

**CITY OF DONCASTER**



**HERITAGE**

**OPEN DAYS**

**DONCASTER**

**PLAN YOUR VISIT**

**Friday 6th September to Sunday  
15th September 2024**

**Take part in free events, talks, walks and workshops to celebrate the richness and variety of heritage in Doncaster**

This booklet shows brief details about the events which are planned for Heritage Open Days locally.

For more information about each event go to the Heritage Open Days website where you will find details about each event, including location, accessibility details and if booking is required - how to book.



## FRIDAY 6TH

### Reading History: A Palaeography Workshop

9.30am – 11.30am

City of Doncaster Archives,  
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE

Find out more about the process of transcribing and reading local 16th and 17th century documents.

**Booking required.**

### Family History Workshop

1.00pm – 4.00pm

City of Doncaster Archives,  
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE

Come and find out how to trace your ancestors and use free resources to help you research your family history.

**Booking required.**

### The Eighteenth-Century Discovery of Britain and Ireland a talk by Professor Jim Watt

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Doncaster Mansion House,  
DN1 1BN

The Eighteenth Century Discovery of Britain and Ireland a talk by Professor Jim Watt, Director of the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies at York University. An illustrated talk on tourism in the Georgian period held in the magnificent ballroom in the Mansion House followed by tea and coffee. Organised by the Friends of the Mansion House.

### Cusworth Hall Tour with Object Handling

11.00am

Cusworth Hall Museum & Park, DN5 7TU

Built between 1740-1744 for local land owner William Wrightson, Cusworth Hall was home to the Battie-Wrightson family for over 200 years. 1 hour guided tour of the interior with chance to handle historic objects. **Booking required.**

### The Danum Roman Shield

6.00pm

Doncaster Brewery & Tap, DN1 3 EL

An illustrated talk by Peter Robinson, Curator of Archaeology at Heritage Doncaster. **Booking Required.**



\* Events highlighted show Georgian themed events.

## SATURDAY 7TH

### Doncaster Mansion House Open Day

10.30am – 2.00pm

Doncaster Mansion House, DN1 1BN

Visit Doncaster's elegant Grade I listed Georgian Mansion House and learn about its history from volunteer guides in period costume. There will be a children's discovery trail and a Georgian/Regency dance workshop from 12.00 -1.00pm. Organised by the Friends of the Mansion House.

Pre booking not required, but to reserve a place on the dance workshop please contact [secretaryfodmh@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfodmh@gmail.com)

### The River Don connecting people and nature across the centuries– a talk by Professor Ian Rotherham

12 noon – 1.30pm

Doncaster Gallery, Library & Museum  
Rail Heritage Centre, DN1 3BZ

This illustrated talk will introduce the history and nature of this great river and its role in the South Yorkshire landscape. The River Don and its tributaries form a vast network connecting people to the countryside and to the settlements along the watercourse, and we will examine its functions and history. Organised by the Don Catchment River Trust. **Booking required.**

### Doncaster Masonic Hall Open Day

10.30am – 2.00pm

Doncaster Masonic Hall,  
DN1 1BZ

The purpose built home to Freemasonry in Doncaster for over a century.

### St. Peter's Church

12.00 noon – 4.00pm

St. Peter's Church, Old  
Edlington, DN12 1PZ

Heritage Doncaster in partnership with the Churches Conservation Trust will deliver a talk on the historical context of Edlington Church, followed by a show and tell with real medieval objects and replica handling objects.

### St. Oswald's Church Open Day

12.00 noon – 4.00pm

St. Oswald's Church, Kirk  
Sandall, DN3 1EF

This medieval church closed in 1978. In the 21st century it has once again become the centre of the community.



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## SUNDAY 8TH

### Cusworth Hall Tour with Object Handling

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### St. Oswald's Church Open Day

12.00 noon - 4.00pm

St. Oswald's Church, Kirk Sandall,  
DN3 1EF

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### The Lives, Loves & Landscapes of Doncaster

2.00pm

Doncaster Brewery & Tap, DN1 3EL

Local musician Mick Jenkinson and poet Ian Parks will present a concert of music and poetry with a Doncaster theme.

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Georgian themed events.

### Cusworth Park Garden Tour

12.00 noon

Cusworth Hall Museum & Park,  
DN5 7TU

Dating back to Elizabethan times, Cusworth Park with its lakes, pleasure grounds, walled gardens, orchard and Bowling Pavilion has a fascinating history. Discover how it has developed over the centuries and is being restored and adapted. **Booking required.** \*NB Steep slope and some uneven paths

### Open Door at Doncaster Little Theatre

1.00pm - 6.00pm

1 King Street, Doncaster, DN1 1JD

Looking back at the 30 year history of the Little Theatre and theatre group- Doncaster Literary Society. Come and look at old pictures, talk to members and see how you can become involved.

