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11 - 20 September 2026

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Heritage Open Days Events 2026

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Lancaster Castle

Castle Parade, Lancaster, LA1 1YJ

One of the most iconic buildings in the north-west, originally constructed in about 1093 by Roger de Poitou and now owned by HM The King. Visit some areas of the former prison, the historic courtrooms, the Old Cells, Hadrian's Tower and The Drop Room.

- **Saturday 19 September: tours every 30 mins 10:00 until 16:00**
- **Sunday 20 September: tours every 30 mins 10:00 until 16:00**

Booking on the day only, first-come, first-served basis.

Max. no of people per tour: 39

Est. tour duration: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Access: Uneven floor surfaces with changing floor levels and stairs.

Unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. Limited blue badge parking, please call 01524 64998 to reserve.

Please note: Tours contain information about crime, punishment and death.

Contact for the day: 01524 64998

www.lancastercastle.com



Lancashire Police Museum & The Detective Quiz

Lancaster Castle, Lancaster, LA1 1YJ

Opening specially for Heritage Open Days. We have a new and free quiz for budding detectives out there.

- **Saturday 19 September: 10:30-12:30 & 13:30-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Access: We are in A wing of Lancaster Castle. The museum is located on the first floor and there is no lift.

www.lancashirepolicemuseum.co.uk



AudaTours Lancaster Audio Tour: Wages, Warrants and Warehouses

Castle Parade, Lancaster, LA1 1YJ

A self-guided audio tour of Lancaster, exploring the warehouse clerks, mill workers, dock hands and prison warders of the city. Walk from Lancaster

Castle down to the quay, with headphones on, and the tour cues in the app guiding you between each stop. The walk has 12 stops and takes about 1 hour of audio, or around 2 hours in total including walking.

- **Any time**

Book on day. Visit the booking link below and click the “Get Tour” button to receive a redemption code. Follow the link to download the AudaTours app, enter your redemption code, and you’re ready to go.

<https://audatours.com/tour/united-kingdom/lancaster/p-5934-working-lancaster>

Email: help@audatours.com

Access: This is an outdoor, self-guided audio walking tour. The route follows public streets and pavements and does not include access to the interior of any of the sites. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

Behind the Green Door: Ordinary Lives at 15 Castle Hill

The Cottage Museum, 15 Castle Hill, Lancaster, LA1 1YS

Walk inside and feel right at home - chat with our shopkeeper, take in the scents of rare spices, and learn what everyday shoppers purchased back in the 1700s, from ironmongery, candles, and lanterns to lavender, sugar, and tea.

- **Saturday 12 September: 13:00-16:00**
- **Sunday 13 September: 13:00-16:00**
- **Saturday 19 September: 13:00-16:00**
- **Sunday 20 September: 13:00-16:00**



Pre-booking not required

Access: The Cottage Museum is over several floors, and access is via narrow and steep staircases. Different floor levels and floorings. No toilet facilities, very low light levels. Audio guides and large print guides are available.

Assistance dogs are welcome.

Contact on day: Mel Cookson-Carter 07825 753317

Emerging Profession & Workforce Education at The Storey

The Storey & Gardens, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TH

Visit the former kitchen garden in The Storey Gardens and imagine being employed as a gardener there in the 1890s. Enter The Storey, opened 1891 to provide technical education for working people and promote knowledge for the benefit of the community.

- **Friday 11 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open**
- **Saturday 12 September: 09:00-17:00, volunteers present 10:00-16:00**

- Monday 14 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open
- Tuesday 15 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open
- Wednesday 16 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open
- Thursday 17 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open
- Friday 18 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open
- Saturday 19 September: 09:00-17:00 gardens open, volunteers present 10:00-16:00



Pre-booking not required

Contact on day: Events Team, The Storey 01524 582226

Georgian Garden to 20th Century Artwork at The Storey

The Storey & Gardens, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TH

Talk and tour of Lancaster's Storey Gardens, with Blue Badge Guide Gregory Wright. Find out how a Georgian family garden changed over time and went on to become home to a unique artwork by Mark Dion, and its role today as a free public green space.

