkwood Springs - from Deer Park to Country Park

Parkwood Springs Car Park, Shirecliffe Road, Sheffield, S5 8XB

See the best views in Sheffield and hear how a medieval deer park provided materials for industry, a home for workers, a dump for waste and a platform for guns. But now the deer are back and Parkwood Springs is set to be our country park in the city.

11th Sept: 1730-1930

Prebooking not required.

Pub Heritage Walk: Kelham Island, Sheffield

The Wellington, 1 Henry Street, Sheffield, S3 7EQ

A walking tour in Kelham Island, Sheffield encompassing both aspects of the industrial heritage of the area and of the 'Beer Capital' status owned by the City of Sheffield.

11th Sept: 1100

Prebooking required via [CAMRA website](#)

Sandygate and Carsick - Social history and world sporting heritage

Sandygate Ground, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SE

Explore Sandygate and Carsick, looking at the streets and buildings, and tracing part of the 1830s water works conduit that ran from Redmires. The event will conclude with a visit to Hallam FC's Sandygate Ground - the world's oldest football stadium!

11th Sept: 1730-2000, 18th Sept: 1400-1630 (ground visits 30 mins before end.)

Prebooking not required.



Sheffield Home of Football - Sheffield's Historic Football Heritage Walk

The Sheffield Law Courts, 50 West Bar, Sheffield, S3 8PH

A unique 90-minute guided walk around Sheffield City Centre, as we explore the remarkable history of Sheffield's growth as the CRUCIBLE for the modern game of football. From 1857 to 1875 over 200 football teams emerged playing to 'Sheffield Rules'.

20th Sept: 1400-1530

Prebooking required. Email: SHOF.WALKSandTALKS@gmail.com

Sheffield Street Art

Shalesmoor Tram Stop, Sheffield, S3

Kelham Island and Neepsend are major hubs of Sheffield's thriving official Street Art scene. This walk features roughly 70 exhibits.

13th Sept: 1100-1300

Prebooking not required.

Sheffield: A Civilised Place - discovery trail

Sheffield Cathedral forecourt, Church Street, Sheffield, S1 1HA

A guided walk along an easy going city centre discovery trail. We will explore how engineering has developed the city of Sheffield. You will see diverse buildings and structures ancient and modern, various forms of transport & the bridges they need.

11th Sept. 1100-1330

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Shire Brook Valley Nature Reserve - easy walk

Shire Brook Valley Visitor Centre, Stone Lane, Woodhouse, Sheffield, S13 7RN

Our history walk will start from and return to Shire Brook Valley visitor centre going on natural paths and avoiding steps.

12th Sept: 0930-1100

Prebooking required via [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)



St Mary's Church to Woodhouse Library - hard walk

St Mary's Church, 402 Handsworth Road, Sheffield, S13 9BZ

This hard walk will be a point to point starting at St Mary's Church and ending at Woodhouse Library. There are public transport options to take you back to St Mary's Church if you need to get back to a car etc.

15th Sept: 0930-1400

Prebooking required via trybooking.com

Tales of the Music Halls and Nightlife of West Bar

Lyceum Theatre (main entrance), Tudor Square, Sheffield, S1 2LA

Discover the sites of long-gone Music Halls and Singing Rooms (pubs), circuses and fairgrounds in Castlegate and West Bar. Who were the performers and audience?

17th Sept: 1800-1930

Prebooking required. Email: pantohorseman@gmail.com

The Lost Waterwheels of the Porter Valley

The Lodge (opposite the statue of Queen Victoria), Endcliffe Park, Hunters Bar, Sheffield, S11 8TF

Sheffield's five rivers were once home to over 100 waterwheels, most of them associated with grinding blades. This walk along the Porterbrook seeks to identify lost sites, and explain the valley's transformation to the park of today.

12th Sept: 1030-1200

Prebooking required via FOPV [website](#)

The People and Workers of Paradise Square

Paradise Square, Sheffield, S1 2DE4

This tour will explore the historical background of the people and workers of Paradise Square and the surrounding area - hard-working, creative people who helped to shape Sheffield.

19th Sept: 1500-1600

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)





The Valley Loop – moderate walk

Woodhouse Community Hub & Library,
524 Stradbroke Road, Sheffield, S13
7GD

Meet at Woodhouse Library to begin the walk at 12.30pm This will be a loop starting and ending at Woodhouse Library with a stop at the Visitor Centre part way through.

12th Sept: 1230-1500

Prebooking required via trybooking.com

They Lived in Castlegate

Lady's Bridge, Sheffield, S3 8GA

Sheffield's historic Castlegate is packed with stories of people who have lived and worked here - some famous like Mary Stewart, history's most well-known asylum seeker, some infamous like Victorian master criminal Charlie Peace.

