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Heritage Open Days in Bath & North East Somerset

12 – 21 September 2025

Welcome to England's largest festival of history and culture!

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are **FREE** to explore.

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Albert Mill

Dapps Hill, Keynsham, BS31 1UL, 07746936506

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September, 10am – 4pm

Albert Mill, now a private residence, dates from 1700. Explore its history with a timeline, original pieces of machinery and a special photographic display. There will be people on hand to answer questions, a quiz for children and refreshments in the beautiful gardens.

Albert Mill has original flooring and steps. There is an easily accessible viewing area for wheelchairs and plenty of space to store pushchairs.

American Museum & Gardens

Claverton Manor, Claverton, Bath, Somerset, BA2 7BD, 01225 460 503

Sunday 14 September, 10am – 5pm

Explore incredible gardens, museum of American arts & heritage, interactive space exhibition, shop, play area, café with valley view terrace. On Heritage Open Day, visit the gardens and café for free. There is a small admission fee to enter the museum and exhibition.

Parking, accessible toilets, wheelchair accessible.

www.americanmuseum.org



Bath Abbey Cemetery

Prior Park Road, Bath, BA2 5BB
Entrance: <http://player.joins.privately>

Saturday 13 September, 10am – 1pm

Uncover fascinating lives and local history with guided tours at 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 (places must be booked in advance on our website), hands-on family activities and – informative displays plus volunteer guides in front of the Chapel.



It takes 15 minutes to walk to the Cemetery from the city centre including up a moderate hill. It's on Prior Park Road opposite the junction with Church St. The pedestrian entry will be clearly signposted on the day. There is no parking on that road or on the cemetery site but the nearest road for parking is Perrymead. Buses from the city centre to Combe Down stop outside the main gate: firstgroup.com/bristol-bath-and-west/plan-journey

The cemetery is on quite a steep incline with many overgrown areas but there are some mowed, accessible paths for walking. Please be aware that the guided tour route is not wheelchair accessible but the displays outside the Chapel are in a reasonably accessible area. Please note that the tour will involve standing for an hour, moving between memorials. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.



Bath Jewish Burial Ground

Greendown Place, Bradford Road,
Combe Down, Bath BA2 5DD,
07884 442385

Sunday 14 September, 11am – 4pm

Peaceful cemetery holding the stories of Bath's Jewish community in the 19th and early 20th centuries. This is a cemetery and we ask visitors to be quiet and respectful of its peaceful atmosphere and significance. Children must be supervised at all times, no running. No dogs allowed on site, please (assistance dogs only).

bathjewishburialground.org

Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution

BRLSI 16 Queen Square, Bath, 01225 312084

Monday 15 September, 7.30pm

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution – Inspiring Minds since 1824. The story of the 200-year-old charity in a glorious building on Queen Square: Talk by Andreas Wasmuht.

Due to our grade 1 listed building we are currently not able to offer entirely step-free access to our spaces. However, if you let us know in advance that you are coming, we will ensure a ramp is ready to facilitate access points.roomhire@brlsi.org

brlsi.org



Church of Our Lady and St Alphege

Oldfield Lane, Bath, BA2 3NR, 01225 424894

Friday 12, Thursday 18, Saturday 20 September, 2.30pm

Join a special guided tour of this grade 2* listed building – an outstanding 1920s example of the work of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.

Wheelchair accessible, parking close to site, accessible toilets.

saintalphege.org.uk



Elim Church

Charlotte Street, Bath, BA1 2ND,
0775 4264565

Saturday 13 September, 10am – 3pm

Explore the only 10-sided, decagonal, church in the UK. Discover the beautifully restored stained glass windows and rich history whilst enjoying a coffee and one of our homemade cakes in this stunning and unique space.

Wheelchair accessible, parking close to site, accessible toilets.

elimbath.org

Eyre Chantry Chapel

Perrymead Cemetery, Pope's Walk, Bath, BA2 5AZ, 07850 988502

Thursday 18 September, 11am – 4pm

Explore the interior of this 19th century Catholic chapel with stunning stained-glass windows and Minton tiled floor. The chapel stands in peaceful surroundings above Bath with lovely views over the city.