- Saturday 19 September: 14:00-15:00

Max. no of people per tour: 80

Est. tour duration: 1 hour

Booking is recommended but there may be space on the day:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/118980>

Access: The talk starts in The Storey auditorium on the ground floor and then will proceed to the gardens, accessible via the first floor of The Storey (lift available).

Contact on day: Diane Lamb, Friends of the Storey Gardens, 07745 588276



Luneside Studios Open Weekend

26 Castle Park, Lancaster, LA1 1YQ

Meet the artists, view our group exhibition, explore studio spaces and see work in progress. This will be an opportunity to learn about the history of the studios and see the wide range of visual art on show.

- Saturday 19 September: 12:00-18:00
- Sunday 20 September: 12:00-16:00

Pre-booking not required

Access: Ground floor accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Stairway access only to the upper floor. Disabled toilet located on the ground floor.

Contact on day: Nik Ingham 07849 928454

Lancaster Priory Tours

Priory Close, Lancaster, LA1 1YZ

The Mother Church of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster Priory is a Grade I listed building, located on a site which has seen Christian worship since Saxon times. It is of huge historical and archaeological importance.

- **Saturday 12 September:**
- 10:30-11:15: Coffee Concert Red Rose Consort
- 11:30-12:15 & 12:15-13:00: Church Tours
- 14:00-14:30: Priory on the Plinth Songs and Anthems from Priory Choir with Prayers led by Archdeacon David Picken
- **Saturday 19 September:**
- 10:30-11:15: Coffee Concert Eira Lynne Jones (Harp)
- 14:00-14:45: Afternoon Concert Piano and Cello Duo

Pre-booking not required

If you are visiting with an group we can provide tours on request.

Max. number of people: 30

Estimated duration: 45 minutes

We are also part of the Facing the Past Slavery Trail, which you can find out more about at <https://facingthepast.humap.site>

Access: We work hard to ensure that our building and events taking place within are as accessible as possible in this historic setting. There are four wheelchair spaces with free Personal Assistant seats for each service or concert performance. Paths and driveways on the hill are uneven in places. Contact for the day: Parish Office 01524 65338

Lancaster Quaker Meeting House

Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TX

We will share with you the history of the Meeting House, how we worship and how we put our faith into action. Explore our grounds, including our gravestones walk, where some visitors may recognise family names.

- **Sunday 20 September: 14:00-16:00 Tours every 20 minutes**

Pre-booking not required

Max no of people per tour: 20.

Est. tour duration: 1 hour

Access: Part of the grounds are not fully accessible by wheelchair or prams. Please use the large entrance if you are a wheelchair user or pushing a pram.

Contact on the day: Marie McCusker 01524 62971



Behind the Scenes Tours at Judges' Lodgings Museum

Church Street, Lancaster, LA1 1YS

Discover Judges' Lodgings Museum in a way you may never have before, with a behind-the-scenes tour of our 17th Century town house.

Plus: Soap, Suds and Servant Secrets

Our historic Wash House and Courtyard comes to life and we need your help to get scrubbing! Before washing machines and running water, doing the laundry was a full day marathon of heavy lifting, scrubbing and soap. So step back in time and find out if you have what it takes to work 'below stairs'!

- **Saturday 19 September: 11:00-16:00: Drop In Activities**
- **12:00-15:00: Pop Up Tea Room**
- **Sunday 20 September: 11:00-16:00: Drop In Activities**
- **12:00-15:00: Pop Up Tea Room**

Pre-booking required for tours via judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk

Max. number of people: 15. Estimated duration: 1 hour

Access: Unfortunately access is limited. Ground floor accessed through the side entrance up a short steep hill and a step. Nearby parking on Castle Hill.

Contact: 01524 581241



King Street Arts (Lancaster) CIC

5A King Street, Lancaster, LA1 1JN

Rebuilt in Art Deco-Style in the 1930's, the Escher like staircase to the artists' studios. You can see a special exhibition of artists completed work, works in-progress and chat to the artists.