14th Sept: 1200-1400

Prebooking required at Sheaf & Porter Trust [website](https://www.sheafandportertrust.org.uk)

University of Sheffield Art Trail: Peregrines, Plantables and Totem Poles

Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TN

Curated tours of public art on central campus at the University of Sheffield.

12th & 13th Sept: tours at 1030, 1230, 1430

Prebooking required via University of Sheffield [website](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk)

Weston Park Walking Tour

Weston Park Museum, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TP

Join us for an easy walk round the park, take in some of the sights and learn the history behind it.

15th Sept: 1400-1530

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

A photograph of two men dressed in historical attire. The man on the left is wearing a black top hat, a black double-breasted jacket, a red waistcoat, and a white cravat. He has his hands clasped in front of him. The man on the right is wearing a black single-breasted jacket, a light blue waistcoat, a white cravat, and tan trousers. They are standing in front of a large wooden bookshelf filled with many books. To the right of the men, there is a black metal stand with several white-tipped poles.

Historical characters William Shepherd (Kevin Smith) and William Goldring (John Gittens) lead the walk to discover the lost waterwheels of the Porter Valley



St George's Church, University of Sheffield

The University of Sheffield

We are delighted that the University of Sheffield is once again opening its doors for Heritage Open Days 2026. Founded in 1905, it is Sheffield's oldest university, now internationally famous for its academic excellence. The University also houses many rare collections and exhibitions in its historic and modern buildings.

This year you can take a tour of Grade II listed St George's Church, built in the early nineteenth century and acquired by the university in 1995. Discover the history of the church and its burial ground, the everyday histories associated with it, and learn about the peregrine falcons who nest and breed in St George's tower every year.

The peregrine falcons are also celebrated on a specially curated tour of the University's public art where you'll visit eight unique pieces of art around the campus which were inspired by the city's industrial and natural heritage.

The 'fantastical' Alfred Denny Museum is a Heritage Open Days favourite and has been used for undergraduate teaching for over one hundred years. Its exhibits and specimens date from the early twentieth century when collecting was at its peak.

The Turner Museum of Glass houses a fascinating collection of glass objects, including a fibre glass wedding dress, and wine glasses engraved with secret political statements. The collection is the life's work of Professor William Turner and is one of the UK's most fascinating and comprehensive collections of nineteenth and twentieth century glass.

Don't miss the chance to hear from Beccy Truman, curator of the Rope Women exhibition which is running over the summer at the Western Bank Library. Her talk for Heritage Open Days will look at the amazing history of aerial performance and the role of women in the circus.

Full details of the University's Heritage Open Days events can be found in the brochure and online, together with details on how to prebook.

We hope you enjoy the chance to visit the University of Sheffield during Heritage Open Days and see what makes it both a world top-100 university and an iconic example of our city's built and cultural heritage.



Parks, gardens and cemeteries

Artist Vicki Smith

*North Chapel, Burngreave Cemetery,
Melrose Road, Sheffield, S3 9DN*

Vicki has been our Artist in Residence for many years and has created two new arrangements for this Festival. You can also view some of Vicki's earlier work, coffins, flowers, named memorials of small stones.

12th & 19th Sept: 1200-1500, 13th & 20th: 1100-1600, 16th: 1100-1500

Prebooking not required.

Beauchief Gardens – a guided tour

Beauchief Gardens, Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield, S17 3LB

Slum clearance, snuff, the Titanic and a horse trough - all in a small tranquil garden between four rail tracks and a busy main road! Discover the remarkable history of this 1930s garden, probably the smallest public garden in the city!

15th Sept: 1100

Prebooking not required.

Broomhill Community Library - Garden Tour & Tools from the Past

Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR

Tour of the Percy Cane heritage garden with Jill Sinclair. Join the garden volunteers in exploring some everyday tools past and present. Bring along a photo or artefact from your garden shed!

16th Sept: tour 1100-1200, tools 1200-1300

Prebooking not required.

Canary Girls at Work

*Burngreave Cemetery North Chapel,
Melrose Road, Sheffield, S3 9DN*

WWI changed the lives of many people, including Maud Bretherick who became a Shell Filler in a munitions factory, and died as a result of her job. Maud is buried with other war victims, both civilian and military, in Burngreave Cemetery.

12th, 19th & 20th Sept: 1200-1500, 13th Sept: 1100-1600, 16th Sept: 1100-1500

Prebooking not required.



Cemetery Workers: their work and their lives

Spital Cemetery Lodge, 19 Hady Hill, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0DZ

A guided tour around Spital Cemetery focusing on the working lives of those who used to work there.

