

HERITAGE

Open Days in Kirklees

FREE TO EXPLORE

Over 100 free events, 12-21 September 2025



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

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## A BOLD NEW CHAPTER IN THE STORY OF HUDDERSFIELD



A striking new silhouette is taking shape at the very heart of Huddersfield. Rising from the town centre's historic core, the distinctive paraboloid roof structures of Our Cultural Heart mark a bold new era – a perfect fusion of heritage and modern design that will transform the town for generations to come.

Opening in **Summer 2026**, Phase One of Our Cultural Heart will bring together an inspiring new library hub incl. Kirklees Archives, a vibrant food hall, and a spectacular public square – all designed to celebrate community, creativity and connection.

At the centre of it all, the eye-catching curves of the iconic architecture are an instantly recognisable landmark – a nod to Huddersfield's industrial ingenuity and a beacon of ambition for the future.

But Our Cultural Heart is more than bricks and mortar. It's a place to gather, discover, and belong. A place where families, friends and future generations can enjoy culture, cuisine and conversation in one unforgettable setting.

This is not just a regeneration project. It's a legacy in the making.



Be part of the journey. Sign up to the **Our Cultural Heart** newsletter for the latest news, behind-the-scenes insights and event updates.

[OURCULTURALHEART.CO.UK](http://OURCULTURALHEART.CO.UK)



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 History Group, Kirklees Libraries and Museums Services, Spen Valley Civic Society, and Dewsbury and Mirfield volunteers. We can be contacted at [kirkleeshod@gmail.com](mailto:kirkleeshod@gmail.com). We hope you enjoy what's on offer and we welcome your feedback.

## Welcome to Kirklees Heritage Open Days

Kirklees contributes over 100 events to this year's Heritage Open Days festival, almost half of them new. The national theme is **Architecture**, to which many sites have responded in creative and engaging ways. Several are offering architectural sketching activities, sponsored by **Our Cultural Heart**. Almost 20 churches are also combining Heritage Open Days with **Yorkshire Churches Day** on Saturday 13 September, a Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust initiative (<https://www.yhct.org.uk>). The Upper Holme Valley partnership has its own Working Lives theme (<https://holmevalleyheritage.com>).

## Events at a Glance 12-21 September 2025

	SITE / EVENT	ADDRESS	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14	MON 15	TUES 16	WED 17	THR 18	FRI 19	SAT 20	SUN 21
	BATLEY & BIRSTALL											
	All Saints Church, Batley	Stocks Lane, WF17 8PA			1230-1600							
	Bagshaw Museum, Batley											
N	• Family friendly building trail			1200-1700	1200-1700						1200-1700 (plus box-building)	
N	• Guided Museum tour	Wilton Park, WF17 0AS			p.m. BOOK							
N	• Post Office Cultures Project			Talk p.m. BOOK								
N	Wilton Park Natural Kirklees Toolstore			1000-1500								
N	Batley Cemetery Walk	7 North Bank Road, Batley, WF17 8ES			1400							
N	Batley's Market Square: The Buildings That Tell Our Story	Library, Market Place, WF17 5DA	1000-1700	1200-1700		1000-1900	1000-1700		1000-1700	1000-1700	1200-1700	
N	Batley Railway Station – Past & Present	Upper Station Rd, WF17 5TA		1000-1500								
	Oakwell Hall (regular opening hours)			1200-1600	1200-1600						1200-1600	1200-1600
N	• Bronte art installation unveiling	Nova Lane, Birstall, WF17 9LG			1200-1600							
	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	Cliffe Ash, Golcar, HD7 4PY		1100-1600 with scone bake							1100-1600 with well tours	
	Knitting & Crochet Guild – hourly tours	Britannia Mill, Britannia Road, Slaithwaite, HD7 5HE					1100-1400					
	Longwood Sing	St Mark's Road, HD3 3DZ			1430							
	Marsden railway and canal walk	National Trust Car Park, Station Road, HD7 6DH									a.m. BOOK	
	Providence Methodist Church, Golcar	Knowl Road, HD7 4AN		1000-1500								
	St James Church, Slaithwaite	Church Street/ Bankgate, HD7 5AW									1000-1500	
	St John the Evangelist, Golcar	Church Street, HD7 4PX		1000-1500								
	St Mark's Church, Longwood	St Mark's Road, HD3 3DZ		1000-1600								
N	Welcome to the Basement	Old Providence Chapel, Hollins Row, Slaithwaite, HD7 5LA									a.m. BOOK	p.m. BOOK
	Wholestone Moor Transport Heritage	Nettleton Hill Road, Scapegoat Hill, HD7 4NH		a.m. BOOK								
	DEWSBURY, RAVENSTHORPE & THORNHILL											
N	Dewsbury Beeline, Memory Lane Tour & Film Show	Dewsbury Minster (B & Q side), Wilton St, WF12 8AB									p.m. BOOK	
N	Dewsbury History Group presentation, display and quiz	31 Wellington Road, WF13 1HL							1900-2130			