- **Saturday 12 September: 11:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max no of people per tour: 8. Est. tour duration: 20 minutes

Access: We are across the road from Crows Hotel and Lancaster Laundry
Single step at the entrance and stairs to first and second floor studios.

Assembly Arts - Open Artists' Studios

The Assembly Rooms, King Street, Lancaster, LA1 1JN

Meet the resident artists in their studios housed in the beautiful and historic Georgian Assembly Rooms. Tour the building and see our latest exhibition

- **Saturday 19 September: 11:00 - 17:00**

Pre-booking not required. Max no of people per tour: 8

Est. tour duration: 30 minutes

Access: Gallery at street level; access to studios is via a staircase.

Contact on day: Dr Alan Morris 07831 130633



Lancaster Time Travel Tours

Market Square, Lancaster, Lancaster, LA1 1AL

Explore the historic city of Lancaster with a historical character from the past! Experience an interactive, whistle-stop tour for the whole family, time-travelling through two thousand years of history in just sixty minutes.

Roman Tour

Meet the hoplomachus gladiator with only one thing on his mind - himself!

- **Wednesday 16 September: 11:00**

Tudor Tour

Meet Robert Mason, the work-obsessed, no-nonsense stonemason and bricklayer with no concept of how time travel travel works.

- **Saturday 19 September: 11:00**

Victorian Tour

Meet Algernon Eccleston, Charles Dickens' fretful coachman and pawnbroker, keen to make a pretty purchase...assuming that he doesn't accidentally upset the clientele first!

- **Sunday 20 September: 11:00**

Vikings Tour

Meet Skald-Ratatoskr -the least successful of King Canute's warrior poets - will the mead help or hinder him?

- **Thursday 17 September: 11:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max. number of people: 30

Estimated duration: 1 hour

Tours start outside the City Museum in Market Square, Lancaster

Access: There are cobbles, steep hills, uneven surfaces and narrow paths in Lancaster so please wear footwear appropriate for walking and, if in a wheelchair, ensure that you have somebody with you to assist.

Contact on day: Tom Hudson - Live History 07112 60989



Life of the Theatre: Look Inside

Lancaster Footlights, Grand Theatre, St Leonard's Gate, Lancaster LA1 1NL

Step behind the scenes of Lancaster's historic Grand Theatre and discover the stories, people, and traditions that have shaped over two centuries of theatre-making.

- **Sunday 13 September: 10:00-14:00**

Drop in between 10:00 and 14:00 and explore the public areas of the theatre.

Throughout the day, a series of short talks (20 mins) will take place in the auditorium on the hour (10:00 11:00 12:00 and 13:00). On the half hour (10:30, 11:30, 12:30, and 13:30), visitors can also enjoy a brief 10-minute talk in the Circle Coffee Bar exploring some of the ghost stories and legends that have become part of local theatre folklore.

Pre-booking not required

Access: We have made the Lancaster Grand as accessible as possible within the restrictions of our historic venue. If you have any questions please call 01524 64695.

Contact on day: Box Office 01524 64695



Standfast & Barracks Factory Tours

Caton Road, Lancaster, LA1 3PA

Discover life behind our prestigious walls. We have been printing fabrics on this site since 1924, over 100 years! The building, which dates back to 1864, has a rich history as a wagon works and prisoner of war camp.

- **Saturday 12 September: Tours every 45 mins 09:15-14:30**

Pre-booking required, via

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/standfastandbarracks/2371326>

Max no of people per tour: 20

Est. tour duration: 1 hour, 30 minutes. Please arrive 20 minutes early.

Access: The tour is around 1 mile, some walking and standing. Please wear sturdy, closed toe footwear (no high-heels or sandals), and bring small bags.

Mostly wheelchair accessible, some areas unsuitable. Sorry there are no disabled toilet facilities. Limited disabled parking. Only guide dogs permitted; please inform us if you are planning to bring a guide dog.