12th Sept: 1400

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

CWGC Tours 2026 - Rotherham (Moorgate) Cemetery

14 Boston Castle Grove, Rotherham, S60 2BA

Join the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a tour of Rotherham (Moorgate) Cemetery, led by one of our experienced volunteer tour guides.

13th & 20th Sept: 1030

Prebooking required via [Eventbrite](#)

Everyday Histories at Sheffield General Cemetery

The Samuel Worth Chapel,, Sheffield General Cemetery, Cemetery Avenue, Sheffield, S11 8NT

Explore the untold stories of Sheffield General Cemetery through FREE exhibitions, guided tours and children's craft activities.

19th Sept: exhibition 1000-1600, tours 1100 & 1300

Prebooking required for tours via [Ticketsource](#)

Lives Behind the Counters - Friends of Wombwell Cemetery

Wombwell Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 8HY

Once home to familiar faces like Mrs Bellamy and Mr Bailey, the High Street bustled with local shops at the heart of daily life. We're bringing those stories back through displays celebrating the people and places that made Wombwell special.

17th, 18th & 19th Sept: 1000-1400

Prebooking not required.



Notable Graves of Loxley Cemetery

Loxley Road, Loxley, Sheffield, S6 6RW

The cemetery will be open for conducted tours of notable graves & memorials which have come to light during recent investigations.

20th Sept: open 1000-1600, tours 1300-1430 & 14.30-1600

Prebooking required for tours via Eventbrite

Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Clarkehouse Road, Sheffield, S10 2LN

Short tours of the Sheffield Botanical Gardens on Sunday 13th September, 11.30 - 4pm, last tour 3.00.

13th Sept: tours at 1130, 1300, 1400, 1500

Prebooking not required.

Tour of St Mary's Church Graveyard, Bolsterstone

St Mary's Church, Heads Lane, Bolsterstone, Sheffield, S36 3ZN

A brief look at the history of St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone and the notable people that are buried there. An explanation of the recording project we are currently undertaking, and a closer look at some of the memorials.

19th Sept: 1000-1200

Prebooking not required.

Wentworth Woodhouse Gardens

The Mansion, Wentworth Woodhouse, Wentworth, Rotherham, S62 7TQ

Wentworth Woodhouse has over 50 acres of beautiful Gardens encompassing ancient trees, shaded woodland copses and a peppering of follies and monuments across the landscape.

18th & 19th Sept: 1000-1700

Prebooking required via Wentworth Woodhouse [website](https://www.wentworthwoodhouse.org.uk)

Whirlow Brook Park

Ecclesall Road South, Sheffield, S11 9QD

Enjoy a guided 'Walk and Talk' around the beautiful grounds of Whirlow Brook Park and discover the changes that have happened over the last 120 years.

14th Sept: 1100

*Prebooking required. Email
jsturner2020@btinternet.com*

Working histories at Wentworth Castle Gardens

Park Drive, Lowe Lane, Wentworth Castle Gardens, Barnsley, S75 3EN

Explore glorious gardens, woodland and parkland, alongside some fascinating monuments and a Victorian Conservatory. There will be special events on during the Heritage Open Days festival, exploring working histories of the estate.

