

# Heritage Open Days 2018

A chance to create a wider interest in heritage and archaeology

Connect with a nationally recognised festival for a wider reach to interested groups of people and communities

Break down barriers to involvement

Encourage interest in local heritage and historic environment sites and recording oral histories, past and present

HODs is England's biggest festival of heritage and culture where places across the country open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history.

It's a chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences and make discoveries

Entrance must be free

Offer something special

Provide information for visitors to learn something new



# Our Heritage Open Days Locations

- **Curzon Street Station and Park Street burial ground, Millennium Point and the surrounding area on Sat 8 September**
- **St Mary's Medieval Church ruins and the village community centre in Stoke Mandeville on Sun 9 September**
- **St James's Gardens at The National Temperance Hospital site and community garden in Euston on Sun 16 September**

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## Heritage Open Day

Exploring Curzon Street – unearthing railway heritage and discovering local stories

**Saturday 8 September 2018, 11am to 5pm**  
Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham, West Midlands, B4 7XG



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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. As part of the construction of the railway we're undertaking important archaeological work along the line of route. Come along to learn about the history and heritage surrounding the Curzon Street area.

Join us for our hourly timed talks at Millennium Point. The talks will explore the original Curzon Street railway station along with the archaeological burial investigations that will be taking place around Park Street. You will hear from our archaeologists discussing their research and findings so far, giving us a fascinating insight into Birmingham's past. Our archaeologists will also be exhibiting their Time Truck 'Archaeology on Wheels' to give a hands-on experience of archaeology.

You can also take part in a timed visit inside the old Curzon Street Station terminus building, not usually open to the public, taking a glimpse into the past and also looking forward to the future of this treasured Grade I listed building.

We would also like to hear your stories and memories of the local area and will be recording these on the day as part of our local oral history project using our pop-up recording studio at Millennium Point.

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## Heritage Open Day

Exploring St Mary's medieval church ruins - unearthing the past and discovering local stories.

**Sunday 9 September 2018, 12pm to 5pm**  
Stoke Mandeville Village Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville, HP22 5UJ



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Come along to learn about the heritage surrounding the St Mary's medieval church site and ruins in Stoke Mandeville and in particular the exciting burial ground archaeology due to take place there.

Join us for our hourly talks on themes around the history and heritage of the nearby site containing the ruins of the medieval St Mary's Church site. The talks will explore the archaeological and burial investigations that will be taking place on the site and you will hear from our on-site archaeologists discussing their research and findings so far which will give us a fascinating insight into the area's medieval past.

As well as exploring St Mary's, we would also like to hear your stories and memories of the local area and will be recording these on the day as part of our local oral history project using our pop-up recording studio, set up at the community centre.

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## Heritage Open Day

Exploring archaeology at St James's Gardens - unearthing the past and discovering local stories.

**Sunday 16 September 2018, 11am to 5pm**  
The former National Temperance Hospital site, 112 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2PS



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Come along to our site offices and community garden for hourly talks on themes around the history and heritage of St James's Gardens.

Our archaeologists are currently excavating the site and recording extensive burials there. The talks will explore the approach to archaeology and the research and exciting findings so far, giving us a fascinating insight into Euston's past.

We will also be exhibiting the Time Truck 'Archaeology on Wheels' to give a hands-on experience of archaeology.

As well as exploring the past, we would also like to hear your stories and memories of the local area and will be recording these on the day as part of our local oral history project using our pop-up recording studio, set up in the community garden.

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# Sat 8 September: Curzon Street, Birmingham

- 200 + people at Millennium Point
- Over 150 people on tours of the old Curzon Street Station building
- Over 100 people visited MOLA Time Truck
- Hourly timed talks
- The Decorators captured stories of people who worked inside the station building
- Working closely with LMJV and their archaeology specialists



# Sun 9 September: St Mary's Medieval Church ruins, Stoke Mandeville

- 70+ visitors
- Hourly timed talks
- Self guided walks to the ruins of St Mary's Church (free shuttle provided) to meet the archaeologists
- The Decorators captured local stories of people who remembered the old church
- Working closely with Fusion and their archaeology specialists



# Sun 16 September: St James's Gardens, Euston

- 127 visitors
- Hourly timed talks
- Over 90 people visited MOLA Time Truck
- One group of 40 people 'The Culture Seekers' planned the day out especially
- The Decorators captured stories of local people who worked in St James's Gardens and the National Temperance Hospital
- Working closely with CSJV and their archaeology specialists



# The MOLA Time Truck

- Mobile engagement approach
- Offering hands on experience of archaeology
- Part of MOLA's public participation scheme

Information consisted:

- Investigative archaeological skeletons
- Anatomical teaching models
- Life and Death in the 19th Century
- Recording techniques and equipment
- Handling collection with selection of 18th/19th century artefacts



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Come along to learn about the history and heritage surrounding the Curzon Street area and in particular its railway heritage, as well as an insight into the exciting archaeology taking place at the Park Street burial ground.

Come along to Millennium Point for our hourly timed talks on themes around the history and heritage of the Curzon Street area including the original Curzon Street railway station and terminus building. The talks will also explore the archaeological burial investigations that will be taking place around Park Street. You will hear from our on-site archaeologists discussing their research and findings so far, giving us a fascinating insight into Birmingham's past. Our archaeologists will also be exhibiting their 'Time Truck' 'Archaeology on Wheels' to give a hands-on experience of archaeology.





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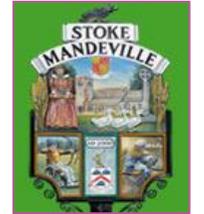
We're joining in #HeritageOpenDay this Saturday. We'll be exploring #Birmingham's Curzon Street station neighbourhood. There'll be talks all about our #railwayheritage and #archaeology projects as well as the area's bright future. Find out more: [ow.ly/AfVs30IAq3i](https://ow.ly/AfVs30IAq3i) #HOD

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## Look: Here's what's inside shut down Curzon Street Station




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