



heritage open days Coventry

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Welcome to the 18th Heritage Open Days weekend in Coventry.

Once again, Coventry is proud to be part of this national event co-ordinated by the Heritage Open Days National Partnership with funding from English Heritage.

Heritage Open Days are organised by volunteers and is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event, attracting over 1 million people every year.

Heritage Open Days celebrate England's architecture and culture by allowing visitors free access to interesting properties that are either not usually open or would normally charge an entrance fee. Heritage Open Days also include tours, events and activities that focus on local architecture and culture.

Coventry Heritage Open Days 2012 Committee

The Heritage Weekend event is organised by a committee of mostly volunteers who represent many aspects of history and who give their time freely to make the weekend happen and includes the Coventry Society, Coventry City Council and Coventry Cathedral.

The event is chaired and jointly run by Karen Aspin, Events Project Manager at Coventry City Council and Roger Bailey, a regional Blue Badge Tourist Guide. Helping over the weekend will be members of the Coventry Guild of Tour Guides, all of whom have qualified to be tourist guides with a Coventry Green Badge.

Committee Members:

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	Toilets		Partial Disabled Access
	Disabled Toilets		Parking available onsite
	Full Disabled Access		Refreshments available

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CITY CENTRE TOURS

City Centre Walking Tours

Cuckoo Lane, Saturday and Sunday 11am & 2pm

All walking tours of Coventry will start at 11am, with additional historical tours being repeated at 2pm. The start will be from the Tourist Information Centre which is located under the tower of the ruined cathedral, lasting between 1.5 to 2 hours per tour. To book please phone 024 7622 5616. For further information, please view on www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk. All tours will be free over this weekend.

Historical and Heritage Tours

Choose one of the following historical tours, delivered by experienced tourist guides, covering all parts of the city over the three separate tours.

Saturday 11am and 2pm - Cathedral Quarter Tour

Sunday 11.00am - Historical Quarter Tour

Sunday 2pm - Grand Tour

For more details go to

www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk

Costumed Godiva Tours

A walking costumed tour led by Coventry's modern day Lady Godiva herself showing all the important historical sites, legacies and arts relating to Godiva throughout the city centre. Tours will run on both Saturday and Sunday, starting at 11am.

Coventry Rocks Music Tour

A fascinating walk through Coventry's musical past and present. From John and Yoko and The Beatles to The Specials and 2-Tone, Chuck Berry, Kiss, The Enemy, The Sex Pistols, Led Zeppelin, Panjabi MC and Pete Waterman and so much more in-between. A whistle stop tour of the music and places that have helped put our great city on the musical map. Tours will run on both Saturday and Sunday, starting at 11.00am.

Family History Fair

Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sunday 11am – 4pm

Those groups attending are:

Allesley History Group, C.A.D.A.S., Coventry Family History Society, Coventry Natural History Society, Earlsdon Research Group, Eastern Green History Group, Graham Sutherland Books, Greyfriars Society, Guild of One Name Studies, Heart of England Postcard Society, Spinners And Weavers, The Women's Research Group, Whitley Local History Society.

CITY CENTRE TOURS

Coventry Road Transport Industry Heritage Bus Tour

Hales Street, Saturday and Sunday 11am and 2.30pm www.transport-museum.com

Saturday 8 September - A free bus service will leave hourly, starting at 11am, to take visitors directly to the Transport Museum's off-site store. Free of charge but booking recommended – www.transport-museum.com

Sunday 9 September - A free service will leave at 11am and 2.30pm to take visitors on a journey around some of the most important sites in Coventry's transport history. Free of charge but booking recommended – www.transport-museum.com (Please note - this is different to the regular heritage bus service that will run over the weekend - see timetable on page 29)

Behind the Scenes Tours

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Saturday and Sunday

Undercroft Tours 11am, 12noon and 1.30pm

History Centre 10.30am, then 11.15am, 2pm and 2.45pm

Curators will be leading behind the scenes tours of the museum stores. Come along and explore the collections that the public don't normally see, including costume and natural history. Each tour will last about 45 minutes. Places are limited so advance booking is advised.

Booking for tours is essential:

For Store Tours and Medieval Undercroft Tours book at reception 024 7629 4774 or by e-mail at historycentre@theherbert.org. Tours are FREE.