18th, 19th & 20th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

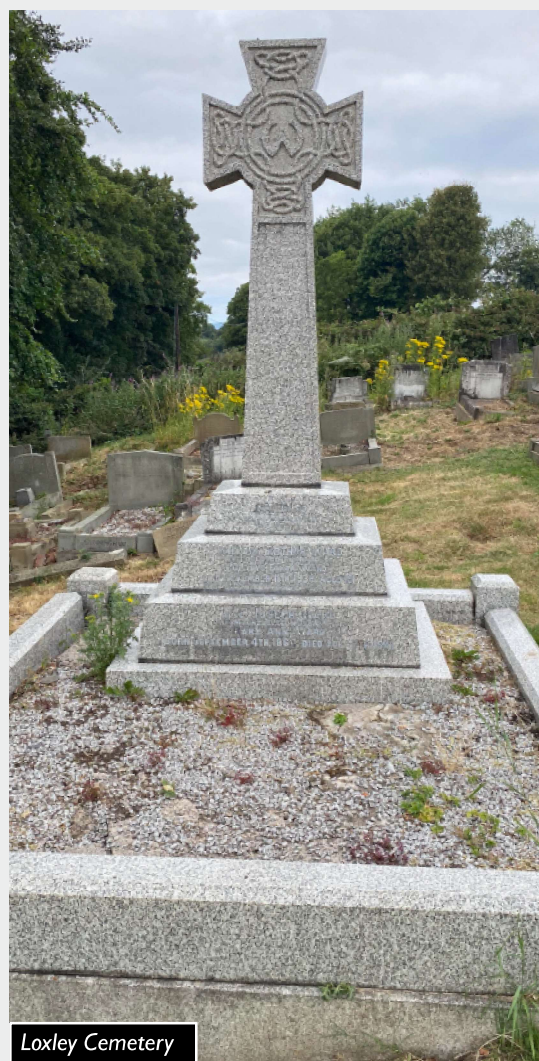
Zion Graveyard, Attercliffe

Lawrence Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield, , S9 3RG

Visit the forgotten burial place of Victorian anti-slavery campaigner Mary Ann Rawson. Once the heart of a of bustling community Zion Church was demolished in 1987 and the graveyard abandoned until saved from re-development by volunteers.

13th Sept: talks 1400, 1500, 1600

Prebooking not required.



Loxley Cemetery





Exhibitions and workshops

Artists and Makers at Work

All Good Stuff at Butcher Works, 72 Arundel Street, Sheffield, S1 2NS

Artists and makers share how they create their work in an exhibition and in-person conversations and demonstrations in the historic Butcher Works Gallery, part of a Grade II* listed former cutlery works.

12th, 13th, 19th, 20th Sept: 1100-1600

Prebooking not required.

Aston Reading Room

Aughton Lane, Aston, Sheffield, S26 2AN

Display of local history documents, maps and photos. History of community and lives of servicemen in two World Wars. Research of graves in the churchyard and Aston Hall links to Capability Brown. Research into mining fatalities in local collieries.

11th Sept: 1800-2000, 12th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

Barnsley Main Colliery site

Oaks Lane, Barnsley, S70 3ET

Come and check out the site of Barnsley Main Colliery and have a look in the museum on site. Mining artefacts, items found on site and historical information about the area's mining past can all be viewed.

14th Sept: 1000-1400

Prebooking not required.

Bobby on the Beat: Sheffield's Last Police Box

Police Box, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2HY

Explore Sheffield's last surviving police box and our pop-up museum about the city's policing history. Discover original objects, stories of the people behind the uniform, and historic police vehicles from the National Emergency Services Museum.

11th & 12th Sept: 1000-1700

Prebooking not required.

Broomhill Community Library - Dig & Discover Archaeology

Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR

Dig an excavation pit in the heritage garden behind the library to reveal some everyday items from the past. Find out about the history of the garden and the family home known as Oriel House. Event for families and children age 5 - 12+

11th Sept: 1600-1730. 12th Sept: 1100-1300

Prebooking not required.



Sheffield's last Police Box

Broomhill Community Library - Archiving Broomhill's Everyday Histories

Taptonville Road, Sheffield, S10 5BR

Interested in Broomhill's heritage, family history and archiving? Do you have information on local people, places and stories? Come and join us as we take our first steps to develop an accessible resource for the community.

16th Sept: 1900-2100

Prebooking not required.

Dronfield Community Archive

Dronfield Library, Manor House, High Street, Dronfield, S18 1PY

Visit Dronfield Community Archive and explore a fascinating collection of printed documents and photographs. Browse unique records, uncover hidden treasures and learn more about the people, places and events that shaped the community.

12th Sept: 1030-1230

Prebooking not required.

Eckington: Places, People and Poverty

*Eckington Library, Market Street,
Eckington, S21 4JG*

Eckington Library is exhibiting vintage photos of people, buildings and local industries; the mills, the mines and the canning factory, with stories of families, children in mines, and a local disaster.

**11th & 18th Sept: 0930-1300,
1400-1800. 12th & 19th Sept:
0930-1300. 14th & 17th Sept:
0930-1300, 1400-1700. 15th Sept:
1400-1700**

Prebooking not required.

Handsworth Museum and Dovecote

*St Mary's Parish Centre, Handsworth Main
Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, S13 9BZ*

Handsworth Museum is situated in the stable range adjoining St Mary's Parish Church, dating back to circa 1800. It is a registered Grade II listed building.

**11th, 12th, 13th & 14th Sept:
1000-1600**

Prebooking not required.

RSPB Old Moor Joint Heritage Exhibitions, Talks and Performance Series

*R S P B, Old Moor Lane, Wombwell,
Barnsley, S73 0YF*

A Series of six free Exhibitions at RSPB Old Moor. No booking required. Exhibitions are complimented with a series of talks and performances held at nearby Elsecar Heritage Centre and Hemingfield Colliery.

12th – 20th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

Sheffield Hospitals History Collection

*Northern General Hospital Heritage
Centre, Central Lane, Herries Road,
Sheffield, S5 7AU*

This is a rare opportunity for visitors to see old hospital instruments and equipment as well as photographs and documents relating to the history of the Sheffield Hospitals.

