



Sheffield

Heritage Open Days 11-20 September 2020


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Welcome to Sheffield Heritage Open Days 2020!

After an unprecedented and uncertain year, we are delighted that the country's biggest festival of history and culture will be going ahead between 11 – 20 September.

There are a few changes to the format this year: for the first time, online events will be offered as well as in-person opportunities (within government guidelines at the time of the festival.) Visitors will be able to participate in online activities further afield and explore hidden places and local gems from the comfort of their armchair.

As always, the Heritage Open Days Festival is your chance to see different places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. This brochure puts together all the events in and around Sheffield which had registered by mid-August, so please check www.heritageopendays.org.uk for the latest updates and information.

Sheffield Heritage Open Days is coordinated by Sheffield Civic Trust, part of the national civic movement, which encourages wider public awareness of Sheffield's buildings, places and spaces. We thank Sheffield City Council for their financial support of Heritage Open Days, and this year we are delighted to be starting a new partnership with *Create Sheffield*, encouraging young people of Sheffield between 0–24 on a journey into the arts, culture and heritage sector.

We hope that you enjoy Sheffield Heritage Open Days 2020, exploring our local heritage, both in-person and online.



*Women of Steel cover photo – Ian Spooner
Brochure design – Alex Storer*



The theme of this year's Heritage Open Days (HODs) is Hidden Nature, which offers an opportunity to discover the natural heritage that exists on our doorsteps, as well as the built heritage. Areas of the countryside that aren't normally accessible to the public will be opened up, and special events will reveal the hidden history of not just our natural landscapes, but also our gardens, green spaces and urban parks.

Sheffield's HODs programme includes several examples of 'hidden nature' for you to explore: from Broomhill library's 'hidden garden' and the rich history of the Loxley Valley, to the quirky riverside garden of the Gardeners Rest pub. You will be surprised at the wonderful examples of hidden nature within our city.

Over the last few months, access to nature has become even more important to many of us and HODs will have something for everyone: we're excited to see how the theme of 'Hidden Nature' has been interpreted and used to create exciting online and offline events and activities.

KEY TO EVENTS

In person,
self-guidedIn person,
expert-led

Online

1. 'Drainspotting' - A guide to Sheffield pavement features (Nether Edge)*Moncrieffe Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S7 1HQ*

A look at the history under our feet. Discover the social heritage that we walk over every day

Prebooking required: email hiddensheffieldwalks@outlook.com

**2. 'Drainspotting' - A guide to Sheffield pavement features (Walkley to Broomhill)***Sheffield Libraries & Information Services, Walkley Branch Library, South Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S6 3TD*

A look at the history under our feet. Discover the social history we walk over every day.

Prebooking required: email hiddensheffieldwalks@outlook.com

**3. Sheffield General Cemetery – self-guided trails and online videos***Sheffield General Cemetery, Sheffield*

Family friendly nature and history trails around the cemetery, plus daily online videos

Prebooking required for trails: <http://gencem.org/events>

**4. A city centre river: tracing the route of the Porter Brook***Porter Brook pocket park, 1 Sidney Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 4RH*

A street level exploration of the Porter Brook from the city centre to Ecclesall Road looking at the history, remains, and hidden bits of the brook.

Prebooking required: email hiddensheffieldwalks@outlook.com



Drainspotting – a European Story

Sheffield's Drainspotting walks have been a popular event in the Heritage Open Days calendar since 2016. Led by Calvin Payne, the walks encourage people to look and learn from the history under their feet, telling a rich but often neglected story of our social history from Victorian times.



The walks have recently won a Storyteller of the Year award from the European Heritage Days body, and Calvin has been given funding by the Council of Europe to organise and carry out a complete survey of Sheffield's historic pavement features and furniture, tracing, counting and plotting every last piece. It is hoped that this will lead to new understanding

of the city's development, and encourage an appreciation of our previously unknown history and heritage.

Inspired by the spirit of Heritage Open Days, this project will need the participation of people across the city to survey their street or neighbourhood to build the full picture, so to mark this initiative this year's Sheffield HODs programme also includes two launch events for people to find out more and join in.

Calvin says, 'We will be taking a specially close look into Sheffield's development of modern drainage and sanitation to combat cholera in the mid-19th century, the improvements in road surfaces and drainage as a result of the electric tramway in 1899, and the early days of home electricity power and telephone installations in Sheffield, through the period of post-war reconstruction and different eras of local government. This full survey of Sheffield's pavements will, I hope, lead to new and indeed ground-breaking insights about our city.'