### On the Right Track – Cemetery Walk

3.00pm

Hyde Park Cemetery, DN4 5AA

Explore the life stories of the people at the heart of Doncaster's railway heritage. Featuring newly researched stories. Organised by the Friends of Hyde Park Cemetery.

## MONDAY 9TH

### City of Doncaster Archives Open Day

10.00am - 4.00pm

City of Doncaster Archives,  
DN1 2AE

Explore the archives, find out more about their collection and view the Horsing Around exhibition of horse-racing documentation from the collection. **Booking required.**

### Open Door at the Doncaster Little Theatre

10.30am - 12.30pm

1 King Street, Doncaster, DN1 1JD

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### Family History Research Day

10.00am - 13.45pm

Armthorpe Community Library,  
DN3 3AL

Join Doncaster and District Family History Society for help and advice with your family history research.

### Military Records Introduction Workshop

10.30am - 12.30pm

City of Doncaster Archives, DN1 2AE

Find out about common military records and documents held within military museums and archives. Discover how they help you research your ancestors. **Booking required.**



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## TUESDAY 10TH

### 'Follow in the Footsteps of Romans' Heritage Walk around Woodlands

10.00am – 12.00 noon  
Led by Doncaster Civic Trust

An easy walk along part of the original A1 (Ermine Street), learn about the country house "Woodlands" and call into All Saints Church to hear about the building of this unique Model Village and church. Starting at Woodlands Club Car Park, DN6 7RA. **Booking required.**

### Doncaster Heritage Quiz

8:00pm – 10:00pm  
Doncaster Brewery & Tap, DN1 3 EL

How much do you know about the historic market town of Doncaster and its history and heritage? Come to the Heritage Quiz and test your knowledge.

### Behind the Scenes at the Doncaster Rail Heritage Store

11.00am  
City of Doncaster Archives, DN1 2AE

Behind the Scenes at the Doncaster Rail Heritage Store. A unique opportunity to see artefacts from the extensive Doncaster Grammar School Railway Collection in a behind the scenes tour of the Rail Heritage Store.



## WEDNESDAY 11TH

### The Sheardown Collection with Neil McGregor

2.00pm  
Doncaster Gallery, Library & Museum, meet in the Art Gallery, DN1 3BZ

This illustrated talk shows a selection of images from the Sheardown Collection, which illustrate the appearance of Doncaster between the late 1700s and early 1800s, when it was changing from a medieval town to a fashionable Georgian town. **Booking required.**

### King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Collection and Research Centre Open Day

10.00am – 4.00pm  
City of Doncaster Archives, DN1 2AE

Discover the archives of the KOYLI collection. Explore medals awarded across 200 years of the regiment's history and find out more about the fascinating lives of soldiers. **Booking required.**

## THURSDAY 12TH

### Re-connecting the River Don- a history and river walk with Chris Firth MBE

4.00pm – 6.00pm  
Doncaster Lock, Marshgate, Doncaster. DN5 9AD

2 hour walk along the river Don on flat grass footpaths. **Booking required.**

## SATURDAY 14TH

### Heritage of St. Lawrence's Church & the Community of Adwick le Street

10.00am – 4.00pm  
St. Lawrence's Church, Adwick le Street, DN6 7AQ

View the medieval architecture and artifacts and displays of local history.

### The Sand House Poetry Workshop

11.00am – 3.00pm  
Danum Gallery, Library and Museum, DN1 3BZ

The Sand House in Doncaster was a unique Victorian marvel, a house carved from sandstone and a network of tunnels with carvings. The house no longer exists but its history lives on. Bring the wonders of the Sand House to life through this workshop. No prior experience of writing poetry is required. **Booking required.**

### Conisbrough Castle

11.00am – 3.00pm  
Castle Hill, Conisbrough, DN12 3BU

Free entry to castle, guided tours and children's activities.



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# SUNDAY 15TH

## River Reconnection- Brook Explorers with DCRT

11.00am – 3.00pm

Cusworth Hall Museum & Park, DN5 7TU

Organised by Don Catchment River Trust. Nature activities for parents and children to learn together. Find our stall for pond dipping and bug-hunting. Find out about how DCRT are reconnecting rivers and wetlands for nature. For children over 5 years old, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. **Booking required.**

## Cusworth Park Garden Tour

2.00pm

Cusworth Hall Museum & Park, DN5 7TU

Dating back to the early days of the Cusworth manor house, the walled garden has recently been improved and restored. A chance to see the orchard, step inside the Bowling Pavilion and hear about the history of the park. Led by Friends of Cusworth Park. **Booking required.**

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