19th & 20th Sept: 100-1130, 1200-1330, 1430-1600

*Prebooking required. Email:
marytgarside@gmail.com*

Stocksbridge Museum and Heritage Centre

*Town Hall, Manchester Road,
Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 2DT*

This hidden gem of a museum houses a wealth of unique exhibits including a fabulous collection of Bolsterstone glassware & Midhope Pottery. Meet local experts and discover why Stocksbridge is the birthplace of the modern umbrella!

The Famous Sheffield Shop - Sheffield Heritage In Everyday Objects

*The Famous Sheffield Shop, 475
Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, S11 8PP*

How much do you know about the everyday objects found in all our homes? Scissors, table cutlery, kitchen knives, garden shears to name a few are all part of Sheffield's heritage. Find out how these items built a worldwide reputation for our city.

**11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th,
18th, 19th Sept: 0930-1730, 20th
Sept: 1200-1600**

Prebooking not required.

Walkley Community Centre Special Opening of this Historic Building with the Walkley Historians

*Walkley Community Centre, 7A Fir
Street, Sheffield, S6 3TG*

Explore the architecture and features of the Edwardian former Walkley New Reform Club and meet the Walkley Historians.

19th Sept: 1200-1700

Prebooking not required.

Wood Tools at Beehive Works

*Beehive Works, 90 Milton Street,
Sheffield, S3*

A chance to visit this historic Grade II* listed Victorian cutlery factory, and see displays of traditional grinding at the home to Sheffield's last remaining hand-grinders, Wood Tools.

**14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th sept:
1000-1300**

Prebooking not required.



Religious buildings

All Saints Ecclesall: Remarkable Sheffield Stories

All Saints Ecclesall, Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, S11 7PP

All Saints Church will be running a series of open days, talks and tours as part of Heritage Open Day. Find out more about its fascinating connection to the history of Sheffield, its farming and industrial past and its connection to the community.

14th Sept: 1000-1230, 19th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

Beauchief Abbey

Beauchief Abbey Lane, Beauchief, Sheffield, S8 7BD

Premonstratensian Abbey Founded in 1173, set within a peaceful site close to ancient woodlands. 12th Century Tower and 17th Century Chapel with original box pews & remains of monastic cloisters.

19th & 20th Sept: 1100-1500

Prebooking not required.

Brightholmlee Chapel, Wharncliffe Side

252 Main Road, Wharncliffe Side, Sheffield, S35 0DQ

Visit this historic chapel dating from 1807 and learn about the fascinating history of the ancient village of Wharncliffe Side, chat to local history experts, see rare displays and hear about the Dragon of Wantley who roams Wharncliffe Craggs!

12th Sept: 1000-1400

Prebooking not required.

Eckington Church: our history

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Church Street, Eckington, S21 4BH

We welcome the opportunity to open this ancient parish church to visitors again this year. This will be a quiet opening with the church manned throughout the day and information, including a self-guided tour, available.

19th Sept: 1100-1500

Prebooking not required.



Fulwood Old Chapel

*Fulwood Old Chapel, 8 Whiteley Lane,
Sheffield, S10 4GL*

Fulwood Old Chapel was built in 1729 as a meeting house for dissenters. Visitors will be able to see the inside of the Chapel and view an exhibition on the Chapel and Fulwood through the ages.

19th & 20th Sept: 1300-1700

Prebooking not required.

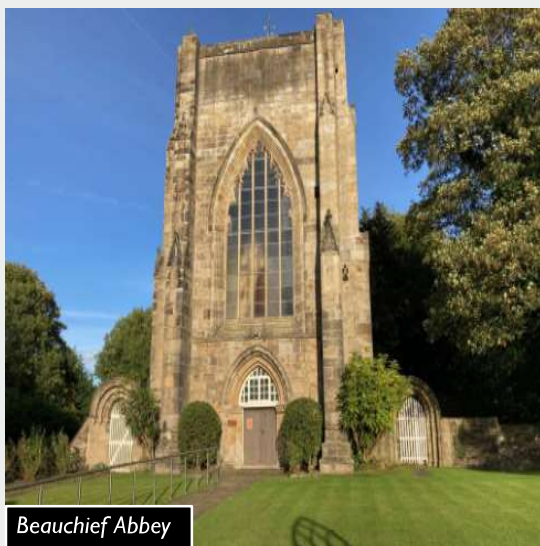
Highfield Trinity Methodist Church

2 Highfield Place, Sheffield, , S2 4UR

Come to Highfield Trinity Methodist Church, take a look at the building and find out about the working lives of people linked with the church since 1877 – including craftsmen, local business owners and a professional footballer.

