



heritage open days

Dorchester Heritage Committee welcomes you to

Open Dorchester



What's on where?

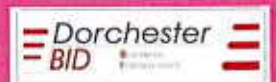
Sunday 15 September 2019

11am to 4pm

Free
events

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Tours

High Street tours

Times:	11.00 – 15.30	
Location:	High East Street	11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00
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Starting point:	Gazebo near Town Pump	

Discover Dorchester's historic buildings in a half-hour tour led by Blue Badge Guides.

Roman Town tours

Times:	11.30 and 14.30
Starting point:	Gazebo near Town Pump

Explore Roman Durnovaria with Roman soldiers! Includes visit to Roman Town House.

Dorchester Prison tours

Times:	11.00 – 15.30
	Tours by guides every 10 mins. (except 12.40 and 14.30)
Location:	Dorchester Prison, North Square

Tours of the Prison by former Prison Officers. Book on the door.

Accessibility: Open tread stairs and some dark areas. Not suitable for children under 12 or those with visual or mobility impairment.

St Peter's Church bell-ringing chamber tours

Times:	12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 (plus bell-ringing at 11.30 and 15.45)
Location:	St Peter's Church, High West Street

Exhibition and tours of the church. Trips up the tower to the bell-chamber.

Accessibility: The church tower has spiral stairs in an enclosed space. Not suitable for children under 8 yrs.

Brewery Square tours

Times:	11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00
Location:	Brewery Square

Led by local residents, tours will bring to life the story of Eldridge Pope Brewery through the history of the remaining listed buildings, ending at Copper Street Brewery with a brewing demonstration. Len Watts will display his original Eldridge Pope Dray and a 1937 film of the Brewery will be shown on the big screen at a quarter past each hour.

Activities

Pavement artist - help create a 'People Power' pavement banner

Times:	11.00 – 15.00
Location:	High West Street – just above Shire Hall

Artist, Sarah Hough, will create a union banner in coloured chalks on the pavement to celebrate the People Power theme of HOD 2019. Families and children are invited to help draw the banner.

Dance in the Street - giant Hokey-Cokey

Time:	14.00
Location:	Tom Brown's pub and High East Street

Mass Hokey-Cokey dance in High East Street. Join in!

Attractions and unusual buildings

Shire Hall – free opening

Times: 11.00 - 17.00 (last admission 16.00)

Free visits to Shire Hall, courtroom and cells.

Collect a HOD children's activity card from here.

Corn Exchange

Times: 11.00 - 16.00

Displays and talks. Visit the Council Chamber and see displays of Civic Regalia and costumes.

Councillors, Mace-bearers and the Beadle will talk about their roles and the historic artefacts.

Judge Jeffreys

Times: 11.00 - 16.00

Discover one of Dorchester's oldest buildings, which survived the Fire of Dorchester in 1613.

Now a restaurant, you're welcome to come and look around and chat to the owner and Civic Society members about Dorchester's historic buildings.

The Keep Military Museum - see Dorchester from the rooftop!

Times: 14.00 - 16.00

There's a great view over Dorchester from the rooftop. Local historians will talk about the development of Dorchester and point out features in and around the town.

Accessibility: Lift to top floor, but stairs from there to roof terrace.

Colliton House (*the Colliton Club*)

Colliton House was a former home of the Churchill family and, during the First World War, was a VAD hospital. Open to visitors. Drinks and meals available.

There are also shops, cafes and businesses open - wander in and take a look!

Talks

Dorchester's Secret Tunnels *by David Taylor*

Times: 11.30 and 14.30

Location: Corn Exchange

The Deputy Mayor will talk about cellars, passages and the unknown High Street.

Dorchester Through Time *by Steve Wallis*

Times: 13.00

Location: Corn Exchange

Steve, a historian and archaeologist, will talk about what historic photos and postcards can tell us about Dorchester.

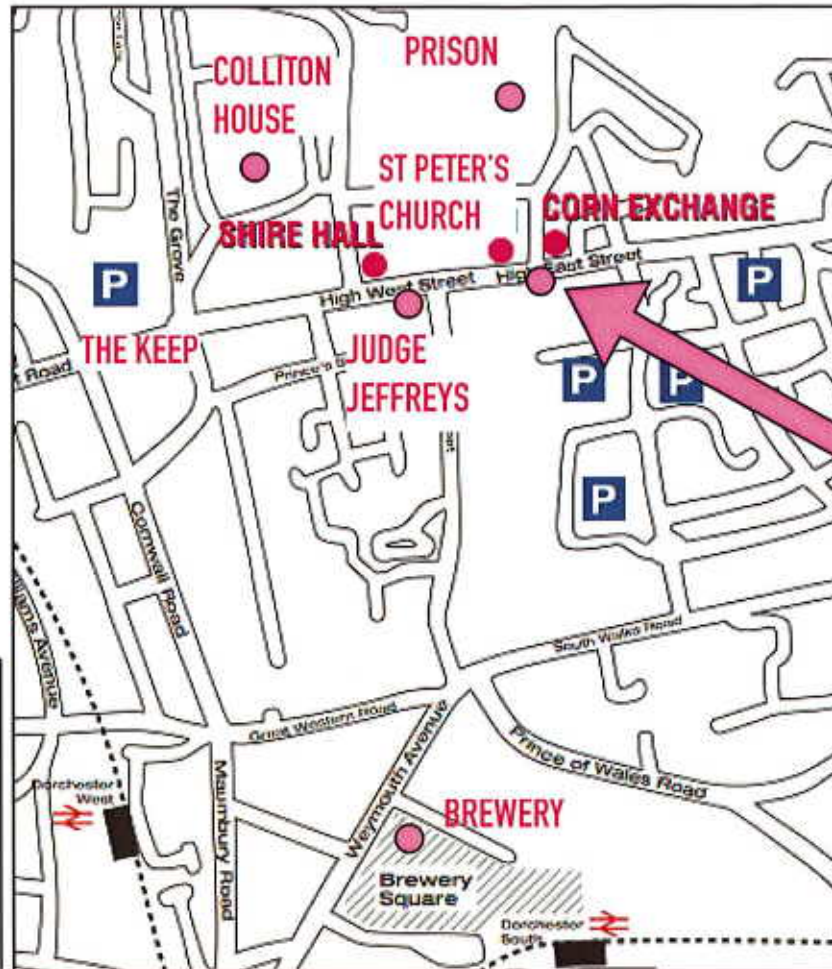
Restoring the King's Arms *by Rob Acton*

Times: 11.45, 12.45 and 13.45

Location: Outside the King's Arms, High East Street

Rob is the Project Manager for Stepnell Construction. He'll talk about the project to restore one of Dorchester's finest buildings and what it's like to work in places with a history.

Where to find events



**TOURS
START HERE**

High West Street
and
High East Street
will be closed to
traffic from
9.30 to 18.00
on
Sunday 15 Sept

Tuesday 17 September 2019

Free admission at Max Gate

Alington Avenue, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 2FN

See the house that Thomas Hardy built for himself and meet the archaeologists who will be on site to show their finds and explore what lies beneath Max Gate.

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www.nationaltrust.org.uk/max-gate



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