Medieval Cellar

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum

Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm

The medieval cellar, dating from the 14th century, will be open for tours. The area has a chronology stretching for nearly five and a half centuries, having emerged as a route through the former Coventry Castle Bailey. In the mid 14th century the area's status grew considerably with the establishment of the Guildhall of St Mary, followed by the massive timber-framed trading hall known as the Drapery (one of its associated buildings remains today as Drapers' Hall). This undercroft was originally part of a house which belonged to a wealthy merchant and its use as a storage space is evident with niches in the walls which would have been used for valuable goods to be kept behind locked doors. Free of charge but booking is recommended. Please see section above.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Blast from the Past

St. Mary's Guildhall, Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

Historic music specialists recreate the sights and sounds of the past. With lively performances of early music, demonstrations and talks on period instruments, this is a fascinating and entertaining experience for all ages.



Metal Detecting Club

St. Mary's Guildhall, Saturday and Sunday 11am – 4pm

For two days local Metal Detecting clubs will be exhibiting members' finds found in the Coventry area and surrounding Midlands over the last 35 years. As well as display cases of coins, buttons, medals, tokens and other historic artefacts there will be a local expert on hand to identify your particular curios. For those members of the public who wish to discover more about the wonderful hobby of metal detecting, films and DVDs will be shown over both days in a viewing room within the exhibition centre.

Dame Goodyvers Day

Friday from 11am

The Godiva Sisters will be joining Pru Poretta as Lady Godiva again this year on Friday 7 September for their annual Dame Goodyvers Day Event.

Coventry's present-day Lady Godiva, Pru Porretta, gathers the Godiva Sisters together for a picnic lunch in the Priory Gardens, followed by a procession with banners into Broadgate. The procession continues down to the Lower Precinct, where music and dance performance by local schools and community groups takes place. The whole event is a demonstration of community cohesion in our multi-cultural, multi-faith city.



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Council House



Herbert Art Gallery and Museum

COVENTRY CITY CENTRE

1 The Council House



Earl Street, CV1 5RR

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

The Council House is a grade II early Tudor style listed building with rich heraldic decoration built 1913 - 17; however due to the intervention of the First World War, the building was not officially opened until June 1920 by the Duke of York. Visitors will be able to view many areas that are not usually open to the public such as, the Council Chambers, the Hospitality Suite, the Reception Suite and the Lady Mayoress' Suite.

Heritage activities:

- Council Chambers
- Hospitality Suite
- Reception Suite
- Lady Mayoress' Suite
- Guided tours

2 Herbert Art Gallery & Museum



Jordan Well, CV1 5QP

Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm

www.theherbert.org

The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum is an award winning venue, offering stylish, memorable events in a dynamic creative environment in the heart of the city centre.

Heritage activities:

- Local History Fair in covered court
- Tours of Social and National History Stores
- Object handling
- Tours of the Undercroft and History Centre available (please book)

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St Mary's Guildhall



Freeman's Guild Room



Coventry Cathedral



Old Blue Coat School

COVENTRY CITY CENTRE

3 St Mary's Guildhall



Bayley Lane, CV1 5RN

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

www.stmarysguildhall.co.uk

First built in the 14th century, St Mary's Guildhall is one of the finest surviving examples of a medieval guildhall in the country, with connections to such celebrated personalities as Mary Queen of Scots, William Shakespeare and George Eliot during its long history. Inside there are magnificent interiors, works of art, historic furniture, arms and armour, and one of the most important tapestries in the country.

Areas open include The Great Hall, Old Mayoress' Parlour, Princes Chamber, Old Council Chamber, Minstrels Gallery, The Armoury, Mary Queen of Scots Room, Mercer's Room and the Undercroft.

Heritage activities:

- Knowledgeable Guides available
- Musical entertainment and displays with "Blast from the past"
- Metal detecting clubs from around the region reveal their finds

4 City of Coventry Freeman's Guild Room



Bayley Lane, CV1 5RN

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

Occupying the north undercroft of St Mary's Guildhall on the site of a former row of shops, it is from here that the Guild's present day business is administered. The Guild Room displaying Freeman's Guild memorabilia and photographs of Guild Members dating back to 1946 will be open to view.

Heritage activity:

- Promotion of members of the Guild highlighting their charitable activities

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5 Coventry Cathedral



Priory Street, CV1 5AB

Saturday 9am – 4.30pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm

www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Designed by Sir Basil Spence and voted the nation's favourite 20th century building, Coventry Cathedral is a fascinating and moving mix of the old and the new with an extraordinary history of three cathedrals in one setting. An icon of hope, the Cathedral is recognised internationally as a World Centre for Peace and Reconciliation. It houses the finest collection of 1950s art in Britain and monumental works of art, including: Graham Sutherland's Great Tapestry – one of the largest in the world, Britain's greatest collection of modern stained glass. St Michael's Tower – the third tallest in England New Visitor Centre - visit our new exhibition, displays and introductory film on the thousand-year history of Coventry's three Cathedrals from the 11th century to the present day. Within the ruins, visitors will be able to see the Blitz Experience Museum, showcasing a fascinating taste of life in 1940s Coventry, with contemporary film footage and room reconstructions.