19th September 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.



Beauchief Abbey

Holy Trinity now New Testament Church of God

1 Johnson Street, Sheffield, S3 8GT

The New Testament Church of God was originally Holy Trinity Wicker Church. It was built in 1847 and consecrated by the Archbishop of York in October 1848. It is a Grade II Listed Building.

12th September 1000-1500

Prebooking not required.

Minster of the Moor

*St Mary's Church, Priory Road,
Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S35 9XZ*

What connects 12th century Benedictine monks, Admiral Lord Nelson, and the Brownies? Come visit St Mary's Church, also known as 'Minster of the Moor', a Grade I listed church at the heart of Ecclesfield.

15th, 18th & 20th Sept: 1200-1600. 16th, 19th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.



Scissors Paper Stone - Lost and Found Exhibition

*St John's Church, 5 Ranmoor Park Road,
Ranmoor, Sheffield, S10 3GX*

The September 2026 events focus on the Heritage Open Days at St John's Church and explore the history of the original church building and community.

**12th Sept: 1600, 15th & 17th
Sept: 1400-1600, 16th Sept: 1000-
1200**

Prebooking not required.

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

31 Psalter Lane, Sheffield, S11 8YL

Take a short tour of the church, chat with our stewards about our history or simply enjoy the quiet space and wonderful light of our building.

**14th & 18th Sept: 1000-1600, 15th
Sept: 1300-1700, 16th Sept: 1200-
1600, 17th Sept: 1000-1200**

Prebooking not required.

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Craft Fair

31 Psalter Lane, Sheffield, S11 8YL

Come and browse a selection of stalls selling a wide range of hand-made items while enjoying the space and light of our beautiful building.

12th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

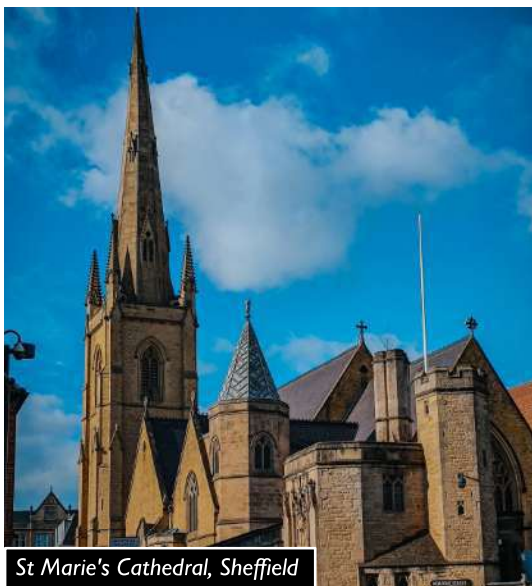
St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Repair Café

31 Psalter Lane, Sheffield, S11 8YL

Bring your wonky stuff and get it fixed – and if you don't have anything that needs mending, you're welcome to have a look around our beautiful church or simply enjoy the quiet space and wonderful light of the building.

19th Sept: 1000-1400

Prebooking not required.





St Andrews URC Open Day

84 Upper Hanover Street, Sheffield, S3 7RQ

Designed by well-known Sheffield architects Flockton & Sons in Victorian Gothic style, it was opened in 1855 as a Presbyterian Church of Scotland to provide for Scots settlers and a Scots regiment about to be billeted nearby.

19th Sept: 1300-1600, 20th Sept: 1100-1600

Prebooking not required.

St Giles Church, Killamarsh

Kirkcroft Lane, Killamarsh, S21 1BS

Beautiful 12th century parish church with some interesting features and history. Magnificent stained glass windows, including a memorial window to those who lost their lives in two world wars. Norman font. Tower housing 6 bells.

12th Sept: 1000-1600, 13th Sept: 1200-1600

Prebooking not required.

St Lawrence Church, Great Barlow

Hackney Lane, Barlow, Dronfield, S18 7TR

St Lawrence Church in Barlow, has been a place of worship and at the centre of village life since the 12th century. Come and see an exhibition of the Church and village history throughout the centuries.

11th & 12th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield

Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB

The Catholic Cathedral is a stunning Victorian building adapted to modern worship. It was opened in 1850 as the mother church and still retains its peaceful prayerful atmosphere. It is much loved by local Catholics and by its many visitors.

Open every day 0900-1700

Prebooking preferred for tours. Email: eileen.maher@stmariecathedral.org



St Mark's Church, Broomhill and Broomhall

Broomfield Road, Sheffield, S10 2SE

A chance to visit to the architect George Pace's finest parish church with its stained glass by John Piper, Harry Stammers and Gillian Rees-Thomas

15th & 19th Sept: 1000-1400

Prebooking not required.

