



heritage **open** days



Keynsham

Heritage Open Days

8 - 17 September 2023

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ABOUT



Welcome to the **Keynsham Heritage Open Days 2023 Guide!** This is a heritage festival for **ALL** with something for everyone - whether you're an adult, teenager or toddler. What's more, all the activities are completely **FREE** to explore.

2023 marks the second time that cultural venues, businesses and community groups in Keynsham have come together to celebrate England's biggest heritage festival.



We're showcasing the phenomenal history of our town, from the Romans to the present day. There's something to do and see every day. Listen to tales of a Victorian storyteller, take a tour round a former chocolate factory, explore a hidden cemetery... and lots more.



This printed guide provides a short summary of events taking place. For further information, visit hikeynsham.co.uk/event/keynsham-heritage-open-days



Fully accessible events and activities are marked with this symbol. Some venues are partially accessible - for more information, use the contact details provided.



Venues providing refreshments (free of charge or for a small donation) are marked with this symbol. High Street cafes and restaurants are also open as usual.



Open days with free family activities are marked with this symbol - for more information, use the contact details provided.



WHAT'S ON



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Find hidden Roman remains at Durley Hill Cemetery. Durley Hill, BS31 2AT



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Take a tour around one of Keynsham's biggest historic survivals. Somerdale Shed and Community Garden BS31 2FF



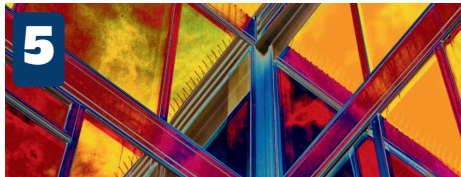
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Discover a beautiful gardens in the ruins of a medieval abbey. Abbey Park, BS31 2BT



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Walk in the footsteps of the Wesleys. Charlton Road, BS31 2JA



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Enjoy a photo exhibition created by local young people. Temple Street Canteen, BS31 1EH



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Browse a special exhibition of historic objects, on display in Keynsham for the very first time. MakeSpace, BS31 1HF



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Explore the secrets of our High Street. Copies from 15-17 Temple Street, BS31 1HA



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Have tea and cake in a historic industrial setting. Albert Mill, Dapps Hill, BS31 1UL



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WHAT'S ON

1. Hidden Histories at Durley Hill Cemetery

Date and time: Sunday 17 September, 10am - 2pm

Location: Durley Hill Cemetery, Durley Hill, BS31 2AT
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Organiser: Keynsham Town Council, keynsham-tc.gov.uk



About: Durley Hill Cemetery is a peaceful Victorian burial ground and the location of a major Roman archaeological site. Discover the unusual mortuary chapel, read our information boards, and meet our friendly grounds team. Avon Wildlife Trust will be on hand to show visitors some of the local wildlife, including moths.

Suitable for: Everyone is welcome. Colouring activities available for families.

2. Fry's Somerdale - Then and Now

Date and time: 16 Sept, 11am- 4pm

Location: Somerdale Shed (behind Somerdale Educate Together Primary School), Tiberius Road, BS31 2FF
What3words: ///tonic.shelf.elbow

Organiser: Somerdale Shed and Community Garden



Enjoy hourly tours of the former Fry's Factory, led by Geoff Davis, resident, and Eric Miles, former employee. Explore the old Sports Pavilion, now used as the 'Somerdale Shed and Community Garden', and see displays of vintage tools. There will be several self-guided walks taking you around the wider site. **Suitable for:** Everyone is welcome. There is a playground, and benches situated around the longer walks.

3. Keynsham Abbey Open Day

Date and time: 9 and 16 Sept, 2pm - 5pm (talk at 2.30pm)

Location: Keynsham Abbey, Abbey Park, BS31 2BT
what3words: ///locate.snail.timing

Organiser: Keynsham Abbey Working Group, keynshamabbey.com

About: Stroll the landscaped remains of this significant medieval abbey, founded in 1166. Guided talks will shed light on Heahmund, a warrior bishop, and Jasper Tudor, uncle to Henry VII, both of whom were buried here. The abbey remains are now laid out as gardens using plants which were available in medieval England.

Suitable for: Everyone is welcome. Guided talk aimed at adults.

