

Brighton & Hove Open Door 2018

06-09 and 13-16 September

PROGRAMME for Thursday 13th September

100+ FREE EVENTS celebrating the City's heritage



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About the Organisers

Brighton & Hove Open Door is organised annually by staff and volunteers at The Regency Town House in Brunswick Square, Hove.

The Town House is a grade 1 Listed terraced home of the mid-1820s, developed as a heritage centre with a focus on the city's rich architectural legacy.

Work at the Town House is supported by The Brunswick Town Charitable Trust, registered UK charity number 1012216.

About the Event

Brighton & Hove Open Door is always staged during September, as a part of the national Heritage Open Days (HODs) – a once-a-year chance to discover architectural treasures and enjoy tours and activities about local history and culture. The Town House team have participated in HODs since its inception in 1994.

When using this guide, please note that we have set out the listings in 14 thematic categories and that within each category we have provided first the events that do not require pre-booking and then the venues and activities that do require booking*. Where booking is required, this can be done via www.rth.org.uk.

We hope you find the thematic categories useful but do please bear in mind that they are somewhat arbitrary and you may find an event in an unexpected listing.

This year we have a fabulous mix to our BHOD offer, including events related to our Profiles of the Past, MyHouseMyStreet and Here in the Past projects, the latter two of which will introduce you to the history and residents of local neighbourhoods.

If you would like to assist us with the organisation of future Brighton & Hove Open Door events, if you would like to participate as a venue or activity organiser, or if you have suggestions for improvements, do please contact us via:

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EH, Tel. 01273 206306 / email: bhod@rth.org.uk

Thanks

During 2018 we have continued our efforts to establish Brighton & Hove Open Door into one of the city's great annual celebrations.

This year's programme is testimony to the hard work of the many people involved in organising Brighton & Hove Open Door and we are grateful to them all, especially our Town House volunteers and the venue and activity organizers; who are giving so generously of their time.

Nick Tyson, Curator, The Regency Town House

* Please Note: Events that must be pre-booked, prior to attendance, can be reserved online at: <http://www.rth.org.uk/BHOD18>

Brighton & Hove Open Door – great days out for free!

SHOREHAM AND STEYNING

No booking required

St Julian's Church, St Julian's Lane, Kingston Buci, Shoreham-by-Sea

St Julian's Church, St. Julians Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6YS

St Julian's church is one of the oldest and most interesting in Sussex. Although we don't know exactly how long there has been a church on this site, we do know that there has been a significant settlement at Kingston Buci for centuries. St Julian's Church is a flint building with stone dressings, and consists of a nave with a north aisle, chancel and central (but partly offset) tower. The chancel and tower are the same width, and there are no transepts. The walls of the nave survive from the 11th century, and the rebuilding work of the 13th century appears not to have changed the proportions of the rest of the church. Although the aisle was rebuilt in the 19th century, its large arches—described by Nikolaus Pevsner as "beautifully proportioned"—remain from the 13th century, when it was originally built. St Julian's Church is listed at Grade I.

Opening Times - 6 -9 September: 1000-1600, 13-16 September 1000-1600

RELIGIOUS SPACES

No booking required

St Bartholomew's Church

Ann Street, Brighton , Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4GP

St Bartholomew, Brighton, one of the great churches of the 19th century - the cathedral of what used to be called the 'London-Brighton and South Coast Religion' with its incense, ritual, embroidered vestments and lights. The fabric itself is a masterpiece of brickwork and a credit to its little-known architect, Edmund Scott. The fittings, great baldacchino and silver side altar by Henry Wilson, the font and the stained glass lancets complement each other and enhance the building. Only Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, in London, compares with it as a monument in richness of fittings belonging to that inventive time of the Art Workers Guild which immediately succeeded William Morris. In the noise and glitter of cheerful Brighton, this great church is a tall sanctuary of peace. Its interior awes beholders to silence. Services on Sunday at 9.30 and 11.00 - please be respectful of the congregation. **Access Information** The church is normally open from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm every weekday and on Sunday from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm. On Sunday there will be two main services in progress at 9.30 am and 11.00am and there are services on the other weekdays which any visitors must take into consideration.