EVENTS CONTINUE OVERLEAF

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	Dewsbury Town Hall tours	Town Hall Way, WF12 8DG		a.m., p.m. BOOK								
	Greenwood's – Dewsbury's oldest shop	3 Church Street, WF13 1JJ		a.m., p.m. BOOK							a.m., p.m. BOOK	
N	Historic Images of Dewsbury	25 Princess of Wales Precinct, WF13 1NH	1000-1500					1000-1500	1000-1500	1000-1500		
N	Kirk Work architecture walk	West Riding Refreshment Rooms, Wellington Road, WF13 1HF (front entrance)						a.m. BOOK				
N	Kirk Work walk & Arcade visit									a.m. BOOK		
	Rectory Park history walk	Church Lane, Thornhill, WF12 0JY		1400							1400	
	St John the Evangelist, Dewsbury Moor	140B Boothroyd Lane, WF13 2LP		1100-1500							1100-1500	
	St Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe	Church Street, WF13 3JR									1000-1500	
N	Thornhill Parish Church – with Architectural Photographs exhibition	Church Lane, WF12 0JZ		1000-1600 Bees talk Sat 1030				1100-1400			1000-1600 Architecture talk Sat 1030	
<b>HOLME VALLEY</b> <span>W</span> Working Lives theme Finalised details and more events to follow: check <a href="https://holmevalleyheritage.com">https://holmevalleyheritage.com</a>												
N	'Florence Lockwood – suffragist' <span>W</span>	Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 3JH							1900			
	Holmfirth Parish Church	Towngate, HD9 1HA		1000-1600								
N	Magnum: a quarrying history <span>W</span>	Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS							1930			
N	Researching Family Histories	Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Rd, HD9 3JH								a.m.		
	St David's Church, Holmbridge <span>W</span>	Woodhead Road, HD9 2NQ		1000-1600	1200-1600							
	St Thomas's Church, Thurstonland	Marsh Hall Lane, HD4 6XD									1000-1600	1200-1630
	Th'Owd Towser	Daisy Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1HS		1000-1600							1000-1600	
N	The Tech – Educating the Workers <span>W</span>	140 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AR				1000-1600					1900 quiz night	
N	Washpit Mills: Working Lives <span>W</span>	Washpit Mills, Holmfirth, HD9 2RD	1000-1600	1000-1600	1000-1600			1000-1600	1000-1600	1000-1600	1000-1600	1000-1600
N	When Conscription Came To Holmfirth	Civic Hall, Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3AS									1030-1200	
	Wooldale Quaker Meeting House	Pell Lane, HD9 1QL									1000-1600	
<b>HUDDERSFIELD TOWN CENTRE</b>												
N	Architectural Heritage of Kirklees – An Artistic Impression	Local Studies Library, 16A Victoria Lane, HD1 2QF	0900-1700	0900-1630		0900-1900	0900-1700	0900-1700	1000-1700	0900-1700	0900-1630	
N	Daphne Steele Building tours	University (Southgate campus), HD1 1AD							p.m. BOOK			
	Heritage Quay (University Archive) Behind-the-Scenes tour							a.m. BOOK				
N	Heritage Quay curators' tour: The Town That Taught Itself	Schwann Building, University, Queensgate, HD1 3DH						1200				
N	Holocaust Centre North: Surviving Generations and the Architecture of Hiding							p.m. BOOK				
	Huddersfield Town Hall tours	Ramsden Street, HD1 2TA										a.m., p.m. BOOK
	Jo Cox More in Common Building	University (main campus), Queensgate, HD1 3DH						p.m. BOOK				
	Lawrence Batley Theatre	Queen St, HD1 2SP	a.m., p.m. BOOK	a.m. BOOK								
N	Mills and Moors Art UK online curation	On line from the Kirklees Collection	<a href="https://artuk.org/discover/curations/mills-and-moors">https://artuk.org/discover/curations/mills-and-moors</a>									
N	Mills Transformed!	Brian Jackson House, 2 New North Parade, HD1 5JP						1900				
	Modernism Walk	St George's Square, HD1 1JB			a.m. BOOK							
N	Musical Sites of Huddersfield	Oastler Buiding, University (main campus), Queensgate, HD1 3DH						p.m. BOOK				
N	Our Cultural Heart site visit	Former Queensgate Market, HD1 2UJ							1600-1800			
N	St Patrick's RC Church	34 New North Road, HD1 5JY									1130-1530	
	St Peter's Parish Church, Huddersfield	Byram Street, HD1 1BU				a.m. BOOK	a.m. BOOK	a.m. BOOK	a.m. BOOK	a.m. BOOK		
