heritage open days

A chance to discover buildings, monuments and places of local historic interest for free. Some normally charge and others are rarely open to the public.

From Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 September they are all free to explore!

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The Canterbury Society campaigns to improve the quality of life in our city. It is Canterbury’s leading civic society, bringing together a diverse group of local people with a shared sense of civic pride and community spirit. We arrange talks and walks, review planning applications, respond to consultations, plant trees and flowers, clear litter and graffiti, express concern about the deterioration of the city centre and generally do what we can to enhance Canterbury. The Canterbury Society also awards an annual Canterbury Society Civic Champion Award, which for 2015 went to the team which refurbished Westgate Hall.

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**Conquest House**
The historic Conquest House is the dwelling in which, in 1170, the four knights met before entering the cathedral to murder Thomas à Becket. The building is supported on 258 structural piles which geothermally provide library and student support facilities, conference and exhibition areas. It was last occupied as a dwelling in the 1970s, and now is the offices of Anthony Swaine Architects Ltd., specialists in heritage architectural work. Event not suitable for children under the age of 12. Advance booking required. Time: 11am to 4pm. Date: Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September. Where: Conquest House, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 8SB. Full wheelchair access.

**Zoor Chapel**
This small chapel is one of the bastions of the city wall. Originally a reservoir for the city of Canterbury, it has been a place of worship for Sticks and Parkins since 1840. The church will be open for viewing. Time: Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September. Where: Bugean Lane, Canterbury. Partial wheelchair access.

**Tower House**
Tower House is built around one of the twenty one bastions that were part of Canterbury's medieval city wall. It was restored by the Heritage Lottery and Canterbury City Council for the enjoyment of the public. Event not suitable for children under the age of 10. Max of 10 people per tour/session. Time: 11am to 4pm. Date: Sunday 11 September. Where: 1 Pound Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 1BD. Partial wheelchair access.

**The Westgate**
England's largest surviving medieval gatehouse, built in 1360, to guard the most easterly gateway. It was the city prison for 415 years, mostly used for thieves and debtors, with cells in its two tower stratum. It has served as a museum since 1960. Time: 10am to 5pm each day. Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September. Where: Westgate Gardens, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 1DO. Full wheelchair access.

**The Bastion Tower, Pound Lane**
This detached tower was originally one of the defensive bastions built into the city wall which, on the southern side, was rebuilt by Archbishop Sudbury between 1380-40. It was modified by the City Council in the 1820s but two towers were opened and converted to homes. The distinctive circular outer wall of the original 1380 work, with some of the 19th century changes (opening for viewing through the tower), but the street frontage was rebuilt in flint in the 'Gothick' style as part of the 1890s development. Inside the detailing is typical early 19th century Canterbury Regency, but with careful attention to restoration of the building which was last occupied as a dwelling in 1970s, and now is the office of Anthony Swaine Architects Ltd, specialists in heritage architectural work. Event not suitable for children under the age of 12. Advance booking required. Please telephone Anthony Swaine Architects Ltd on 01227 472 953 or write to: 14 Pound Lane, Canterbury, CT2 1BQ. Booking opens 23pm on 30 August and closes 4.30pm on 2 September. Time: 10am to 4pm. Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September. Where: 1 Pound Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 1BD. Partial wheelchair access.

**The Old Synagogue**
The Old Synagogue, built in 1847, was designed by Hezekiah Marshall in an Egyptian style and functional for divine services until 1913. In 1982 the building was sold to the King's School who undertook a large scale restoration and now use it as a music recital room. Time: 10am to 4pm. Date: Saturday 10 September. Where: King Street, Canterbury CT2 1BQ. Ramp access to building, but steps from King Street to access pathway. Full wheelchair access.

**Medieval Tales of Canterbury Cathedral in the Cathedral Precincts**
Meet a cast of colourful characters and discover their stories - including William the tomb recorders, Gervase of Canterbury, Ingelphard the plumber and the landslady of a local Pigstye Inn. Then hook a liverpool cox with raincoat Lambini Froze to take home. Time: 10am to 4pm. Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September. Where: Cathedral Precincts, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 1EH. Full wheelchair access.

**Whitstable Castle**
A glorious landmark building on the southeast between Whitstable and Tankerton. Site of the Kentish Pilgrim's Progress, Whitstable Castle and gardens have been restored by the Heritage Lottery and Canterbury City Council for the enjoyment of the public. 3 acres of landscaped gardens, a wonderful playground for children and a Victorian-styled tearoom. Great views from our roof terrace summarise Whitstable Harbour and the sea. Guided tours on our roof and half hour, from Reception. Time: 10am to 4pm. Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September. Where: Tower Hill, Whitstable, CT5 2BW. Full wheelchair access.

**All Saints' Church, Petham**
This has been a Christian worship site on this site for over 800 years. It is one of the few churches to house a WWI Battle Field Cross. At 2.30pm there will be an address by Professor Christina Lodder of Kent University on Russian icon studies, followed by tea. Time: 10am to 1pm. Date: Saturday 10 September. Where: All Saints Church Lane, Petham, CT2 0QH. Full wheelchair access.

**St Mary's Church, Brook**
A fascinating example on the outskirts of the town, St Mary's Church, Brook, was an ancient parish church, incorporated into the Norman town, set in stuning countryside, (next to the Agricultural Museum). There are some well preserved wall paintings made between 1190 and 1350, medieval floor-tile, and a surviving Roof beam. Time: 10am to 4pm. Date: Saturday 10 September. Where: St Mary's Church, Brook, CT2 0QH. Full wheelchair access.

**The Agricultural Museum, Brook**
The collection relates the agricultural history of Kent, and housed in one of the farming buildings nearest to the county's agricultural heartland. It is an early 19th century oat mill. Time: 10am to 4pm. Date: Saturday 10 September. Where: St Mary's Church, Brook, CT2 0QH. Full wheelchair access.