The Drainspotting walks will take place again for this year's festival, please note that prebooking is essential. For more information about the research project or to volunteer to take part email streetheritageresearchgroup@gmail.com

For information on the launch events check www.heritageopendays.org.uk

5. A Virtual Tour of SRSB's 160 Year History with Sheffield

Sheffield Royal Society For the Blind, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

The Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind (SRSB) celebrates its 160th Anniversary on 17th Sept 2020. Take a virtual tour of SRSB's 160 year history with Sheffield.

Prebooking required:
email info@srsb.org.uk



6. Hidden Nature at Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Botanical Gardens, Clarkehouse Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S10 2LN

Come and find out about the wildlife at the Botanical Gardens! We'll be offering family-friendly digital and self-guided tours to discover some of our less well-known flora and fauna, with guides on site for 3 days to offer more info and activities.

No booking required



7. Industry and Beauty on the Loxley – Hidden Nature and the Great Flood

Hillsborough Corner, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S6

A circular walk from Hillsborough Corner to the confluence of the Loxley and Rivelin rivers then along a stretch of the Loxley. We will look at remains of water power and industry, tell the story of the 1864 flood, and explore today's hidden nature.

Prebooking required: email hiddensheffieldwalks@outlook.com



8. Parkwood Springs – from Deer Park to Country Park

Parkwood Springs Car Park, Shirecliffe Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S5 8XB

See the best views in Sheffield and hear how a medieval deer park provided materials for industry, a home for workers, a dump for waste and a platform for guns. But now the deer are back, and Parkwood Springs is set to be our country park in the city.

Prebooking required: email parkwood.springs@gmail.com



9. Sheffield Home of Football Heritage Walking Tour

Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 1DA

Football, or soccer, is the most popular spectator sport in the world and the spiritual home of football is Sheffield. This walking tour will take in some of the major heritage football locations in the city centre.

Prebooking required:
www.eventbrite.com/e/sheffield-home-of-football-walking-tour-tickets-114412823836



10. Whirlow Spirituality Centre – journeys through the garden

Actual and virtual walks through our 'secret' gardens in Whirlow, with downloadable audio meditation and music.

Prebooking required:
www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org/whats-on/2020/7/14/heritage-open-days-hidden-nature



11. Sheffields with their Name on a Knife Blade

Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust Ltd, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

The Hawley Collection has just launched its interactive digital knife archive. We have digitised the records (history & images) of 1000 Sheffield Knife Makers and for the first time you can access this from your computer or smart phone.

Prebooking not required



Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind 160th Anniversary

One of Sheffield's oldest independent charities, the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind (SRSB), is marking its 160th Anniversary with two online events as part of Sheffield Heritage Open Days 2020.

Over the last 160 years the charity has been providing vital services for visually impaired people in the city. They have helped people to come to terms with their sight condition, offered a wide range of activities and advice, and worked with other organisations to improve the lives and independence of people with sight loss. They have had to adapt to many changes since 1860 but few could have predicted that 2020 would be the challenging year that everyone has faced.

SRSB had planned a celebration dinner at Weston Park Museum, where their long and interesting history in Sheffield began with Eliza Harrison, the daughter of Thomas Harrison who built Weston House. Inevitably, this dinner will not now take place; however, the Society is delighted that they will be able to recognise their significant anniversary by participating in the Sheffield Heritage Open Days festival. SRSB have devised a virtual tour that includes many points of interest around Sheffield which are linked to the charity's history, and will also host a Zoom Q&A session from 2pm to 3pm on Thursday 17th September. It will be a fascinating insight into the charity's work in the Sheffield community over the years.

Please visit SRSB's website for more information: www.srsb.org.uk, call 0114 272 2757 or email info@srsb.org.uk

12. St Marie's Catholic Cathedral self-guided and online tours

St Marie's Catholic Cathedral, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 2PA

Step inside this golden Cathedral in the heart of Sheffield and experience the architecture, stonework and decorations of this Victorian Catholic church, opened in 1850, the first Catholic Church to be built in Sheffield after the Reformation.