St Matthew's Church, Carver Street

45 Carver Street, Sheffield, S1 4FT

Historic St Matthew's Church in the heart of the city is a beautiful example of the English Anglo-Catholic or 'Ritualist' movement. Full of gorgeous features lovingly maintained this church will transport you to the Baroque and the Gothic.

**11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th
Sept: 1000-1700, 12th & 19th
Sept: 0930-1500**

Prebooking not required.

St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue

*St. Paul's Church Hall, Wordsworth
Avenue, Sheffield, S5 9JH*

The church, a Grade II* listed building designed by Sir Basil Spence, will be open 1000-1500 with talks at 1100 & 1300 by Diana Philips about Beryl Dean, who did the embroidery for the Altar Frontal at St Paul's. Refreshments will be served throughout.

**19th Sept: 1000-1500, talks 1100
& 1300**

Prebooking not required.

St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue Open Morning

St. Paul's Church Hall, Wordsworth Avenue, Sheffield, S5 9JH

Come and look inside St Paul's Church Wordsworth Avenue - a Grade II* Listed building designed by Sir Basil Spence.

17th Sept: 0900-1200

Prebooking not required.





The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Handsworth & Handsworth Museum

402 Handsworth Road, Handsworth,
Sheffield, S13 9BZ

A place full of history! Our church dates back to 1170. Our museum will be open at the same time and is situated in our Tudor Coach House with dovecote.

11th, 12th & 14th Sept: 1000-1600, 13th Sept: 1100-1600

Prebooking not required.

Trinity United Reformed Church

737a Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, South
Yorkshire, S11 8TG

Step inside Trinity Reform Church and explore the beautiful mid-century wooden interior, and take in the church's striking stained glass. There's also a chance to get creative - design your own stained-glass inspired artwork.

19th Sept: 1000-1600

Prebooking not required.

Upper Chapel & Channing Hall (Unitarian)

Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JD

Take a tour around one of the oldest buildings in Sheffield and discover what a peaceful jewel the Chapel is. Dating from 1700, it is infused with stories connected to Sheffield's rich history. Heritage Service also open to all on Sunday at 11.00am.

12th Sept: 1100-1530, 13th Sept: 1200-1530

Prebooking not required.