Opening Times - Thursday 6 September: **Sorry - church NOT open on Thursday 6th.** Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September: 1000 – 1630, Sunday 9 September: 0900 - 1300 (Services at 9.30 and 11.00) Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September: 1000 – 1630, Sunday 16 September: 0900 - 1300 (Services at 9.30 and 11.00)

RELIGIOUS SPACES

Booking Required

St Andrew's Chapel, Hove

Waterloo Street, Hove, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1AQ

Set back from the seafront, this Regency church was built to serve the expanding resorts of Hove and Brighton. Designed in 1827 by the famous architect Sir Charles Barry, its Italian Renaissance style perfectly matches the symmetry and grandeur of the neighbouring squares and terraces. Cared for by The Churches Conservation Trust and no longer used for worship, it is now sometimes used as a community venue.

Opening Times - Thursday 13 September: 1715 - 1800

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

FASHIONABLE HOUSES

Booking Required

Embassy Court, Icon of 20th Century Modernism

King's Road, Corner of Western Street, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 2PX

Embassy Court was designed by the Canadian architect Wells Coates and completed in 1936. The following year, the Museum of Modern Art in New York featured the building in its seminal exhibition 'Modern Architecture in England'. A 90 minute tour of this iconic 1930s Modernist apartment block on Brighton seafront. It was the first purpose built apartment block in the UK to have top floor flats designated as 'penthouse' designed by renowned Canadian architect Wells Coates. The tour takes in the stunning views from the 11th floor sun terrace, the interior of a flat and the rear of the building. Most of the social and historical events are hosted by leaseholders. There is also the opportunity to view a Mural, access to the Tank Rooms, also of important historical interest, a flat and the rear of the building. **Access Information** Although there is lift access to the 10th floor, there are some steps leading to the roof terrace and Tank Rooms on the eleventh floor.

Opening Times - Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Sunday 16 September: 1100 - 1230

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

No booking required

Foredown Tower Camera Obscura Demonstration

Foredown Tower, Foredown Road, Portslade, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN41 2EW

Foredown Tower's camera obscura is the largest in the south-east of England. It shows stunning views of the surrounding countryside, via an optical lens in the summit of this converted water tower. The light projects onto a convex dish in the viewing gallery. Our knowledgeable expert demonstrators will tell you all about the history of points of interest around this 360° journey. On a clear day you can see the Isle of Wight, and look out for flying gulls and cars zipping along the by-pass! Foredown Tower is a hidden gem nestled on the edge of the South Downs, fascinating adults and children alike. This iconic Edwardian water tower stands solid and proud in the skyline of Portslade Old Village. Set inside tall flint walls, the garden is notorious for its "Foredown wind". The Isolation Hospital it was built to serve has been demolished and replaced by a pleasant housing complex. Take some time out to relax in our garden with a drink and snacks. Cafe open 10.30am to 2pm. Note viewing is weather-dependent: a bright sunny day is ideal, overcast days still produce good images. if it's raining, cancel!

Opening Times - Thursday 13 September: Demonstration 1100-1130, 1200-1230, 1300-1330,
Saturday 15 September: Demonstration 1100-1130, 1200-1230, 1300-1330, 1400-1430

EDUCATION

Booking Required

Roedean: Then and Now - Roedean School Tour

Roedean School, Roedean Way, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN2 5RQ

Come and walk the corridors of one of the first girls' boarding schools in the country. Hear about how Sir John Simpson's inspiring architecture of Roedean School influenced his design of the original Wembley Stadium and discover how his Grade II listed buildings characterise the classic 'Arts and Crafts' movement of 1860 to 1910. Learn how the school is setting the standard for boarding in the 21st Century through its transformational redesign of its five boarding houses. Not normally accessible to the public, the Saturday tour ends with a trip down Roedean's secret tunnel to the undercliff walk connecting to Brighton Marina. Approx. 90 mins. (Wear comfortable shoes and bring a torch if going down the tunnel). Visitors are reminded that they are touring a working girls school and to dress accordingly. Visitors in inappropriate clothing (e.g. small shorts) will not be admitted. **Access Information** Please advise of any mobility or other special needs ahead of visiting via an email to jsu@roedean.co.uk Visitors are reminded that they are touring a working girls school and to dress accordingly. Visitors in inappropriate clothing (e.g. small shorts) will not be admitted.