Parking – no through road off Perrymead.

Keynsham Methodism in the footsteps of the Wesleys

Keynsham Methodist Church, Charlton Road, Keynsham, Somerset, BS31 2JA, 073416 28932

Monday 15, Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 September, 10am – 12pm

Explore, see and listen to the history of Methodism from the 18th century to today. Our curators will introduce you to the story of how John and Charles Wesley, and Methodists since, have influenced the growth and development of life in Keynsham.

The Shopper's Service at 1100 on the Thursday will recall our history with reflections of John Wesley the founder of the Methodist Church and include hymns written by John and his brother Charles. Whichever morning you visit you will be very welcome to come and journey with us.

Parking nearby.

Mayor's Parlour – The Charter Trustees of the City of Bath

Mayor's Parlour,
Guildhall, Bath BA1 5AW

**Monday 15 – Friday 19
September, 11am – 4pm**

800 years of history
– see the City's Royal
Charters, gold & silver
collection, ceremonial
maces, sword & robes.

*Wheelchair accessible,
parking, accessible
toilets.*

mayorofbath.co.uk



St John the Baptist Church – Midsomer Norton

Church Square, Midsomer Norton, Somerset, BA3 2HX

Saturday 20 September 12pm and tower tours between 2pm – 5pm

Monuments and Memories and Tower Tours

Presentation about the Churchyards from midday and tower tours.

Refreshments available and a children's quiz.

Museum of Bath Stone

54a Combe Road, Bath, BA2 5HZ, 01225 837439

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September, 2pm – 5pm

The village that built a city. Discover the history of the village and Global Heritage Stone that built the city of Bath.

Wheelchair accessible, toilets, single disabled parking space outside the museum.

museumofbathstone.org

Museum of Bath at Work

Julian Road, Bath, BA1 2RH,
01225 318348

**Saturday 13 September,
10.30am – 4pm**

Explore our two pop up exhibitions 'On Court' – an exhibition exploring the fascinating history of Tennis in Bath, and 'Bath Bottled' telling the history of fizzy drinks manufacture in Bath and showcasing some of the artistic talent from across the city. There will be opportunities to handle the collection, have your say on the future of the museum and take part in an open archive tour at 11am. We will also have children's activities.

Wheelchair accessible, parking, toilets.

museumofbath.org



Locksbrook Campus, Bath Spa University

Locksbrook Road, Bath, BA1 3EL

Saturday 21 September, 11am – 4pm

Bath Spa University's Locksbrook Campus houses our courses in the School of Design and the School of Art Film and Media. Locksbrook has received a RIBA South West Award and RIBA National Award, recognising and celebrating this inspirational space.

Use Newbridge Park and Ride get off at Chelsea Road. The A4 and X39 buses also pass at the top of Station Road, a few minutes walk to Locksbrook Campus.

heritageopenday@bathspa.ac.uk



Prior Park Landscape Garden

Prior Park Landscape Garden, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath, Somerset, BA2 5AH, 01225 833977

Friday 12, Saturday 13 September, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm)

18th-century landscape garden in Bath with one of only four Palladian bridges in the world.

Limited pre-bookable accessible parking. Very steep paths generally unsuitable for wheelchairs and mobility vehicles, but more even paths near lower entrance / Tea Cabin with views to the bridge.

nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park

Roman Baths – Local History Store Lansdown

Located near Lansdown Park and Ride – BA1 9BJ, precise location and directions will be given with your booking confirmation.

Thursday 18 September, 10am – 3pm
Guided tours at 10am, 12pm and 2pm

Explore weird and wonderful objects from Victorian spa equipment to Georgian furniture. Join a treat of a tour at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm. Booking essential: romanbaths_enquiries@bathnes.gov.uk.