Contact on day: Gill Sinclair 07519 377956



Christ Church, Lancaster

Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3EA

A beautiful Grade II listed building, with stunning views across the Bay. Join us for guided tours of this 169 year-old landmark, telling the story of rich and poor alike as the east side of Lancaster grew during the 19th Century.

- **Saturday 12 September: Tours at 11:00 & 14:00**
- **Sunday 13 September: Tour at 14:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max. no of people per tour: 30

Est. tour duration: 1 hour

Access: Some areas of the church involve climbing 2 steps (although there is full visibility from floor level). Well behaved dogs welcome.
Contact on day: Rev'd Carol Backhouse 07857 449724

Walking Tour - Everyday Lives in Lancaster

Lancaster Cemetery, Quernmore Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3JT
A walking tour developed with stories of characters buried in Lancaster Cemetery with historical perspectives on their everyday lives. Our narrative will include descriptions of life in a Victorian prison, an asylum, industrial mills, on the high seas and on the railways.

- **Saturday 12 September: 11:00**

Pre-booking required via

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/118509>

Or Kathryn Bain 07913 085273

Max. number of people: 20

Estimate: May require brief walking on uneven ground (optional).

Contact on day: Kathryn Bain 07913 085273

St. Paul's Church, Scotforth

24 Scotforth Road, Lancaster, LA1 4ST

St Paul's Church is a grade 2 listed building and is one of only 3 'Pot' Churches in the country. There will be an exhibition celebrating our 150 years and explores our wonderful church, parish and people.

- **Saturday 12 September: 10:00-16:00**
- **Sunday 13 September: 13:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Contact on day: Maureen Leach 07531 285199



Everyday Histories Exhibition: 50 years of Voices

Lancaster University, The Library, Bailrigg, Lancaster, LA1 4YH

Exhibition showcasing the everyday histories in our Special Collections and Archives reflecting 50 years of research project at Lancaster University.

- **Any time**

Pre-booking not required

The exhibition is held in on the ground floor of Lancaster University Library, open 09:00-20:00 (Mon-Fri) and 10:00-18:00 (weekends).

Contact on day: Katie Waring 01524 592516

Everyday Histories Talk: 50 years of Voices

Lancaster University, The Library, Bailrigg, Lancaster, LA1 4YH

Meet Lancaster University researchers Elizabeth Roberts, Annette Kuhn and Katie Waring who have been documenting everyday people's voices via their research projects.

- **Wednesday 16 September: 14:00-16:00**

Pre-booking preferred:

<https://lancaster-uk.libcal.com/calendar/libraryevents/HOD2026>

or 01524 592516 / library@lancaster.ac.uk

Max number of people: 30

Estimated duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

The event will take place in the Archives Research Centre (ARC) which is on the lower ground floor of the Lancaster University Library.

Contact on day: Katie Waring 01524 592516



St John's Church, Ellel

Chapel Lane, Galgate, Lancaster, LA2 0PW

Spend an afternoon looking round a hidden gem of a country church in the depths of rural Lancashire together with local historian and parishioner Shaun Corkerry. There will be tours plus brief presentations to give context and tell the story of the three parish churches of Ellel since 1154.

- **Sunday 13 September: 13:00-16:00**
- **Saturday 19 September: 13:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Contact on day: Shaun Corkerry 07951 731201

St Wilfrid's Church, Halton

Church Brow, Halton, Lancaster, LA2 6LS

Come and see the unique Sigurd Cross in the churchyard which has both Christian and Viking carvings, plus join in a tower tour to see the wonderful views. Light refreshments available, plus fun activities for younger visitors.

- **Saturday 12 September: 10:30-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max no of people: 100

Est. duration: 1 hour

Access: Tours up the tower include a steep spiral staircase. Children must be aged 8+ and accompanied by an adult.