Opening Times - Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September: 1030 – 1200

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

GARDENS, NATURE AND PARKS

No booking required

The Preston Manor Dog Cemetery

Preston Manor, Preston Park, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 4AT

Fido's Necropolis: Brighton's only pet cemetery. At least 16 dogs and 3 cats are laid to rest in the Edwardian walled flower garden at Preston Manor. Hear secrets and stories behind the inscriptions on the tombstones and see associated documents and photographs from the house archive.

Opening Times - Thursday 13 September: Tour 1100 – 1200

ARCHITECTURE

Booking Required

The Fascinating Mr Ranger and Early British Concrete Heritage

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

William Ranger and Charles Barry developed key local sites such as St Peter's Church and the Royal Sussex County Hospital. William Ranger was born in Ringmer, Sussex, at the end of the 18th century but spent many of his formative years in Brighton; where he worked with a young Charles Barry, then just embarking on his long architectural career. During this period. Working sometimes jointly with Barry and at other times alone, Ranger also undertook many other local projects including repairs to

the property of Mrs Dulany, the extension of the Royal Pavilion, the building of Admiral Codrington's home, the creation of sunken gardens for Kemptown residents and the formation of the Brighton Sea Walls. In almost all of these sites he deployed 'Ranger's Artificial Stone', a product for which he subsequently acquired patents in 1832 and 1834. Join us for a 60 minute introduction to the fascinating, but hitherto little known, Mr Ranger and his intriguing Artificial Stone.

Opening Times - Thursday 13 September: 1500 - 1600

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Lath Plastering Demonstration

The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1EH

Join Paul Couchman for a demonstration of lime plastering on lath as used in historic buildings such as The Regency Town House. Paul will talk about the restoration of the Town House's kitchen, the materials that were used and why. He will show how they are applied and give everyone a chance to get their hands dirty and take part in a practical demonstration

Opening Times - Thursday 13 September: 1400 - 1500

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC

Booking Required

Brighton Old Police Cells

Meet: main entrance to Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, BN1 1JA

Visit the old police cells. The Old Police Cells Museum is housed in the basement of Brighton Town Hall and offers visitors a unique insight into the history of policing in Sussex. A visit is both educational and entertaining. Our 1 hour 15 minute tour provides an opportunity to visit Brighton Borough main police station for the period 1830 to 1967 and learn about the murder of Chief Constable Henry Solomon in 1844 by a prisoner. See some of the old cells with their graffiti from the Mods and Rockers era, the policeman's wash room and uniform store areas, police memorabilia and artifacts. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

Opening Times - Thursday 6, Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September: Tour 1030, Thursday 13, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September: Tour 1030

Booking required via: <http://www.rth.org.uk/bhod18>

Shoreham Lifeboat Station Tour

Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Lifeboat House, Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6RN

Visit Shoreham RNLI Lifeboat Station. Shoreham RNLI Lifeboat Station celebrates over 150 years of saving lives at sea. The present Shoreham Harbour Lifeboat station was completed in 2010 following the demolition of the old Lifeboat Station which had stood on the same site since 1933. The new Lifeboat Station consists of a large boat hall, crew training room / class room, proper drying facilities

for wet crew kit, changing facilities and a viewing platform, all of which will be open to the public during the Brighton Heritage Open days (subject to emergency operational requirements). The Lifeboat Station on Kingston Beach, houses our state of the art Tamar all weather lifeboat. At almost £3m the Tamar class is a huge investment for the RNLI but brings huge advantages to our lifesaving work. Whilst visiting Shoreham Harbour Lifeboat Station you will be shown around by one of the station's knowledgeable volunteer visit guides who will not only show you both of Shoreham Harbours Lifeboats (sorry no access on boats) but will also show you where the lifeboat crews' kit is kept. You will get the opportunity to see the crew kit worn by all members of the Crew and maybe even try it on!

Opening Times - Thursday 6 , Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September: Tour 1400 – 1530,
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