Heritage activities:

- Guided tours at 10.30am and 2pm
- Chance to view Cathedral Art Exhibition
- Daily bell ringing demonstration
- Free organ demonstration at 10.30am and 2pm
- Journey Into The Light art exhibition

6 Old Blue Coat School



5a Priory Row, CV1 5EX

Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 11.30am – 4pm

The chateau-style Blue Coat School is believed to have been founded in 1714 as a charity school for girls who spent their last two years being trained in the rigours of domestic service. The present building, built over the ruins of the Cathedral and Priory of St Mary's, dates from the 1850s and was restored in 2000.



Holy Trinity Church



Priory Visitor Centre



Coventry Artspace



Coventry Transport Museum

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7 Holy Trinity Church



Priory Row, CV1 5EX

Saturday 9.30am – 4pm, Sunday 9.30am – 5pm

Founded in the 12th century, with its existence being first recorded in 1113, Holy Trinity is one of the largest mediaeval churches in England and was built for the tenants of the Priory lands which extended over the north of Coventry. It has changed greatly throughout its 900 year history; being practically destroyed by fire in 1257. More recently the church has become known for one of the most fascinating examples of a 15th century “Doom Painting”, depicting ‘The Last Day of Judgement’.

Heritage activities:

- Staff and guides available
- Display of Bishops Bible dating 1568
- Children’s activities

8 Priory Visitor Centre



Priory Gardens, CV1 5EX www.prioryvisitorcentre.org

Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Built on the site of Coventry’s first Cathedral, the 11th century Benedictine Priory of St Mary, the Visitor Centre and gardens house many artefacts discovered during excavations of the Priory and tell the story of one of Coventry’s most important historical sites. The Undercrofts offer a fascinating glimpse into the best preserved remains of Coventry’s original Benedictine monastery. Discovered and excavated by the Coventry Archaeological Team as part of the Phoenix Initiative, stone vaulted rooms, a courtyard, exhibition area, undercrofts, doorways and passages will all be open for visitors to experience.

Heritage activities:

- Undercrofts tour
- Craft making
- Selection of Medieval and Tudor games to play

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9 Coventry Artspace



16 Lower Holyhead Road, CV1 3AU

Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 4.30pm

www.coventry-artspace.co.uk

An independent artist-led facility which exists to promote, support and strengthen visual arts practice within Coventry. The company provides a range of creative partnership and outreach opportunities for and on behalf of the city.

Heritage activities:

- Tour of derelict basement (2 Tone rehearsal room)
- A display of the history of Artspace
- Art Exhibition inspired by the history of the building and surrounding areas

10 Coventry Transport Museum



Hales Street, CV1 1JD www.transport-museum.com

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 5pm

Heritage activities:

- **Open Store Day** (Saturday only - Free service but booking is recommended via the website)
The Museum’s off site store, containing 100s of cars, bikes and motorcycles will be open on Saturday only. Museum staff and Friends of the Museum will be at the store to guide visitors. A shuttle service, in the Museum’s 1963 Daimler Bus, will leave the front of the Museum at 11am and then every hour until 3pm. People will also be able to make the return journey to the Museum in the bus.
- **Road Transport Industry Heritage Bus Tour** (Sunday only - 11am and 2.30pm)
The Museum’s 1963 Daimler double deck bus will take people on a tour of the city visiting sites relating to Coventry’s road transport industry. Guided by Steve Bagley, the Museum’s Head of Collections, the tour will visit houses, factories, cemeteries and other sites, highlighting the companies and the people who made the road transport industry so important to the city. The tour will start from and return to the front of the Museum. The first tour will be at 11am and the second at 2.30pm, both will take approximately two and a half hours.

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St John's Church



The Belgrade Theatre



Warwick Road URC



Coventry Watch Museum



St Mark's Church

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11 St John's Church



Fleet Street, CV1 2BY www.stjohn-the-baptist.co.uk

Thursday 10am – 3pm, Friday 10am – 4pm,

Saturday 10am – 4.30pm and Sunday 11.30am – 4.30pm

Built in 1344, St John's former uses include that of Guild Church, Royal Chantry, dye works and prison before finally becoming a parish church in 1734. As a prison, it was used to incarcerate Royalist soldiers captured at the battle of Preston. The church is widely used today for worship and community needs.