Contact on day: Melissa Bowring 07771 527469

St Peter's Church, Quernmore

Postern Gate Road, Quernmore, Lancaster, LA2 9EL

An opportunity to visit our small church which has been part of the Quernmore Valley community since 1860. We have an eclectic but wonderful mix of stained glass windows and we wish to share our beautiful surroundings and connection with our community.

- **Saturday 12 September: 11:00-16:00**
- **Sunday 13 September: 10:00-16:00 with Special Celebratory Eucharist at 10:00**

Pre-booking not required

Access: Parking is on the road leading to the church. There is no designated car park. The path to the church is a gravel surface. Wheelchair ramp available. Contact on day: Anne Jackson 07590 664743

St James Shireshead, Forton near Garstang

Whinney Brow, Forton, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0AE

Discover this sacred space, with artefacts and photographs to view and the organ, built by Abbot and Smith of Leeds, playing during the afternoon.

- **Sunday 20 September: 11:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Contact on day: Shaun Corkerry 07974 014185

MORECAMBE BAY

The Ferrarini Diaries: 50 Years Backstage at Morecambe Winter Gardens (1927–1977)

209 Marine Road West, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 4BU

Professor Vanessa Toulmin presents the private diaries of the Ferrarini Sisters, offering a rare backstage look at fifty years of magic and memories at the Morecambe Winter Gardens from 1927 to 1977.

- **Saturday 19 September: 14:00**

Pre-booking preferred via

<https://www.ticketsource.com/morecambe-winter-gardens>

Max. number of people: 300 (priority entry to pre-booked)

Estimated duration: 1 hour

<https://morecambewintergardens.com>



Landladies

Morecambe Heritage Centre, Unit 29, Royalty Mall, Arndale Centre, Morecambe, LA4 5DH

Explore details of boarding houses, theatrical digs and wartime billets, plus video interviews with family members of landladies.

- **Tuesday 15 September: 11:00-15:00**
- **Thursday 17 September: 11:00-15:00**
- **Saturday 19 September: 11:00-15:00**

Pre-booking not required

Contact on day: Christine Stebbing 07868 302224

Carnforth Library Exhibition & 'Behind the Scenes' Tour

Lancaster Road, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 9DZ

Explore exhibitions join a special behind-the-scenes tour to see parts of the building not usually open to the public. Try the Carnforth photo quiz and spot the local landmarks. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 19 September: 09:00-13:00**

Booking required only for the full guided tour 11:00-12:00.

Book via <https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-details?eventid=4034973>

or Carnforth.library@lancashire.gov.uk

Max. number of people: 12

Estimated duration: 1 hour

If you're not looking to take the guided tour, please do drop in anytime between 9am and 1pm.



Borwick Hall

Borwick, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA6 1JU

Steeped in history, myth and legend, don't miss this opportunity to take a self-guided tour of this Grade I listed building, usually closed to the public!

- **Tuesday 15 September: 10:00-16:00 (last entry to house 15:00)**
- **Wednesday 16 September: 10:00-16:00 (last entry to house 15:00)**

Pre-booking not required

Access: Limited access for wheelchair users, prams and pushchairs. The site has multiple levels accessed via steps and uneven ground.

Refreshments available, cash payment only please.



The Mysteries of Jenny Brown's Point

Jack Scout Lime Kiln, Sand Lane, Silverdale, Carnforth, LA5 0UA

Join the Morecambe Bay Partnership team for a leisurely 2.5 mile stroll from Jack Scout to Jenny Brown's Point, pausing to enjoy the beautiful scenery and uncover the hidden stories that shaped the area.

- **Sunday 20 September: 14:00-16:00**

Booking is required via claire@morecambebay.org.uk or <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GVOK>

Max. no of people per tour: 30

Est. tour duration: 2 hours

We will meet in front of the lime kiln just inside Jack Scout. We will have a Morecambe Bay Partnership flag to help you find us.

Access: Nearest toilets are at the Wolf House Cafe for customers. The walk will go at a gentle pace but there are steep sections and the ground is uneven. Walking boots are advised.

