

WINCHESTER HERITAGE OPEN DAYS Friday 13 – Sunday 22 September 2019

Don't miss this chance to be a tourist in your own town and treasure the treasures on your doorstep. Celebrating local history, architecture and culture, the ten-day event offers you the chance to see hidden places and experience something new.

Here are just a few of this year's events in Winchester and surrounding areas. There are lots more, there really is something for everyone – all completely **FREE**.

Turn Up

Food & Drink Exhibition and Extraordinary Women Exhibit – throughout festival
A Celebration of Hampshire Treasures at Great Hall – Sat 14th & Sun 15th
Eel House Open Day in Alresford – Sunday 15th
Winchester College Treasury – 19th through to 22nd September
Winchester Cathedral Open Evening – Thursday 19th
Weorod: Early Medieval Living History – Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd

Bookable Events

Steve Jarvis: Winchester Through Postcards – Saturday 14th
Hampshire Firearms Collections – Thursday 19th
Dr Tim Hands: The Path to Keats Autumn – Thursday 19th
University of Winchester Chapel Tours by Design Engine Architects – Friday 20th
Alastair Stewart 'Shifting Sands in News Coverage' – Friday 20th
Jane Devonshire 'Food, Masterchef & beyond' – Saturday 21st
Hursley House – Sunday 22nd

For a full list of events visit <u>www.winchesterheritageopendays.org</u> Copies of the Winchester programme are available from the Winchester Tourist Information Centre

Fundraising event:

Thursday 12th Sept talk by Martin Biddle on 'Why did the Anglo-Saxons build a church in the middle of a ruined Roman city?' at the Discovery Centre, tickets £14 from website or the Discovery Centre.



Heritage Open Days is the country's largest heritage festival. In Winchester every September, local volunteers organise over 100 events to celebrate Winchester's fantastic history, architecture and cultural heritage. This is your chance to discover hidden places, hear fascinating and unusual stories, learn new skills and try out new experiences.

It is Heritage Open Days' 25th anniversary this year, and to celebrate there are even more guided walks, expert talks, live music and theatre as well as new buildings opening their doors. The two themes are 'Food & Drink' and 'People Power', and every tour, lecture, activity, creative workshop, bike ride and exhibit is completely free.

The Trust acts as the charity sponsoring Heritage Open Days in Winchester and through which grants are submitted of its behalf. The Heritage Centre has provided office space for a paid intern and base volunteers. As in past years the Heritage Centre will be open to the public 10am-6pm Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 September with an exhibition 'Winchester's Conservation Area' inspired by work undertaken by Trust volunteers in Collaboration with Winchester City Council on their Winchester Future 50 project. Trust volunteers used a survey provided by WCC to look at listed buildings

and buildings of faith in part of the walled town and on St Giles Hill. They also took photos.

We would welcome volunteers to staff the Heritage Centre and more generally help out with events around Winchester.

The General Public box office opened online on 7th August, and an 'in person' box office is open from 2nd September for a week. Tickets for the popular events have been going fast but there may still be time to pick up a place for an event, particularly for a talk which might be less in demand. There are close to 150 events this year. You can see the full programme by going to the City of Winchester Trust web page.

12 September 7:30pm at Winchester Discovery Centre is an opportunity to hear Martin Biddle talk about why the Anglo-Saxons built a church in the middle of a ruined Roman city. This is a fundraising event for Winchester Heritage Open Days and tickets are £14:00. For bookings visit:

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