Heritage activities:

- Refreshments in Parish Hall (10am – 1pm Saturday only)
- Sport themed flower show
- Concert by Robert Ward, International Harpist (Saturday 7.30pm, small charges payable)

12 The Belgrade Theatre



Corporation Street www.belgrade.co.uk

Saturday 10am – 4pm

The Belgrade Theatre was the first civic theatre to be built after the war and was opened in March 1958, part of a large scale redevelopment of the city of Coventry. Now an English Heritage grade II listed building, The Belgrade acquired its name in recognition thanks for a gift of timber from the Yugoslav city of Belgrade that was used extensively in the construction of the auditorium. A major refurbishment included creating the B2 auditorium and was completed in 2007. The theatre is preparing for the new season of shows so regrets it cannot offer back stage tours until Saturday 15 September, and foyers including 5th anniversary displays and their exhibition space will however be open to visitors.

Heritage activity:

- September marks the theatre's 5th Anniversary since reopening with celebrations starting on 8 September. Please check our website for updates.

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13 Warwick Road URC



Warwick Row CV1 1EX www.wrurc.co.uk

Saturday 10am – 4pm only

Warwick Road URC dates back to 1742 and originated in the back yard of The Cross Keys Inn. The URC moved to its current site in 1891. The Church Sanctuary and centre will be open to the public on Saturday only.

Heritage activity:

- Archive exhibition, refreshments in foyer

14 Coventry Watch Museum



Spon Street CV1 3BA www.coventrywatchmuseum.co.uk

Saturday and Sunday 11am – 4pm

Housed within three 19th century cottages, the project organisers continue to work towards making this site the museum's permanent home. Proudly illustrating Coventry's influence within the British watch making industry, which dates back to the 1680s, the museum area, Second World War air raid shelter and exhibitions of Coventry made clocks and watches will all be open.

Heritage activities:

- Exhibition of watch making artefacts
- World War II artefacts
- Tombola
- Test of dexterity
- Paranormal investigations of a reputedly haunted cottage

15 St Mark's Church



Swanswell CV1 5FX Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

Since 1973, St Mark's Church has been closed for worship. It has however, been used for other purposes since that time – most usefully as consulting rooms to supplement the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital on the Stoney Stanton Road.

Heritage activity:

- Access to the Chapel to view the recently rediscovered "Ascension" Mural.

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Severn Trent Water



Weaver's Cottage

OUTER RING ROAD CITY CENTRE

Severn Trent Water

St Martins Road, CV3 6SD

www.stwater.co.uk

It is our hope, that one or more sites associated with Severn Trent Water will be open over the weekend. As we went to press, this had not been confirmed, but please view

www.coventry.gov.uk/hod for the latest information or ring the Tourist Information Centre on 024 7622 5616.

Weaver's Cottage - Black Swan Terrace



Upper Spon Street, CV1 3BQ

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

A medieval house restored to show how John Croke the Weaver, lived in 1540. Each of the six houses in Black Swan Terrace were built as one structure and would have looked like this one, however, when it came to restoration, number 122 was the one which was easiest to restore to its medieval state. The Tudor garden and activity centre will be open for visitors.

Heritage activities:

- Weavers, spinners and dyers demonstration
- Hunt the herbs
- Children's weaving
- Pomander making
- Talks on the life of John Croke

Coventry Heritage Open Days 2012



Q1. Do you live in Coventry?

- Yes (go to Q2) No (go to Q1a)

1a. If you are a visitor to Coventry, are you:

- Visiting the city for the day, not staying overnight
 Staying here with friends and family
 Staying in a B&B / guest house
 Staying in a hotel
 Other (please specify) _____

Q2. Are you in town today especially to attend Heritage Open Days events?

- Yes No

Q3. Have you attended Heritage Open Days events in Coventry before?

- Yes No

Q4. How did you find out about this year's Heritage Open Days events in Coventry?

- I am on the mailing list & received a programme by post
 I picked up this year's programme
Please specify where from: _____
 I saw or heard details of events advertised/featured somewhere e.g. press, radio, internet
 Word of mouth – someone told me about it
 Other (please specify) _____

Q5. Where, if anywhere, have you seen/heard Coventry's 2012 Heritage Open Days events advertised/featured? (tick all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banners/ posters | <input type="checkbox"/> Local free newspapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet/ brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Free radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Touch FM radio | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coventry Telegraph | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBC Coventry & Warwickshire radio | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Open Days website | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other website (specify) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Did not see any advertising | |

Q6. Which participating venues have you visited, or do you plan to visit, this weekend? (tick all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belgrade Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Allesley Walled Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council House | <input type="checkbox"/> Bagot's Castle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coventry Cathedral | <input type="checkbox"/> Caludon Castle Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Coombe Country Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queens Road Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunt Roman Fort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Railway Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Airbase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freeman's Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Coventry Artspace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Herbert | <input type="checkbox"/> Premier Inn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Priory Visitor Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Trinity Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St Mary's Guildhall | <input type="checkbox"/> St Barbara's, Earlsdon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old Blue Coat School | <input type="checkbox"/> St John's, Fleet Street |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St John the Baptist | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lock Gallery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St Mark's Church | <input type="checkbox"/> London Road Cemetery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St Mary Magdalene | <input type="checkbox"/> Watchmakers' Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warwick Road URC | <input type="checkbox"/> Weaver's Cottage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Severn Trent | <input type="checkbox"/> St Bartholomew's Church |

Q7. At which of the venues did you pick up this survey?