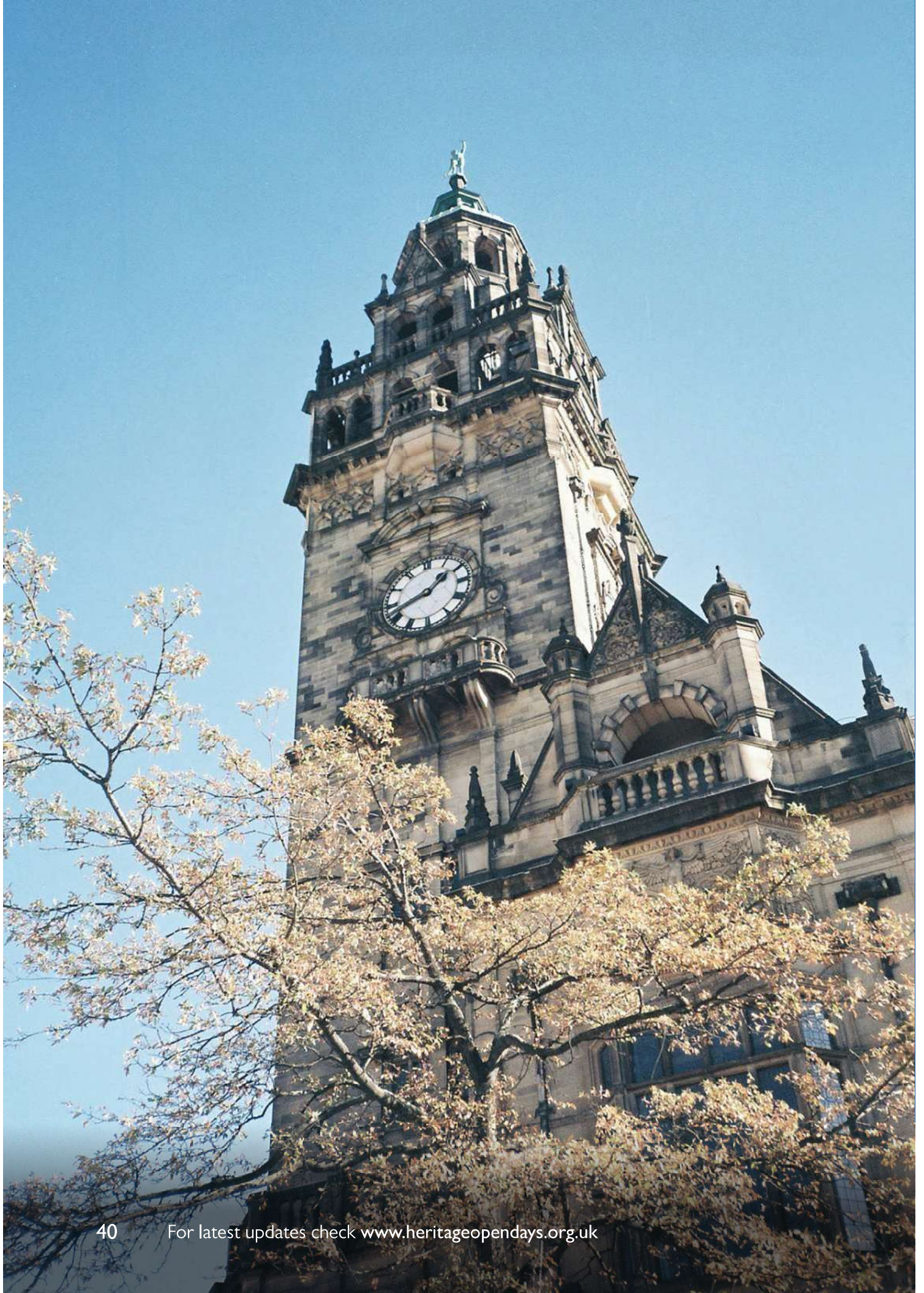
Wincobank Chapel and Iron Age Hillfort

132 Wincobank Avenue, Wincobank,
Sheffield, S5 6BB

Visit the historic Wincobank Chapel, founded in 1841 as a village school by anti-slavery campaigner Mary Anne Rawson, learn how life in Wincobank has changed over the centuries and join an optional guided walk to the nearby Iron Age Hillfort.

12th Sept: 1200-1600, talk at 1200, walk at 1330 & 1500

*Prebooking required for guided walk only.
Phone/text +447980143776*



Sheffield Town Hall

Sheffield Town Hall is one of just five Grade I listed buildings in Sheffield so we are delighted that this year we will be holding several Heritage Open Day events in this historic building, giving you the chance to go behind the scenes and discover the stories and secrets which lie within.

You can sign up for the ever-popular behind-the-scenes history tour where you'll be taken around the Town Hall's fine Victorian chambers to hear stories of the famous people who have visited, such as Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II and Sir Winston Churchill. You'll see the magnificent architecture and many original features – and you can have your photo taken sitting on the Lord Mayor's 'throne'!

An illustrated talk on the Sheffield Blitz will take you back in time to learn how Sheffield people lived, worked and played in wartime Sheffield. The Town Hall was one of the few buildings to survive the bombing and you'll hear the fascinating story of how the city centre of today has been shaped by the events of those fateful December nights over eighty-five years ago.

We are delighted to be hosting a talk by Professor Judy Simons, author of *From Shtetl to Steel City*, which uses rare archive material, artefacts and documents to tell the hidden story of how impoverished Jewish immigrants fled from oppression to embrace a new life in Sheffield. Two hundred years of history has been discovered in archive material which tells of a community whose tenacity and determination made a significant impact on Sheffield's politics, commerce, industry and public life. Not to be missed!

The Town Hall will be throwing open its doors for a special Heritage Open Days family-friendly Open Day on 19th September offering visitors of all ages the chance to learn about the Town Hall refurbishment project, which aims to secure the long-term future of this historic building. There'll be lots of fun activities for children and families, a chance to delve into family history records from the past, and to explore the hidden corners and secrets of this important heritage building.

Sheffield Town Hall has been at the centre of the city's civic decision-making for over 125 years so come and take a rare look behind the scenes at one of our special Heritage Open Day events, full details in the brochure and online.

Competition Time!

Looking out at you from the front over of this booklet are 15 pairs of eyes belonging to people whose Everyday Histories have a connection with Sheffield. Can you identify them all? If so, you have a chance to win a fabulous polished pewter Sheffield Crest tankard worth £54, embossed with the crossed arrows and sheaves of the Sheffield Arms, made by Gibson Pewter and perfect for a proud Sheffielder to own.



With thanks to The Famous Sheffield Shop.

How to enter:

Drop us an email with the subject line 'Competition', identifying who the 15 pairs of eyes belong to and including your name. If there's more than one correct entry then a draw will be made to choose the winner. If no one correctly identifies them all then the entry identifying the highest number of correct answers will win. Competition closes on the last day of the festival, Sunday 20 September 2026. Good luck!

email: hods@sheffieldcivictrust.org.uk



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