Prebooking not required. Online tour at www.stmariecathedral.org/heritageopendays

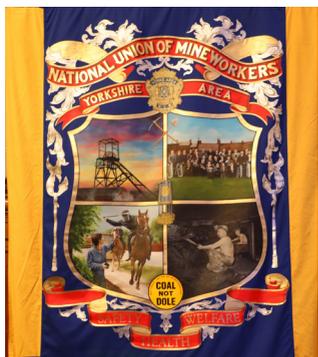


13. Music, Art and Activism: Cultural Creativity and the Miners' Strike

Orgreave, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

The Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign present a night of bread and roses. The strike of 1984/85 brought together protest, music and art. Activists, artists and musicians stand together now as strong as ever. Stand with us by joining our event.

Prebooking not required, for joining details visit <https://otjc.org.uk/>



14. Ethel Haythornthwaite (1894-1986) her Legacy for Sheffield and the Peak District

Sheffield, South Yorkshire

Sheffield born Ethel Haythornthwaite (1894–1986) was a formidable and nationally respected environmental campaigner, and a pioneer of the countryside movement. In this illustrated online talk, Jean Smart remembers Ethel's fascinating life.

Prebooking not required, for joining details visit www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/events



15. Portland Works Little Sheffield Ltd

Portland Works, Sheffield, South Yorkshire

For 2020 visit our website for access to all our online events celebrating this Grade 2* listed building. It is a great opportunity to view the progress of restoration and repair completed over the last 7 years in a new and exciting way.

Prebooking not required, for online access visit www.portlandworks.co.uk



16. Birley Spa Bath House History Talk and Tour

Birley Spa, Birley Spa Lane, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S12 4ED

Guided tour of Sheffield's only Victorian Bath House with a spring fed plunge pool. Learn about its colourful history, its importance in our city's working-class heritage and the wildlife that call it home.

Prebooking required: email: fiona.friendsofbirleyspa@gmail.com



17. Broomhill Community Library – Oriel House Revealed

Discover what is hiding behind the books at Broomhill Community Library: Oriel House built in 1870 was home to a number of families before becoming a library in 1957. Join us on a virtual tour.

No prebooking required. For online access visit www.broomhill-library.org.uk



18. Broomhill Local History Walk – Taptonville Rd., Hallam Gate Rd. and Tapton House Rd.

Download our self-guided tour and walk up and along some of Broomhill's interesting roads to find out about the houses and some of the people who live in them. Visitors may choose to look in at the Library's heritage garden.

No pre-booking required. Tour downloadable from www.broomhill-library.org.uk



19. Broomhill's Hidden Garden

Broomhill Community Library, 10 Taptonville Road, Broomhill, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S10 5BR

Percy Cane Heritage Garden at Broomhill Community Library - Open for viewing to discover what has progressed in the restoration of this hidden gem.

No pre-booking required. www.broomhill-library.org.uk



20. Dore Heritage Trail

Dore, Sheffield 17.

A virtual heritage tour of Dore which charts its fascinating history from Anglo Saxon settlement to 21st century Sheffield suburb.

No pre-booking required. Online tour access at <http://bit.ly/DoreHeritageTrail>



21. Launch of the Council of Europe 'Drainspotting' Project

Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone St, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 1UL

This is the launch of the 'Drainspotting' project that has won a Council of Europe grant as a result of being one of the European Heritage Days 'Storyteller of the Year' winners. The six-month project begins on September 30th 2020.

No pre-booking required.

sites.google.com/view/streetheritage/the-street-heritage-research-group



22. Sheffield in the 1980s Photographic Exhibition

The Gardeners Rest, 105 Neepsend Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S3 8AT

A rare chance to see Martin Jenkinson's iconic photographs of 1980s Sheffield on exhibition in the Gardeners Rest, a traditional Victorian community-owned pub nestled on the banks of the Don, in Sheffield's former industrial heartland.

No pre-booking required.

gardenerscomsoc.wordpress.com/



23. St Mark's Church, Broomhill - guided and online tours

St Mark's Church, Broomfield Road, Broomhill, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S10 2SE

Guided and online tours of this award-winning postwar church by the renowned ecclesiastical architect George Pace. Stained glass by John Piper, Harry Stammers and Gillian Rees-Thomas. Many fine interior features.

Guided tours – prebooking required:

email office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk

Online tours – no prebooking required, access at www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk



24. 'Let's go to the Pictures'

Doncaster, South Yorkshire

A history of Doncaster cinemas: "There is nothing, that can match the compulsive magic of that big screen in a darkened auditorium. We may have become more sophisticated in the way moving pictures are presented today but the essential cinema-going experience has not changed."

