



Guided Walks Programme 2019



Enjoy a guided walk, led by experts,
to discover the history, culture and
architecture that have shaped the town.

Join us on afternoon and evening walks
from March to October to experience the
very best of Huddersfield.

Walks last for approx 1.5 – 2 hours,
with a charge of £3 per person

Free on Heritage Open Days

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**No booking required except for the
Literary Huddersfield Walk (chargeable) and
the four free Heritage Open Day walks**

SUNDAY 31 MARCH AT 2.30PM

Literary Huddersfield Walk

Meet: Outside Huddersfield Library

Join Chris Marsden for a guided tour of the Huddersfield places known to Charles Dickens, Jan Morris, Harold Pinter and George Bernard Shaw, local authors and others, telling their stories and much more. Walk ending at Merrie England, New Street with its link to Simon Armitage. Expect the extraordinary. Walk organised in conjunction with Huddersfield Literature Festival.

This walk must be pre-booked.

Go to www.huddlitfest.org.uk for details.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL AT 2.30PM

The University Campus Trail

Meet: Ramsden Building, Queensgate
(opposite Alfred Street Car Park)

Since 1883 the University has grown to dominate the Aspley area south of the town. Join University Archivist Lindsay Ince on a walk examining the development of the built environment on campus over the past 150 years, from Victorian interiors to the glass and render of recent buildings (including the near-completed Barbara Hepworth Building). Includes an opportunity to explore the award-winning Oastler Building.

SUNDAY 12 MAY AT 2.30PM

Punks, Parratt and St Peter's: Musical Sites of Huddersfield

Meet: University of Huddersfield Oastler Building, Queensgate, (by Shorehead roundabout), inside main entrance.

Exploring the rich musical heritage of multicultural Huddersfield, Rachel Cowgill weaves various strands together in this walk including Victorian organ music, music hall, reggae and punk, to reveal the layering of Huddersfield's musical traditions on the town's urban fabric.

THURSDAY 23 MAY AT 7.00PM

Exploring Greenhead Park

Meet: The main gates, Trinity St/Park Avenue corner.

Join David Griffiths, who wrote the story of Greenhead Park, 'Secured For The Town', for an evening stroll around the park. David will explain how it came to be established and explore its original design, drawing on a description of the Park when it opened in 1884. The walk will look at how it has evolved and developed since then, and pick out some features that can easily be missed.

SUNDAY 9 JUNE AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield's Historic Transport Systems

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join Trevor, Eric, Philip and Robert for a walk to explore how the canal, the railway and municipal passenger transport system assisted the growth of Huddersfield into a major industrial town. The walk will start in St Georges's Square and continue through Springwood before descending to Longroyd Bridge - an area rich in transport history and infrastructure. It will continue with a walk along the towpath of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal and finish at Chapel Hill (at the rear of Kirklees College).

Note. The walk includes a number of steps and some unpaved pathways.

Due to the nature of some our walks, the routes we take may involve steps or rough surfaces. Please make us aware of any reasonable adjustments which need to be made for you to attend the walks.

THURSDAY 20 JUNE AT 7.00PM

Huddersfield's Significant Buildings: A Personal Selection

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join author Chris Marsden who will share stories of the town centre's significant buildings selected from his recently published 'Huddersfield in 50 Buildings' – a new way of looking at the town's development.

SUNDAY 7 JULY AT 2.30PM

Lindley Chapels, Grand Houses and Mill Workers: A Walk through Lindley's Story

Meet: Lindley Methodist Church, East St, HD3 3ND

Join David Verguson for a wander through Lindley, revealing its rich and varied heritage along some lesser-known footpaths, seeing pubs, chapels and grand houses, meeting millowners and mill workers, Methodists and memorials - a tinsmith and a sculptor . . . and some pretty fine pebble-dashing.

THURSDAY 18 JULY AT 7.00PM

Public Art Walk

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Chris Marsden leads a guided tour to look beyond the town's shop fronts and discover its historic and modern sculpture and murals. There is a wealth of art about us and Chris will reveal the art, the artists and the creative achievements of a cultural asset that many know little about.

THURSDAY 25 JULY AT 7.00PM

Hidden Highfields

Meet: Cambridge Road car park (free after 6 pm).

Highfields is a stone's throw from the town centre but rarely visited. Its quiet streets and lanes offer houses of many styles, from the early 18th century onwards, and traces of many religious faiths and migrant communities that have left their mark on the town, as well as Georgian and Victorian public buildings. David Griffiths will explore this rich brew and how it has developed.

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield's Architecture: What Did the Romans (and Greeks) Do For Us?