Contact: Claire Bradshaw 07760 881581



Living Heritage at Work! at Heron Corn Mill

Mill Lane, Beetham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7PQ

Come and see our millwright and his trainee making cogs for the mill.

Bring the kids and take part in arts activities, such as printing with cogs.

Simon the storyteller is in the grain store to regale you with local tales and folklore of the countryside. Iain will give you a guided tour of the mill.

- **Saturday 12 September: 11:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max no of people per tour: 25

Est. tour duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

We're located down a narrow lane alongside the River Bela. Our stewards will be on hand at the A6 junction to guide you to the car park.

Access: Steep ramped access from barn to mill. Handrails to left and right.

Contact: Audrey Steeley 01539 564271

From Ruin to Revival: film screening plus a talk from Accredited Conservator-Restorer, John Wynn-Griffiths

Sizergh Castle, Sizergh, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8AE

Join us at Sizergh for a screening of our new short film for 2026, 'From Ruin to Revival'. This will be followed by an insightful talk from ICON Accredited Furniture Conservator-Restorer, John Wynn-Griffiths.

- **Thursday 17 September: 17:00-18:00**

Pre-booking required via georgina.gates@nationaltrust.org.uk

Max. no of people: 38

Est. duration: 1 hour



Sedgwick Gunpowder Works Tour

1 Low Park Wood Cottages, Sedgwick, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 0JZ

Explore the history of the site, stories of its workers and impacts on the surrounding area. You will see the strongest parts of the site's architecture that have stood the test of time.

- **Friday 11 September: Tours 11:00 & 13:30**
- **Tuesday 15 September: Tours 11:00 & 13:30**
- **Friday 18 September: Tours 11:00 & 13:30**
- **Saturday 19 September: Tours 11:00 & 13:30**



Pre-booking preferred - please call Sizergh reception on 015395 60951

Max no of people per tour: 16

Est. tour duration: 2 hours

Access: Unfortunately this walk is not suitable for wheelchair users, as some paths may be muddy and uneven. Nearest toilet facilities are at Sizergh Castle, 5 minutes' drive away.

Please use postcode for Sizergh Castle, LA8 8DZ but be sure you are on the west side as the postcode also covers the other side of the river.

You can follow signs or directions towards Kendal Caravan and Motorhome Club. Close to the location there will be signs directing you to parking places to meet for the walk.

St. Wilfrid's Church Melling

Main Street, Melling, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA6 2RA

St. Wilfrid's Church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Lune Valley', being sited on a motte and bailey, in a strategic position above the road and river. The church dates from Norman times with more recent alterations in the Gothic style, being influenced by Ruskin.

- **Saturday 12 September: 11:00-15:00**

Pre-booking not required

Toilets available in the Village Institute on the opposite side of the main road.

Contact on day: Cathy Brough 07949 499433

Bentham Quaker Meeting House Open Afternoon

Calf Cop Meeting House, Burton Rd, Low Bentham, North Yorks, LA2 7ET
Explore our listed 18th Century Quaker Meeting House in Low Bentham with its ancient graveyard filled with wild flowers and its flourishing allotments.

- **Saturday 19 September: 14:00-16:30**
- **14:45: Talk by Angus Winchester about Quaker beliefs and worship, followed by a five minute “mini-Meeting”.**

Pre-booking not required

Tea and home-made cakes will be provided throughout the afternoon.

Access: The upstairs gallery is only accessible on foot.

The Meeting House is signposted as “Friends Meeting House” and is off the Burton Road in Low Bentham.

All Saints Church, Burton in Lonsdale: Historical Artefacts, Historic Lych Gate and the Bell Tower

High Street, Burton in Lonsdale, North Yorkshire, LA6 3JU

The historical books, letters and other items uncovered during the tidying of the church in 2018 will be on view for visitors. The Bell Tower, and the Lych Gate, normally closed, will be opened for visitors.

