



7TH – 10TH
SEPTEMBER 2017



PETERBOROUGH HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

26 incredible venues in and
around Peterborough
for you to explore, **FREE**



Find out more information at: www.peterboroughcivicsociety.org.uk/heritage-open-days.php



CELEBRATE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or charge an entrance fee.

26 venues in and around the fine city of Peterborough will be taking part at some time over the four days of celebration. Peterborough Cathedral, Vivacity Peterborough, Peterborough City Council and Peterborough Civic Society have come together to promote this year's event.

It is a once-in-the-year's chance to discover fascinating buildings and to enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities that bring life to local history and culture.

David Jost
Peterborough Civic Society



Vivacity



PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

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Explore Hidden Spaces...

We're opening up some of our buildings for you to explore, with guides on hand to answer any questions.

These are open 11am – 4pm on Saturday 9 September, 12noon – 3pm on Sunday 10 September.



Cathedral Library

Tucked away above the Cathedral's 14th century porch is our remarkable and unseen library! (Please note: access via spiral staircase).

Almoner's Hall

Explore the medieval Almonry and find out about the role the abbey played in caring for the poor of Peterborough.

Knights' Chamber

Inside the Cathedral's Visitor Centre is the 13th century Knights' Chamber, a recently restored medieval hall. Medieval costumed guides will be on hand to chat to visitors.

FREE Special Guided Tour - Table Hall and the Infirmary

Discover the remains of the Abbey's Hospital, including a rare chance to go inside the 15th century Table Hall. Tour lasts just over an hour and places are limited (pre-booking strongly advised); meet at the Cathedral's main entrance.

Tours at 11.30am and 2pm on Saturday 9 September, 2pm on Sunday 10 September.

FREE Cathedral Taster Tours

Find out about the people, events and stories that are connected to the Cathedral, a centre for Christian worship for over 1300 years with one of our expert tour guides.

Tours last about 45 minutes, meet inside the Cathedral's main entrance.

Tours at 11.30am and 2pm on Saturday 9 September and 2pm on Sunday 10 September.



Cathedral Precincts and Tout Hill Tours

Explore the Cathedral Precincts and find out more about the remains of the medieval abbey, including a chance to see the site of Peterborough's Castle!

Tours at 11am and 1.30pm on Saturday 9 September and 1.30pm on Sunday 10 September; tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for concessions. Accompanied children are FREE. Meet at Cathedral's Norman Arch.



Cathedral Tower Tours

Get the best view in Peterborough, plus a chance to see many hidden spaces and a medieval windlass used in building the Cathedral. (Please note: access is by a spiral staircase. Ages 10-80 only).

Tours at 1.30pm on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September; tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for concessions. Tours last about 90 minutes. Pre-booking is strongly recommended. Meet at Cathedral welcome desk.



Cambridgeshire Chattels

Milton Hall, Peterborough, PE6 7AA
Tour of Milton Hall

Friday 8 September: Tours at 10.30am & 2.30pm
Booking is essential, places are limited.
To book, call 01733 267740.

FREE



Crowland Abbey – “Where did we all come from?”

Crowland Abbey, East Street, Crowland, PE6 0EN

A large map will show where Crowlanders and their ancestors came from to live here now. Enjoy a guided tour of the Abbey situated 10 miles from Peterborough. Visitors may also follow the town trail.

Thursday 7 September: 11am – 4pm
Friday 8 September: 11am – 4pm
Saturday 9 September: 11am – 4pm
Sunday 10 September: 11am – 4pm

FREE



Dr Fenwick Skrimshire's House

Thorpe Road, Peterborough, PE3 6AB

A Regency house built in 1817 for Dr Fenwick Skrimshire, who was the first hospital doctor in Peterborough, and the last house from the Georgian era in the city that has remained as a family home.

Friday 8 September: Tours at 10am and 2pm
Booking is essential, places are limited.
To book, call 07455 297911

FREE



Former wartime RAF Officers' Mess

Axiom House, Cottesmore Close, Peterborough, PE3 9TP

Explore the former RAF Officers' Mess, built in 1931, which is now offices for Axiom Housing Association.