Q8. Have you used the free bus service operating between some of the participating venues?

- Yes No

Q9. Have you been on (or are you planning to go on) any of the following guided tours?

- City centre walking tour
 Cathedral tour
 Herbert Gallery 'Behind the Scenes' tour
 Transport Museum 'Highlights' tour

Q10. What is your overall impression of 2012 Heritage Open Days in Coventry?

- Very poor Quite poor Average
 Good Excellent

Q11. Do you think it is likely you will visit Coventry City Centre more often as a result of coming to this event?

- Yes No

Q12. Which age bracket are you in?

- Under 18 18-24 years 25-34 years
 35-44 years 45-54 years 55-64 years 65+

Q13. Are you:

- Female Male

Q14. What is your postcode? _____

(or country of origin if non-UK resident) This information helps us to see how far people have travelled to the event.

Q15. To which of these ethnic groups do you consider you belong?

- a) White British (English/Scottish/Welsh/NI)
 Irish
 Other white background (specify)

- b) Asian or Bangladeshi Indian Pakistani
Asian British Other Asian background (specify)

- c) Black or Black African Black Caribbean
Black British Other black background (specify)

- d) Mixed Asian/white Black African/white
 Black Caribbean/white
 Other mixed background (specify)

- e) Chinese or Chinese
Other Any other background (specify)

Q16. Do you have any other comments about or suggestions for Heritage Open Days in Coventry?

Would you like to receive further information on the Coventry & Warwickshire region?

Yes No

If YES, please indicate which of the following interest you (tick all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Coventry Heritage Open Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Days Out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events & Festivals | <input type="checkbox"/> History & Heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & Leisure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Film & TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Wining, Dining & Nightlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Conferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Trade | |

How may we send you information?

Please supply contact details:

Name _____

Address _____

Mobile _____

E-mail _____

Thank you for your time and co-operation

Please deposit your completed form in a collection box on site, hand to a member of staff or post to:

Heritage Open Days Competition

Room 22, Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR

For a chance to win the overnight stay and meal at the Premier Inn Coventry, please return forms by Monday 17 September 2012. The winner will be notified from 18 September 2012. All entry forms will be used for future marketing and promotions from Coventry City Council and carefully selected third parties unless the participant/entrant clearly states that they do not wish to be contacted.

Tick this box if you do not want to receive marketing and promotions information from Coventry City Council or third parties.



The Lock Gallery



London Road Cemetery

OUTER RING ROAD CITY CENTRE

The Lock Gallery



Studio 23, Canal Basin, CV1 4LY

Saturday 10am – 5pm

The Lock Gallery is an independent open studio and art gallery. It is located in Coventry's Canal Basin, amongst picturesque scenery and within the hub of Coventry's art scene. The Lock Gallery has moved from the new-build retail space in the Canal Basin to the characteristic, original warehouse on the other side of the Basin. Full of character and style, the Lock Gallery in Studio 23 is the only studio in the warehouse that is open to the public. There will be an outdoor arts and craft fair within the Canal Basin on Sunday only.

London Road Cemetery



London Road, CV1 2JT

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

The Cemetery opened in 1847. It was landscaped by Sir Joseph Paxton at the site of an old quarry near to the old London turnpike. At the Cemetery's main entrance there is a Lodge and two chapels, Anglican and Non-Conformist, which were reputedly designed by George Stokes, son-in-law of Sir Joseph Paxton. The small Jewish Chapel was a later addition. In the years that followed, two extensions were added to the original cemetery; the first created in 1887, the second in 1929.

Heritage activities:

- Activities display
- Information on notables buried on site
- Self guided tours

Ramada Hotel City Views



The Butts, Coventry

A unique chance to go up to one of the rooms in the hotel to experience views across the whole of the city centre.

Heritage activity:

- A guide will be on hand to highlight key sights and buildings of the city from a top floor room.