- **Saturday 19 September: 10:30-16:00**
- **Sunday 20 September: 12:30-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max no of people per tour: 8

Est. tour duration: 1 hour

Access: There are ramps within the church ground floor - but access to the tower is via a narrow and winding staircase, difficult for those with mobility problems. One parking space next to the church for blue badge holders.

Contact on day: Catherine Birtwistle 07931 347480



Meet The Museum!

Ingleborough Community Centre, Main Street, Ingleton, Carnforth, North Yorkshire, LA6 3HG

Explore a range of objects from the museum collection relating to Ingleton, Bentham, Burton and the Three Peaks area, chat to museum staff and volunteers, and tell us what you want to see!

- **Sunday 20 September: 11:00-15:00 drop in**

Pre-booking not required

This event is organised by Museum of North Craven Life in Settle.
Contact on day: Isobel O'Donovan, Community Curator 01729 825185

Victoria Hall

Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 6DP

Enjoy a guided tour of the Victoria Hall, Grade II listed, on Main Street in the pretty, coastal gem of Grange-over-Sands. It houses a beautiful 292 seater hall with balcony, also the old Council Chamber and council offices.

- **Saturday 19 September: 10:00-15:00**

Pre-booking not required

Max. number of people: 24

Estimated duration: 30 minutes

Access: Only the ground floor of the building is accessible for those of limited mobility due to steps and stairs. Accessible entrance at side of building to the right. The Main Hall is fully accessible and there is a ground floor disabled toilet/baby changing. Refreshments available.



Cartmel Priory Gatehouse

Priest Lane, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 6QB

This 14th century gatehouse is Grade II* listed and holds a fascinating and important past. This medieval monastic building, along with the church, is all that remains of Cartmel's Augustinian Priory.

- **Friday 18 September: 11:00-16:00**
- **Saturday 19 September: 11:00-16:00**
- **Sunday 20 September: 11:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Access: Unfortunately the Great Room at the Gatehouse is only accessible via an uneven, steep stone spiral staircase and is not wheelchair accessible. Please do not bring food and drink into the gatehouse. Parking available at the racecourse nearby. No toilet facilities at the gatehouse.



Rookhow

Rookhow Quaker Meeting House, Colton, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 8LA

Visit this Grade II* listed 300 year old Quaker Meeting House in the Rusland Valley surrounded by 12 acres of ancient oak woodland. Learn about Rookhow's history and its current work with community groups.

- **Friday 18 September: 10:00-16:00**
- with a Quaker Meeting for Worship 12:30-13:00 (all welcome)

Pre-booking preferred via <https://rookhow.org.uk/about-us>
or Sue Nicholls 07377 971783 / contactrookhow@gmail.com
Please let us know you are coming so we can make enough cakes!
Bring a packed lunch if you like.
Max. no of people per tour: 30
Est. tour duration: 2 hours



Backbarrow Ironworks Heritage Trust

Ironworks Road, Ulverston, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 8RF

Backbarrow Ironworks is one of the first built [1711] in the North of England continuing for over 250 years until 1965. This amazingly long period of iron production represents the best illustration of iron smelting technology development nationally.

- **Sunday 13 September: 11:00 & 13:00**

Pre-booking required via richard@alistairsanderson.com or 07772 960093

Max. no of people per tour: 15

Est. tour duration: 1 hour

Access: Old industrial site, rough ground, high doorways on two levels with long flight of stairs, hence access is restricted to those fully mobile (not suitable for young children or pets). No toilet.

Strong shoes or boots essential.

Contact on the day: Richard Sanderson 07772 960093

Newland Charcoal Iron Furnace

Furnace Cottage, Newland, Ulverston, Cumbria, LA12 7QG

The site contains the remains of the Newland Charcoal Iron Furnace, an 18th Century water-powered blast furnace used for around 150 years to produce Pig Iron. Guided tours around the furnace remains and the surrounding hamlet are provided throughout the day.

- **Saturday 12 September: 10:00-17:00**
- **Sunday 13 September: 10:00-16:00**
- **Saturday 19 September: 10:00-17:00**
- **Sunday 20 September: 10:00-16:00**

Pre-booking not required

Access: Some of the site and tour route is available to wheelchair users.