A wartime training base, RAF Peterborough, in 1948 it was used for trials with helicopters to deliver mail.

Friday 8 September: 11am – 1.30pm

FREE



Key Theatre

Key Theatre, Embankment Road, Peterborough, PE1 1EF

Special tours of the theatre will be held on Friday and Saturday. Situated in Peterborough's city centre, the Key Theatre brings great entertainment to the area with theatre, screenings, comedy and concerts.

Friday 8 September: Tour at 4pm
Saturday 9 September: Tours at 1pm & 3pm
Booking is essential, places are limited.

To book, call 01733 207239 or e-mail: key.theatre@vivacity-peterborough.com

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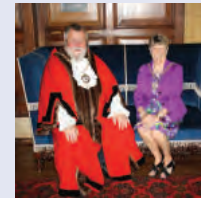
London Brick History

St John's Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough, PE1 1XB

Discover the story of the London Brick Company, which for many decades produced millions of bricks for house building throughout the country, with an exhibition in the historic St John the Baptist Church.

Saturday 9 September: 10am – 4pm

FREE



Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber

Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HL

Visit the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber within Peterborough Town Hall. Learn about the history of the Town Hall and its historic rooms.

Saturday 9 September: 11am – 1pm

FREE



Norman Cross Gallery and Napoleonic Prison Site

Norman Cross Gallery, London Road, Norman Cross, Peterborough, PE7 3TB

Tours of the site of the first purpose-built prison of its kind in the world. In operation 1793-1814 to house French and Dutch prisoners, initially sailors from major Napoleonic naval battles including Trafalgar.

Saturday 9 September: 11am – 5pm
Sunday 10 September: 11am – 5pm
Booking is essential, places are limited.
To book, e-mail FONX2015@gmail.com

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Old Customs House

The Old Customs House, River Embankment, Peterborough, PE1 1LF

Visit the 18th century building alongside the River Nene originally used as a toll house for goods transported by river. Currently used by the Sea Cadets.

Saturday 9 September: 10am – 4pm
Sunday 10 September: 10am – 4pm

FREE



Peterborough Archives and Local Studies

Central Library, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1RX

Look behind the scenes of the Peterborough Archives to learn about how Peterborough's documentary heritage is preserved. View areas usually closed to the public and see the collections.

Friday 8 September: Tours at 10am, 11am, 2pm & 3pm
Booking is essential, places are limited.

To book, call 01733 864757 or e-mail: archives.services@vivacity-peterborough.com

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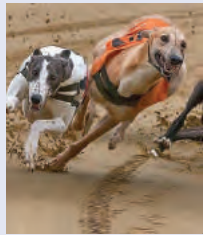


Peterborough Energy Recovery Facility

Viridor Waste Management Ltd, Fourth Drove, Peterborough, PE1 5UR
Explore the state-of-the-art facility which turns residual waste into energy. This is your chance to lift the lid and see the science behind what happens when you take out your rubbish bin!

Thursday 7 September: Tour at 2pm
Friday 8 September: Tour at 10am
Saturday 9 September: Tour at 10am
Booking is essential, places are limited.
To book, call 01733 465513 or e-mail: nprior@viridor.co.uk

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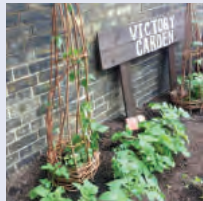


Peterborough Greyhound Stadium

Fengate, Peterborough, PE1 5BP
See behind-the-scenes of a family-run business since it began over 70 years ago. The stadium was nearly destroyed by fire in 1999 and extended in 2003. See greyhound trials and meet the family themselves.

Thursday 7 September 10am - 2pm
Booking is essential, places are limited.
To book call: 01733 296939 or e-mail: hannah@peterboroughgreyhounds.com

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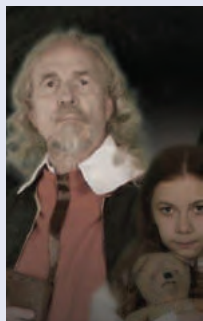


Peterborough Museum Garden

Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF
Visit the small garden recently transformed with help from "Frog Life", the wildlife charity committed to conservation of amphibians and reptiles. The garden tells the story of "medicine through time".