4. Keynsham Methodism - In the Footsteps of the Wesleys

Date and time: 11, 13, 14 Sept, 10am - 12pm

Location: Keynsham Methodist Church, Charlton Road, BS31 2JA

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Organiser: Keynsham Methodist Church



About: Explore, see and listen to the history of Methodism from the 1700s to today. Our curators will introduce you to the story of how John and Charles Wesley, and Methodists since, have influenced the growth and development of life in Keynsham. Take in the church's beautiful original features, enjoy an organ recital daily at 11am, and browse a display of archive photographs. **Suitable for:** Everyone is welcome.

5. Creativity Snapped! - Our Heritage in Photographs

Date and time: 8, 11, 12, 14, 15 Sept, 8:30am - 4pm

9, 16 Sept, 9am - 4pm

Location: Temple Street Canteen, 20 Temple St, Keynsham, BS31 1EH

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Organiser: Snap & Stroll



About: This exhibition has been created by local people, in collaboration with Snap & Stroll Photography Group. Enjoy a coffee at Temple Street Canteen while you browse the artwork. Expect to encounter creative reinterpretations of tradition heritage sites, and quirky views of our modern High Street. **Suitable for:** Everyone is welcome.

6. Keynsham Through Time - The Abbey & The Brass Mills

Date and time: 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 Sept, 10am- 5pm

Keynsham MakeSpace, 2 Riverside Terrace,

Location: Temple Street, Keynsham, BS31 1HF

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Organiser: Keynsham Abbey, Keynsham & Saltford
Local History Society, Saltford Brass Mill Project



About: An exhibition celebrating two fascinating aspects of local history. *Keynsham Through Time* includes displays of artefacts recovered from the medieval Abbey, including three iconic decorative stone bosses, alongside a scale model. Encounter artefacts relating to Keynsham's brass mills, and learn about the people who worked there. **Suitable for:** Everyone is welcome. Come along on Saturday 9 September for special family activities including a Victorian storyteller and historic crafts.

7. Keynsham High Street Discovery Trail

Date and time: Available any time

Location: 15-17 Temple Street, BS31 1HA
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Organiser: hikeynsham.co.uk



About: Explore historic High Street shops, discover ancient ruins and enjoy some of the town's most beautiful green spaces. The trail was created as part of Keynsham's High Street Heritage Action Zone scheme. Copies available from Keynsham Town Council, other High Street venues, and online.

Suitable for: Ages 8+. The route is paved and there are no steps, but there are some steep sections in the park and on Dapps Hill.

8. Albert Mill Heritage Weekend

Date and time: Sat 9 and Sun 10 Sept, 10am-4pm

Location: Albert Mill, Dapps Hill, BS31 1UL
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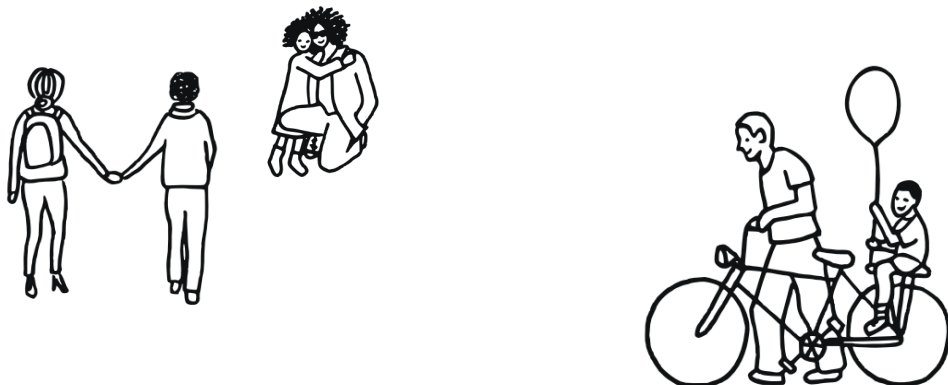
Organiser: Albert Mill Management Committee



About: Albert Mill dates back to 1700. This is a unique opportunity to wander around this historic building which is now a private residence of 40 apartments. The mill room is a walk-through history with many pieces of original machinery in place. There will be a display of photographs, a historical timeline, people on hand to answer questions, and refreshments in the beautiful gardens.

Suitable for:

Everyone is welcome. There is a quiz for children. This is an old building, with steps and uneven ground.



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