Parking is limited to about 6 vehicles.

Contact on the day: Dr David Robson 07821 350848





MORE TO DISCOVER!

To find out even more about the district's fascinating heritage, why not visit one of the district's fantastic Museums and Heritage Centres?

Entry charges may be applicable - please visit www.lancasterandmorecambebay.com for details.

Lancaster City Museum and King's Own Royal Regiment Museum

Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HT

Discover more about the City of Lancaster, one of England's Heritage Cities, from the pre-historic era, through to today. The immersive galleries are packed with objects and stories for you to explore the history of this wonderful city and its people.

The Regimental Museum, housed within Lancaster City Museum, tells the story of the King's Own, or 4th Regiment of Foot, from 1680 to modern times including the First and Second World War.

Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10:30-16:00

Tickets £5 (free to local residents). Museums multipass available.

Lancaster Maritime Museum

St George's Quay, Lancaster, LA1 1RB

Using sound, smells, reconstructions and audiovisuals, Lancaster Maritime Museum covers the maritime trade of Lancaster, the history of the port, the Lancaster Canal and the fishing industry of the Lune Estuary and Morecambe Bay.

Open Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 12:00-16:00

Tickets £5 (free to local residents). Museums multipass available.

Morecambe Heritage Centre

Unit 29, Arndale Centre, Market Street, Morecambe, LA4 5DH

Illustrating Morecambe's rich heritage through temporary and permanent exhibitions of archaeology and architecture, coastline and bay, tourism and entertainment, and the people and families that make Morecambe so special.

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays: 11:00-16:00

Heysham Heritage Centre

Main Street, Heysham, LA3 2RW

This 17th-Century longhouse houses all of Heysham's fascinating history, superbly captured in its displays and exhibitions.

Please check opening times before visiting: 01524 853465.

Carnforth Station Heritage Centre

Warton Road, Carnforth, LA5 9TR,

This extensive heritage centre tells not only the story of the making of the film Brief Encounter, which was filmed on location here, but delves into the history and heritage of Carnforth, its workers and its families.

Open Daily during Summer 10:00-16:00

Morecambe Winter Gardens

209 Marine Road, Morecambe, LA4 4BU

Come and tour this fascinating theatre which has played host to many famous stars of stage and screen: George Formby, Gracie Fields, Vera Lynn, the Who and the Rolling Stones to name but a few!

Open weekends Spring to Autumn: 12:00-16:00

Leighton Hall

Warton, near Carnforth, LA5 9ST

The ancestral home of the world-renowned Gillow furniture family, Leighton Hall is still lived in today and is no stuffy museum – there aren't any roped-off areas here!

Open May - Sept, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 13:30-17:30

Gardens: £6-£8.75, Hall Tour and Gardens: £8.75-£14.20

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www.lancasterandmorecambebay.com

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Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, and over ten days in September, venues across the district will throw open their doors for FREE, inviting you to come and discover hidden places, peek behind the scenes and try out new experiences. England's contribution to the European Heritage Days scheme and co-ordinated today by the National Trust with support from players of the People's Postcode Lottery, it's known as 'the local national festival'.

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The Heritage Open Days 2026 theme, Everyday Histories, celebrates the lives, work and routines of ordinary people who have shaped our communities. Homes, churches and libraries; studios, theatres and workshops will open to uncover the stories hidden in everyday places and experiences.

Some events in this year's programme are sponsored by Findmypast, whose historical records and newspaper archives help bring local and family histories to life.



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We hope you'll join us (11 - 20 September)
to celebrate the unique heritage of
Lancaster and Morecambe Bay!
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Please Note: This leaflet highlights various events and activities across Lancaster and Morecambe Bay. For a full list of Heritage Open Day events across the country and for some local events that registered after the production of this leaflet visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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All programme details are correct at time of going to print but may be subject to change - please check before setting out on your journey.

