



## Guided Walks Programme 2017



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

Join us on a Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening 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

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

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SUNDAY 12 MARCH AT 2.30PM

## **The Irish in Huddersfield**

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

John Lambe explores the places associated with the many Irish immigrants who came to work on the canals, in textiles, construction and, recently, to study at the University. After the walk a short film 'The Connemara Connection' will be shown free of charge at the Irish Centre.

SUNDAY 9 APRIL AT 2.30PM

## **Walking with Women's Suffrage**

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

In 1906, the nation's eyes were trained on Huddersfield. Suffragette leader Emmeline Pankhurst swept into town and addressed packed meetings. Join historian Jill Liddington to walk in the footsteps of local suffragettes. Jill's latest book, *Vanishing for the Vote*, tells the story of the suffragette boycott of the 1911 census. The walk ends about 4pm with an indoor Q&A session and discussion.

SUNDAY 14 MAY AT 2.30PM

## **Exploring Huddersfield's Caribbean Heritage**

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

Join in with Heather Norris Nicholson, Denzil Nurse and Natalie Pinnock-Hamilton for a walk that explores key places associated with the rise and cultural contribution of Huddersfield's Caribbean community. Come and share migration histories, memories and achievements that stretch over almost seventy years.

SUNDAY 11 JUNE AT 2.30PM

## **The University Campus Trail**

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Meet: Ramsden Building, Queensgate

Since the Ramsden building was first constructed in 1883, the University has grown to dominate the Aspley area south of the town. Join University Archivist Lindsay Ince on a walk examining the developments of the built environment on campus over the past 150 years. From Victorian interiors to converted mills to the concrete and glass of the 21st century, come and explore some University buildings and the stories behind them.

THURSDAY 15 JUNE AT 7.00PM

## **Limelight and Greasepaint: Huddersfield's Lost Theatres and Cinemas**

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

On 15 June 1957, the Examiner's Entertainments Guide listed eight town centre cinemas and two theatres. Sixty years later they have all closed their doors. Join Brian Haigh to discover some of the playhouses and picture palaces in which Huddersfield folk have been entertained.

THURSDAY 22 JUNE AT 7.00PM

## **Surprising Springwood**

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Meet: Outside Huddersfield Leisure Centre, HD1 4BP  
(main entrance, just off the ring road)

Local historian David Griffiths continues his exploration of Georgian and Victorian Huddersfield. Despite modern developments the small area between the ring road and Greenhead Park is rich in reminders of the town's 19th century growth. The walk includes a brief visit to Holy Trinity Church.

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 29 JUNE AT 7.00PM

## **The Building Stones of Huddersfield**

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

Join Ailsa Burrows of Huddersfield Geology Group for a short walk around the town centre to discover the variety of rocks which led to Huddersfield's alter ego, 'The Town of Stone', and to discuss some of the processes that formed them. A magnifying glass would be useful but some will be provided.

SUNDAY 9 JULY AT 2.30PM

## **Family Heritage Trail**

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



Join our family friendly ramble and explore the nooks and crannies of Huddersfield Town Centre, finding hidden gems along the way. Most suitable for participating children aged 4 and above. No steps involved. Pushchair friendly.

THURSDAY 13 JULY AT 7.00PM

## **Longroyd Bridge Transport Trail**

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

Join Robert Barrett, Philip Jenkinson and Trevor Ellis to see how the railway engineers conquered the heights of Springwood. Discover the building where a much loved transport icon last turned a wheel exactly 49 years ago. Return along the canal towpath looking at historical features as well as recent restoration work.

THURSDAY 20 JULY AT 7.00PM

## **Chapels, Grand Houses and Mill Workers: a Walk through Lindley's Story**

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

Join David Verguson for a walk through Lindley's story 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.



## heritage open days

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

### Heritage Open Days: 2 Free Walks

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Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Once again Discover Huddersfield will coordinate a vibrant programme of activities for Huddersfield including two free walks. Details of other activities will be found from August at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) and in the local brochure.

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AT 10.30AM

**FREE**

#### Free Walk 1: Lion Hunt

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

If you missed last year's first ever lion safari, one of the highlights of the Heritage Open Days, there's another opportunity to join Chris Marsden in search of the town's lions. Huddersfield has scores of lions on its buildings and public art – here's a chance to see them at a safe distance.

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

**FREE**

#### Free Walk 2: Rails, Roads and Canals of Huddersfield

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

Starting with a look at railway and public transport history and artefacts in the town centre, Robert, Philip, Trevor and Eric will lead the walk that then concentrates on the Broad and Narrow canals. Members of Huddersfield Canal Society will explain the history of both waterways and how the latter was reopened.

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SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

### Exploring Huddersfield's Caribbean Heritage

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

Marking Black History Month, another opportunity to join Heather, Denzil and Natalie for a walk that explores key places associated with the rise and cultural contribution of Huddersfield's Caribbean community. Come and share migration histories, memories and achievements that stretch over almost seventy years.

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER AT 2.30PM

### Shuddersfield Halloween Walk

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



Join Rebecca Legg for a terrifying walk through Huddersfield, uncovering ghost stories and dark history from beyond the grave. Suitable for all boils and ghouls over the age of 8.

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. Funding from Kirklees Council's Town Centre Innovation Fund is gratefully acknowledged.

THURSDAY 27 JULY AT 7.00PM

## **Punks, Parratt and St Peter's: Music in Huddersfield**

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Meet: University of Huddersfield Oastler Building inside main entrance, on the ring road

Exploring the rich musical heritage of multicultural Huddersfield, in this walk Prof. Paul Ward weaves together Victorian organ music with reggae and punk in the late 20th century to reveal the layering of Huddersfield's musical tradition on the town's urban fabric.

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST AT 2.30PM

## **Getting to Know our Historic Buildings**

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

Here's a chance to get to understand some of our most historic buildings, who built them and what were the influences that shaped their designs. For those whose eyes are usually confined to street level this will take a look at the rich details that help make Huddersfield a town of outstanding architecture. Join David Wyles, author of *The Buildings of Huddersfield*.

### **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.

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