Parking.

romanbaths.co.uk





Roman Baths Clore Learning Centre

Swallow Street, Bath, BA1 1RB

**Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 September,
2.30pm – 3.30pm**

Join a member of the learning team on a guided tour – find out about this redeveloped building and how we work with schools and community groups throughout the year. Chance to find out about volunteering with school groups and with other community events.

**Friday 12 September, 5pm–6pm and
6.30pm–7.30pm**

Discovering the Romans – explore archaeology in our investigation zone and handle original artefacts showing the daily life of Romans 2000 years ago. Ages 16+. Booking essential: heritage_community_engagement@bathnes.gov.uk.

Doorbell on right, toilets, lift to all floors.

romanbaths.co.uk

Saltford Brass Mill

The Shallows, Saltford, Bristol, BS31 3EX

**Saturday 13 , Sunday 14, Saturday
20, Sunday 21 September,
10pm – 4pm**

Open Day with Guided and Audio Tours, Interactive Models and Dioramas, Brass Rubbing and Nature Hunt for children. Dog friendly.

*Public toilet and Public car park
300m further on from Monument.
Wheelchair access, some high steps
and low beams and uneven floors.
W3W ||| boost.worms.clear*

brassmill.com



Secrets of Stoney Littleton Long Barrow and its Landscape

Stoney Littleton Long Barrow, Wellow Somerset, BA2 8NR

15 and 16 September 10.30am – tours last 2 hours

Join our expert English Heritage volunteer on an exclusive tour of Stoney Littleton Long Barrow. Pre-booking is required via Eventbrite: eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-history-of-stoney-littleton-long-barrow-and-its-landscape-tickets-1526704818209

Moderate climb up hill.



Somerset and Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

Midsomer Norton South Station, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2EY, 01761 411221

Sunday 14 September – Station open day (Brake Van Rides) 10.30am – 3.30pm

Experience the historic Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway. Visit the station, signal box, museum & WW2 pillbox. Train rides available at extra cost.

Wheelchair access to parts of the site the Wickham Trolley is not accessible for wheelchair users and the brake van access is difficult for those with mobility issues, parking, toilets.

sdjr.co.uk

Southcot Burial Ground

Bottom of Lyncombe Hill, Widcombe, Bath, BA2 4PG, 01225 338727

Saturday 13 September, 11am – 3pm

A hidden oasis in the centre of Bath. Come and discover it for yourself. Children's activity.

bath-preservation-trust.org.uk



St Stephen's – The Beacon of Lansdown

St Stephen's Church, Lansdown Road, Bath Somerset, BA1 5SX

Saturday 13 September – tours at 11.45am, 1pm, 2.15pm and 3.30pm

Hear about St Stephen's illustrious past and its optimistic future with guided tours of this Grade II* Victorian Gothic Revival Church. Your guide will regale you with stories of the early challenges of this notable Bath church.

Adjacent to the #31 Park & Ride bus stop on Lansdown Road Parking is on street only, accessible toilet.



Victoria Art Gallery

Bridge Street, Bath, BA2 4AT

**Thursday 18 September,
12pm – 1pm**

Join us at the Victoria Art Gallery and explore the wonderful collection housed in the art stores. Booking essential: 01225 477237.

Lift available, but one store is inaccessible without using stairs. Accessible toilet. Nearest parking at Podium. Level access entrance on Bridge Street (opposite Mallory's).

victoriagal.org.uk

Walcot Methodist Chapel

Bath Methodist Church, Nelson Place East, Bath, Somerset, BA1 5DA

**Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September
12pm – 3pm**

Bath's oldest Methodist chapel, opened in 1816. The organ, built in 1771, was originally installed in Bath Assembly Rooms.

Accessible toilet, parking close to site and wheelchair access.





In England, Heritage Open Days has expanded and diversified from 701 events at its launch to over 5,000 today. Spanning the public, private and voluntary sectors, it is a unique and powerful partnership. Growing from European roots we are nationally supported but locally led – working with organisations and individuals across England to explore and celebrate our diverse heritage. Providing countless opportunities for more people to come together and enjoy, often surprising, always interesting, doorstep discoveries!



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