Sunday 10 September: 11am - 3pm

FREE



Priestgate Vaults

Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF
A short tour to explore layers of history and meet people from the past associated with the building which now houses Peterborough Museum. Not recommended for under eights or those of a nervous disposition.

Saturday 9 September:
Tours at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm
Sunday 10 September:
Tours at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm
Booking is essential, places are limited. Book on the day for individual sessions at museum reception or to pre-book, call 01733 864663 or e-mail: museum@vivacity-peterborough.com

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Southwick Hall

Southwick Hall, Main Street, Southwick, PE8 5BL
Visit an Elizabethan manor house with medieval towers sited in a quiet valley 15 miles from Peterborough below Rockingham Forest with exhibitions, grounds and refreshments.

Sunday 10 September: 2pm - 5pm

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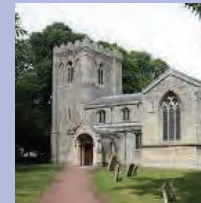
St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Northborough, Peterborough, PE6 9BN

Visit a medieval church that was extended during the 13th and 14th centuries and has connections to Oliver Cromwell, the Claypole Family and John Clare. Part of the only original wall is still visible today.

Saturday 9 September: 11am - 4pm

FREE



St Andrew's & St Michael's Church, Alwalton

1 Church Street, Alwalton, Peterborough, PE7 3UU

Visit a medieval church dating to 1176, with earlier Anglo Saxon stone work and the last resting place of Sir Henry Royce of Rolls Royce fame, who was born in the village.

Saturday 9 September: 10am - 4pm

FREE



St Margaret's Church, Fletton

St Margaret's Church, Fletton Avenue, PE2 8DE

Explore St Margaret's Church, an oasis of peace on the edge of Peterborough, with the renowned Saxon Stones which attract visitors from far afield. See displays of documents telling Fletton's story.

Saturday 9 September: 1pm - 5pm
Sunday 10 September: 1pm - 5pm

FREE



St Mary the Blessed Virgin Church, Warmington

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Warmington, PE8 6TE

Discover a parish church just 10 miles from Peterborough that has barely been altered since completed around 1290. See our 14th century carved pews, 15th century pulpit, and collection of 'Green men' which is one of the finest in England.

Saturday 9 September: 10am - 6pm

FREE



St Matthew's Church, Eye

St Matthew's Church, High Street, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UP

Church will be open with displays, tours and refreshments; an illustrated talk on Friday evening on old Eye and a special service on Sunday. The church dates from 1847 and once had a 125ft high spire.

Friday 8 September: Talk at 7.30pm

Saturday 9 September: 10am – 4pm

Sunday 10 September: 11am – 3.30pm, Service at 3.30pm

FREE



St Pega's Church, Peakirk

St Pega's Church, Chestnut Close, Peakirk, Peterborough, PE6 7NW

St Pega's Church, Peakirk is remarkable mainly for its extensive 14th century wall paintings. Founded in 1016, it contains Anglo Saxon fabric but dates mainly to the 11th to 15th centuries.

Thursday 7 September: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Friday 8 September: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Saturday 9 September: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sunday 10 September 12noon - 4.30pm

FREE



Thomas Deacon Academy

Thomas Deacon Academy, Queen's Gardens, Peterborough, PE1 2UW

Designed by the architect Norman Foster in 2007, this was the largest single site academy in the UK when it was built. In addition to tours of the building there will be a display by the Deacon's School Trust.

Saturday 9 September: 8.30am – 4pm

FREE



Thorney Village Tour

Thorney Abbey, Abbey Place, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0SA

Thorney, rebuilt as a model village in Victorian times, surrounds the remains of a medieval Benedictine Abbey with a majestic church. Meet for an hour long free guided walking tour before visiting Thorney Museum.

Sunday 10 September at 2pm, no pre-booking required.

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