Queens Road Baptist Church



Premier Inn and Albany Theatre



Lunt Roman Fort



Bagot's Castle

OUTER RING ROAD CITY CENTRE

Queens Road Baptist Church

Queens Road

Saturday 10am – 3pm

The church holds a continuous history in the City that dates from 1643 during the English Civil War. As Coventry grew, the church led by William Henderson grew too. He worked as an evangelist after his conversion to Christ and the church moved its worship services to the present location in 1884.

Premier Inn & Albany Theatre



The Butts CV1 3BH

Premier Inn - Thursday to Sunday 11am to 3pm,

Albany Theatre - Saturday and Sunday 11am to 3pm

Grade II Listed Building with a newly refurbished atrium. New for this year's Heritage Open Days, the building houses the former Technical College and tours of the building and the old Theatre at the back of the College. The College Theatre was opened within the Technical College (as it then was) in 1935. The building was designed in 1919 and has retained many of its impressive Art Deco features. Alternatively known as the Butts Theatre in the by-then named City College, it closed its doors behind the last audience member on Saturday 3rd January 2009 following the acquisition of the College site by developers MCD (Coventry) Ltd and the College's move to the City Centre Swanswell site.

Premier Inn activities:

- Guided tour up to a room, with a view starting from the main foyer at 11am, 11.30am, 12noon, 1pm, 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm

Albany Theatre activities:

- Tour of theatre and potted history
- Display of theatre memorabilia
- Art exhibition
- Exhibition by the Titanic Heritage Trust
- Face painting
- Dressing up
- Competitions
- Refreshments

BAGINTON AREA

Lunt Roman Fort



Coventry Road, Baginton, CV8 3AJ

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11am – 4pm

Follow in the footsteps of the Roman Army by visiting this unique reconstruction of a first century fort. The Granary Museum and all areas of the fort will be open, free admission for one weekend only. Please view www.coventry.gov.uk/hod for the latest information or ring the Tourist Information Centre on 024 7622 5616 as regards Saturday.

Heritage activities:

- Coin workshop
- Chance to strike your own coin

Bagot's Castle, Baginton



off Church Road, Oak Farm, CV8 3AR

Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

Bagot's Castle was originally a 13th century fortified manor house, founded by the de Derlye family. The large rectangular platform, partly encased by a wide ditch, stands against the steep banks of the River Sowe. In the 14th century, Sir William Bagot founded the stone castle, when adding a tower house encased by a ditch.

Heritage activities:

- Guides available
- History display of the site including photos of restoration work
- Coconut shy
- Refreshments



St John the Baptist Church



AIRBASE



Electric Railway Museum

BAGINTON AREA

St John the Baptist Church



Holly Lane, Baginton, CV8 3AE

Saturday 11 – 5pm, Sunday 12noon – 5pm

St John the Baptist Church dates back to the 13th century although it is rumoured that there was once a Saxon church on the site. It is one of the oldest inhabited spots in the country. The remains of a medieval castle and many buildings from later centuries still exist on the site.

Heritage activities:

- Guides to talk about history of the church
- Refreshments in the Old Rectory

AIRBASE, Coventry Airport



Dakota House, Coventry Airport West

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 6pm

AIRBASE is the living aviation museum situated at Coventry Airport where the unthinkable comes alive, providing a truly memorable experience that will stay in your hearts and minds for a long, long time after your visit. Home to over 30 vintage planes, AIRBASE will revive your memories, allow you to live your dreams and provide you with the most unforgettable experience. Charges may apply.

Heritage activities:

- Vintage and historical aircraft flying
- Taxiing and engine runs
- Pleasure flights
- Jaguar car display (Sunday only)

BAGINTON AREA

Electric Railway Museum



Rowley Road, Baginton, CV8 3AZ

Saturday and Sunday 11am – 5pm

www.electricrailwaymuseum.co.uk

Electric Railway Museum is a UK based charity who aim to promote the heritage of all electric trains in the UK through traction and rolling stock restoration, display and operation along with work in gathering historically relevant technical and photographic archives. Our work is entirely run by volunteers and funded by donations from the public. On our site you will find the largest collection of preserved electric trains in the UK, ranging from industrial electric locomotives, suburban multiple units, Edwardian underground train carriage bodies to high speed express trains.