N	Town Centre photography trail	Local Studies Library, 16A Victoria Lane, HD1 2QF							p.m. BOOK			
<b>HUDDERSFIELD BEYOND THE TOWN CENTRE</b>												
	All Hallows Church, Almondbury	2 Westgate, HD5 8XE									0930-1700	
N	Briarcourt – an Arts & Crafts Renovation	28 Occupation Rd, Lindley, HD3 3EE		1030-1400								
	Castle Hill Heritage Walk	Hillside, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, HD4 6TA			a.m. BOOK							
N	Coal Mining around Bradley Bar	Woodside Lane, Fixby, HD2 2HA			p.m. BOOK							
N	Edgerton & Marsh urban landscape walk	Huddersfield Station, St George's Square, HD1 1JB							a.m. BOOK			
	Highfields Apartments (Huddersfield College)	64 New North Rd, HD1 5LS	Tours every day at varying times – BOOKING preferred									
	King James's School	St. Helen's Gate, Almondbury, HD4 6SG		1000-1400								
N	Kirklees Stadium 30 Years On	Legends Bar, Stadium Way, HD1 6PX						0900-1200				
	Lindley Clock Tower	Lidget St, HD3 3JB		1000-1400								
	Lindley Methodist Church including history walk and choir concert	45 East Street, HD3 3ND		1100-1600 Walk 1200 Choir 1430								
	Newsome Centre (ex St John's Church) – includes family history advice	Jackroyd Lane, HD4 6QU		1000-1500	1000-1400							
	Oakes Baptist Church	Oakes Rd, Lindley, HD3 3EW		1000-1300							1000-1300	
	Ravensknowle Park Vintage Motorcycle Show	Wakefield Rd, HD5 8DJ										1100-1500
	St Hilda's, Cowcliffe	Netheroyd Hill Road, HD2 2LZ									1000-1600	1200-1600
	St John the Evangelist, Birkby	75 St. Johns Road, HD1 5EA	1400-1600	1000-1400						1400-1600	1000-1400	
N	St John the Baptist, Kirkheaton	Church Lane, HD5 0BH		1000-1600								
	St Stephen's Church, Lindley <span>S</span>	Lidget Street, HD3 3JB		1030-1500								
	St Thomas's, Longroyd Bridge	Manchester Road, HD1 3HU		1000-1600	1200-1600							
N	Sheepridge Passivhaus	New House, New House Road, HD2 1EG									p.m. BOOK	p.m. BOOK
	Tolson Museum											
N	• Samplers exhibition	Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Rd, HD5 8DJ		1200-1700	1200-1700						1200-1700	1200-1700
N	• Family Friendly building trail			1200-1700	1200-1700						1200-1700	1200-1700
N	• Guided Museum tour											p.m. BOOK
	Victoria Tower, Castle Hill	Hillside, Lumb Lane, Almondbury HD4 6TA									1200-1630	1200-1630
<b>MIRFIELD &amp; SPEN VALLEY</b>												
N	Architecture around Red House	On line	Daily posts on Facebook									
N	Architectural Gems of Cleckheaton and District <span>S</span>	Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road, BD19 3DX									1000-1400	
N	Mirfield Library talks	Mirfield Library, Eastthorpe Lodge, Huddersfield Rd, WF14 8AN					1300	1900		1030		
N	Children's craft activity										1030	
N	Local history walk										1030	
	Mirfield Masonic Lodge	14 King Street, WF14 8AW		1000-1500	1000-1500							
N	St John the Evangelist, Mirfield	Hopton Hall Lane, West Yorkshire, WF14 8EL		1000-1600								
	West Yorkshire Print Workshop open studio and heritage craft activities <span>S</span>	75a Huddersfield Road, WF14 8AT	1330-1600	1330-1600								
<b>SOUTH KIRKLEES VILLAGES</b>												
	All Hallows' Church, Kirkburton <span>S</span>	Shelley Lane, HD8 0SJ		1000-1530								1230-1530
N	All Saints' Church, Clayton West	Church Lane, HD8 9LY		1000-1600	1200-1400						1000-1600	1200-1400
N	Emmanuel Church, Shelley – handbell concert	Huddersfield Road, HD8 8LH							1400-1500			
	High Flatts Quaker Meeting House and nature tours	Firth Lane, HD8 8XU							1000-1700	1000-1700	1230-1700	1230-1700
	Kirkburton Graveyard Tours & History Walks	All Hallows Church, Shelley Lane, HD8 0SJ		a.m., p.m. BOOK								
	Kirkburton Passivhaus Tours	18 Lane Head Lane, HD8 0SQ								a.m, p.m. BOOK		
	St James the Great, Flockton	Barnsley Road, WF4 4DH									1000-1600	1200-1600
	St Michael's Church, Emley	31 Church Street, HD8 9RP		1030-1600								
N	Shelley Methodist Church & Museum	Far Bank, HD8 8HT		1000-1600								
	Skelmanthorpe Textile Heritage Centre	6 Queen Street, HD8 9DU							Tours, p.m. BOOK		Tours, a.m. & p.m. BOOK	