Meet: Huddersfield Library Steps

In 1963 John Betjeman said of Huddersfield, 'A sort of Athens on the steep slopes of the River Colne.' Had he had a drink too many or was there something about the town's architecture that led to this remark? Join David Wyles to discover why Betjeman's allusion to Athens and the Classical world is reflected in some of the town's most outstanding buildings.

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST AT 7.00PM

Building Stones

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join Ailsa Burrows of Huddersfield Geology Group for a short walk to discover the variety of rocks which helped Huddersfield become known as 'The Town of Stone'. We view and explain the geological history of the many beautiful examples of the local sandstone and the several exotic, polished stones which adorn buildings in the town. A magnifying glass would be useful but some will be provided.

CAN WE HELP?

In addition to the listed guided walks in the brochure, it may be possible to offer walks on similar themes to groups or organisations on other dates.

This will be subject to the availability of a walk leader. A minimum group size of 10 would normally apply with a charge of £3.00 per person.

For further information please contact [**info@discoverhuddersfield.com**](mailto:info@discoverhuddersfield.com)



heritage open days

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's superlative architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. In 2019 the programme of varied activities will cover a period between Friday 13 and Sunday 22 September, with Discover Huddersfield offering four free walks. All four walks MUST be pre-booked. Details about how to book and other activities will be found from mid-August at www.heritageopendays.org.uk and in the local brochure.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 12.00 NOON

Walking with Women's Suffrage

**FREE
MUST BE
PRE-BOOKED**

Meet: Canal towpath below Red & Green Club, Bankwell Road, Milnsbridge, HD3 4 LU

Join suffrage historian Jill Liddington for a 3.5 mile walk in the footsteps of local suffragists and suffragettes. The linear route passes the homes and villages of local campaigners including Elizabeth Pinnance, imprisoned in 1907 for 14 days, and Florence Lockwood, a Linthwaite mill owner's wife and a member of the suffragist NUWSS, who designed the Huddersfield branch banner. Please bring packed lunch. The walk ends in Slaithwaite for Q&A and tea. Walkers then need to make their own way back to the start (bus available).

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Almondbury's Astonishing Past

**FREE
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PRE-BOOKED**

Meet: By the old barn opposite 44 Town End, Almondbury, HD5 7BY

Why was Castle Hill settled over 2600 years ago? Who built a wooden church around 1150? Which trade instigated a Royal Market Charter 377 years before Huddersfield's? How was King James's Grammar School established in 1608? Where was the first official Methodist sermon preached in 1766? When did the first free school open? Join Vivien Uff to discover the answers and significant buildings on a linear stroll ending with a look inside the Tudor Wormall's Hall.



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SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Surprising Lockwood - From a Beautiful Spa Village to an Industrial Hub

**FREE
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Meet: Water Street Car Park, Lockwood, HD4 6EJ
(adjacent to Grappolo Restaurant)

Join Dave Pattern and Ian Stevenson on a circular walk covering approx. 1.5 miles. See some of the early 19th century buildings which were to be found in the spa village of Lockwood, attracting visitors from all over the country, and later ones which during the Industrial Revolution helped to establish Lockwood as a lively hub of textile and engineering excellence.

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield's Radical Heritage

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Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Cyril Pearce follows the steps of those involved in Huddersfield's most dramatic, turbulent and radical moments of local and national history, exploring the buildings and places associated with events such as the campaign for factory reform, the Luddites, Chartism and the emergence of socialist and co-operative movements. The walk ends at the Hall of Science (Ramsay Clay) on Bath Street.

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SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

Huddersfield History with a Caribbean Flavour

Meet: St. George's Square (Harold Wilson Statue)

Join Heather Norris Nicholson and Natalie Pinnock-Hamilton to explore sites, sounds and stories associated with the history of Huddersfield's African-Caribbean descent community. Finish with refreshments served at the Antilles Credit Union (Trinity Street) to find out more about how personal, local, national and international histories combine to create Huddersfield's own *Empire Windrush* story and its continuing significance for later generations and the wider community.

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

The Changing Face of Birkby: From Green Hamlet to Global Suburb

Meet: Outside St. John's Church, St. John's Road, Birkby, HD1 5EA

Join Lorna and Frank to explore the history of famous firms such as Hopkinsons engineering and Ben Shaws drinks as well as co-ops, a cinema, grand houses, churches and mosques, transport links, gardens, breweries and a workhouse. You will also discover older heritage sites: the medieval motte and bailey fortification on Beacon Street and the timber-framed Bay Hall; all showcasing Birkby's development from a green suburb to the densely populated multicultural community we know today.

Discover Huddersfield - Who We Are

Discover Huddersfield is a partnership of: Friends of Huddersfield Station, Huddersfield Civic Society, Huddersfield Local History Society, the Huddersfield Partnership, Kirklees Libraries, the Piazza Centre, TransPennine Express and the University of Huddersfield.