Heritage activities:

- Shunting displays by vintage locomotives
- Guided tours of the collection
- Café



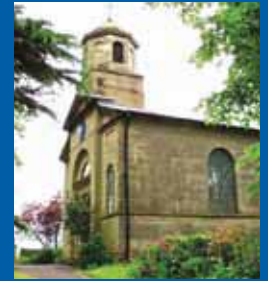
Coombe Country Park



Caludon Castle



St Mary Magdalen Church



St Bartholomew's Church

EAST SIDE OF COVENTRY

Coombe Country Park



Brinklow Road, CV3 2AB

Saturday and Sunday 10am – 3pm

Coombe Abbey was founded as a monastery in the 12th century and was bought by Coventry City Council in 1964. While the grounds of the Abbey are now a popular nature reserve and country park, the Abbey itself is now a hotel. The event will concentrate on the 300 year history of the Craven family, their life at the park and the transformation of the parks landscape whilst this family owned the Abbey. Formal gardens, arboretum, wild flower meadow, woodland areas and duck decoy spinney shall all be open.

Heritage activities:

- Pick up a trail on the life of Coombe over 200 years ago
- Learn about “Matilda’s Curse” and the legendary “Headless Horseman”

Caludon Castle



Farren Road, Wyken, CV2 5EH

Sunday 11am – 5pm

Caludon Castle was originally a 12th century fortified manor house, founded by Ranulf Blundeville, Earl of Chester. In 1305, Stephen de Segrave founded the stone castle when King Edward I granted him a license to add battlements to his manor house. Founded by John Mowbray, the mid 14th century hall house was built above a low undercroft but it fell into disrepair in the late 14th century, after the banishment of Thomas Mowbray by King Richard II. In 1580, the house was remodelled by Lord Berkley and in the 17th century the castle received structural alterations, only to be abandoned after the Civil War. Caludon Castle Park is a public park and all areas of the open land are useable.

Heritage activities:

- Display and guide to the history of Caludon Castle
- City of Coventry Brass Band

EAST SIDE OF COVENTRY

St Mary Magdalene Church



Wyken Croft, CV5 8DT

Saturday 10am – 4pm

Wyken boasts Coventry’s oldest surviving building, St. Mary Magdalene Church, which dates back to the 11th century. As the community of Wyken grew larger, expanding from a small village clustered around the church to become a part of the city of Coventry, a new modern church was built alongside St Mary Magdalene, The Church of Risen Christ.

Heritage activities:

- Guided tours
- Illustrated leaflets
- Historical documents
- Craft Fair
- Refreshments in church hall

St Bartholomew’s Church

Brinklow Road, Binley CV3 2DT

Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm

St Bartholomew’s is the Parish Church of Binley and whilst the present building was dedicated in 1773, there is evidence to suggest that a chapel was first established here in the Middle Ages. Both the Church and the Church Hall will be open.

Heritage activities:

- Flower festival
- Summer Fete (Saturday)
- Photo competition in Church Hall (Sunday)



St Barbara's Church



Allesley Park Walled Garden

EARLSDON

St Barbara's Church



24 Rochester Road, Earlsdon, CV5 6AG

Saturday 11am – 4pm, Sunday 1pm – 4pm

www.stbarbarasearlsdon.org.uk

In the early Catholic Church, St. Barbara was one of the 14 auxiliary saints also known as the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated for the supposed efficacy of their prayers on behalf of human necessities. The church is one of only three Anglican churches in England dedicated to her and is notable for the stunning stained glass window displays throughout the building.

Heritage activity:

- Refreshments in hall area

ALLESLEY PARK

Allesley Park Walled Garden



Allesley Hall Drive, CV5 9AD

Saturday & Sunday 10.30am – 4pm

www.coventry-walks.org.uk/APWGG

The Allesley Park Walled Garden Group is a voluntary group who aim to restore Allesley Park Walled Garden as an authentic 18th century kitchen garden, as is part of Coventry's heritage, and to use it as an educational resource.

Heritage activities:

- Market selling produce (Saturday only)
- Guided walks of Georgian garden
- Mini food festival
- Cake decorating
- Children's activities

Free to explore... Coventry's Heritage!

Heritage Open Days weekend provides a great opportunity to learn more about Coventry's history and heritage and there will be many historical societies and associations on hand at key venues throughout the weekend to enhance your Heritage Open Days experience. These groups largely consist of volunteers, dedicating their time and effort to educating the wider community, celebrating our heritage, and campaigning to preserve our history.

For further information please contact:

www.visitcoventry.co.uk or call 024 7622 5616

Alternatively:

Coventry City Council Events Team,
Room 22, Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR
Tel: 024 7683 2479

More to explore... in Coventry and Warwickshire

If the Heritage Open Weekend has whet your appetite for more places to visit, for a comprehensive listing of attractions, places to eat, drink and be entertained in Coventry and Warwickshire, pick up a free copy of the **Coventry and Warwickshire 2012/13 Tourist Guide** for all the latest information and event timings.



Guides are available from the Tourist Information Centre
St. Michael's Tower, Old Cathedral Ruins,
Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5AB.

Scan the code with a smartphone to view the guide online, or go to:

www.visitcoventryandwarwickshire.co.uk



VENUE OPENING TIMES



Venue	Saturday	Sunday
The Council House	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00
Coventry Cathedral	09.00 – 16.30	12.00 – 16.00
Holy Trinity Church	09.30 – 16.00	09.30 – 17.00
Old Blue Coat School	10.00 – 16.00	11.30 – 16.00
St John's Church Fleet Street	Thur 10.00 - 15.00 Fri 10.00 – 16.00 Sat 10.00 – 16.30	11.30 – 16.00
St Mark's Church	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00
Herbert Art Gallery & Museum	10.00 – 16.00	11.00 – 16.00
St Mary's Guildhall	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00
Coventry Transport Museum	10.00 – 17.00	10.00 – 17.00
Freeman's Guild Room	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00
Coventry Watch Museum	11.00 – 16.00	11.00 – 16.00
Belgrade Theatre	10.00 – 16.00	CLOSED
Coventry Artspace	12.30 – 16.30	12.30 – 16.30
Priory Visitor Centre	10.00 – 16.00	12.00 – 16.00
Warwick Road URC	10.00 – 16.00	CLOSED
Weaver's Cottage	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00
Queens Road Baptist Church	10.00 – 15.00	
The Lock Gallery	10.00 – 17.00	CLOSED
London Road Cemetery	10.00 – 16.00	10.00 – 16.00
Ramada Hotel City Views	08.30 – 21.00	08.30 – 21.00
Premier Inn and Theatre	Thur - Sat 11.00 – 16.00	11.00 – 16.00
Lunt Roman Fort	Thur - Sat 11.00 – 16.00	
Bagot's Castle, Baginton	10.00 – 17.00	10.00 – 16.00
St John the Baptist, Baginton	11.00 – 17.00	12.00 – 17.00
AIRBASE*, Coventry Airport	10.00 – 18.00	10.00 – 18.00
Electric Railway Museum	11.00 – 17.00	10.10 – 17.00
Coombe Country Park	10.00 – 15.00	10.00 – 15.00
Caludon Castle		11.00 – 17.00
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30 – 16.00	
St Bartholomew's Church	11.00 – 17.00	14.00 – 17.00
St Barbara's Church	11.00 – 16.00	13.00 – 16.00
Allesley Park Walled Garden	10.30 – 16.00	10.30 – 16.00

*charges may apply

FREE BUS SERVICE



Saturday and Sunday

A free bus service will operate between the city centre and various participating venues on both Saturday and Sunday. All buses depart from the Coventry Transport Museum. (see page 11)

Route 1

This service will run on Saturday and Sunday, as scheduled below. Special thanks to Roger Burdett for the vehicle supplied on Saturday and Mike DeCoursey Travel for the vehicle on the Sunday.



Route 2





A second Coventry bus will be running on the Sunday only, to highlight car factory sites in Coventry. This is organised by the Coventry Transport Museum who you will need to book with. This bus will depart from the Coventry Transport Museum at 11am and 2pm.

Bus Timetable

Coventry Transport Museum - Depart	10.30	11.45	13.45	15.15
Lunt Fort (for castle)	10.45	12.00	14.00	15.30
Airbase, Coventry Airport	10.55	12.10	14.10	15.40
Electric Railway Museum	11.00	12.15	14.15	15.45
The Butts College	11.25	12.40	14.40	16.10
St John's Church, Fleet Street	11.30	12.45	14.45	16.15
Coventry Transport Museum - Arrive (layby directly opposite)	11.35	12.55	14.55	16.20

CITY CENTRE MAP

Key to transport map symbols

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Heritage Open Day Attractions

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Competiton

**WIN AN OVERNIGHT STAY
AND MEAL FOR TWO
AT THE PREMIER INN
COVENTRY!**

We've joined up with Premier Inn Coventry to offer one lucky winner an overnight stay with Breakfast for two at the Premier Inn on The Butts.



The Grade II listed building situated close to the heart of the city, is the perfect base giving visitors the opportunity to explore the historic city of Coventry even further.

The hotel provides everything you'd expect, incredibly comfy beds in every room and an integrated restaurant serving a mix of traditional and contemporary dishes.

For your chance to win, fill in our questionnaire in the centre pages of the brochure or complete it online at www.coventry.gov.uk/HODsurvey2012

Once completed, drop off your entry form in the boxes at the venues or by post to:

**Heritage Open Days Competition
Room 22, Council House
Earl Street
Coventry City Council CV1 5RR**

Closing date to receive entries is Monday 17 September 2012.

The winner will be notified from 18 September 2012.

The prize must be claimed before 31 October 2012