No prebooking required, online access at www.letsgotothepictures.uk/



25. Titanic Works Virtual Open Day Webinar

Malinda Street/Hoyle Street, Sheffield

Join experts from Wessex Archaeology's Built Heritage Team as they take you on a virtual tour of the grade II listed Titanic Works, Sheffield.

Prebooking required:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8700721792243153166>



26. The Sand House Then and Now

Doncaster, South Yorkshire

The Sand House was a unique Victorian mansion carved from solid sandstone, in a former Doncaster quarry. We present an online video summarising the story of the Sand House through 'then and now' images.

No prebooking required, access at www.thesandhouse.org.uk/



27. Rivers of Life – a Self-Guided Tour

Spital Cemetery, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0DZ

A self-guided riverside trail exploring the hidden natural and industrial heritage of Chesterfield. Follow the trail along the river to Spital Cemetery where you can find and uncover the secrets of this special place.

No prebooking required – download tour at friendsofspitalcemetery.co.uk/downloads/

dcrt.org.uk/downloads

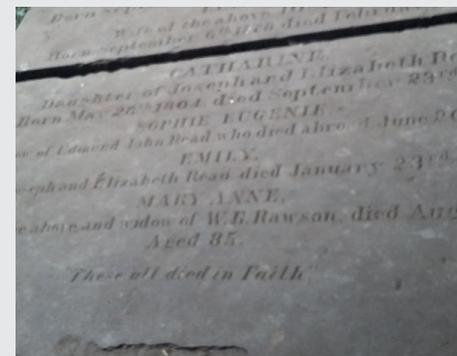


28. Zion Graveyard, Attercliffe

Zion Graveyard, Lawrence Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S9 3RG

Explore the hidden graveyard of the now demolished Zion Congregational Church, the burial place of many non-conformist residents of Victorian Attercliffe including anti-slavery campaigner Mary Anne Rawson. It can be hard to find - look out for the bunting!

No prebooking required.



29. Sheffield Castle Revealed!

Castlegate, Sheffield S3 8LE

A guided tour of the site of Sheffield Castle including recent excavations, a talk on the Old Town Hall and the hidden River Sheaf and Megatron. We also hope to gain access to the underground chamber that houses the only visible remains of Sheffield Castle.

Prebooking required:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-guided-tours-of-sheffield-castle-site-tickets-118773182787



30. An Audio Tour of the Sites of the Music Halls and Taverns of West Bar, Sheffield

Castle Square, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S1 2GF

An audio tour replacing the Music Hall guided tour, introducing the Grey to Green renovation project around West Bar. Based on his original guided tour, Chris Reece, former Theatre Manager for Sheffield Theatres tells the story of the music hall district.

No prebooking required. Online access at www.greytogreen.org.uk/audiotour.html



31. Ecclesall Woods: A Virtual Exploration of the 'Spring Wood'

Ecclesall Woods, Sheffield

Explore one of Sheffield's most beautiful ancient woodlands with Fran Halsall. With its long history of traditional woodland management, there are numerous surviving trees that tell the story of how woodland is shaped and how nature reclaims ground.

Prebooking preferred -

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ecclesall-woods-a-virtual-exploration-of-the-spring-wood-tickets-117840172127



32. Wincobank Iron Age Hillfort

Sandstone Avenue, Wincobank, Sheffield

A live webcast guide to the hill and its history by local archaeologist Danny Allsebrook.

No prebooking required – access at www.facebook.com/brigantesofwincobankhill/



33. Wincobank Udenominational Chapel

Wincobank Ave, Sheffield S5 6BB

Follow a YouTube link from our website to enjoy Alice Collins' monologue about Mary Anne Rawson and the Read Family of Wincobank Hall filmed in Upper Wincobank Chapel. Recorded and edited especially for Heritage Open Day 2020 it will also show the chapel, old photographs and artefacts.

No prebooking required – access at www.wincobankchapel.btck.co.uk



34. Steel Town – Stocksbridge Heritage Walk

Stocksbridge Town Hall, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, South Yorkshire, S36 2DT

Introduced especially for Heritage Open Days, a guided walk around the steel town of Stocksbridge in the beautiful Little Don valley. The town has grown around the steelworks of Samuel Fox, founded in 1842 and still thriving today.

Prebooking required – email ruthmorgan755@hotmail.com



35. Hidden Nature – What's Beneath your Feet?

Weston Park Museum, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TP

Join experts from Museums Sheffield and Wessex Archaeology to find out more about animal remains, environmental archaeology and Weston Park's Beneath Your Feet gallery

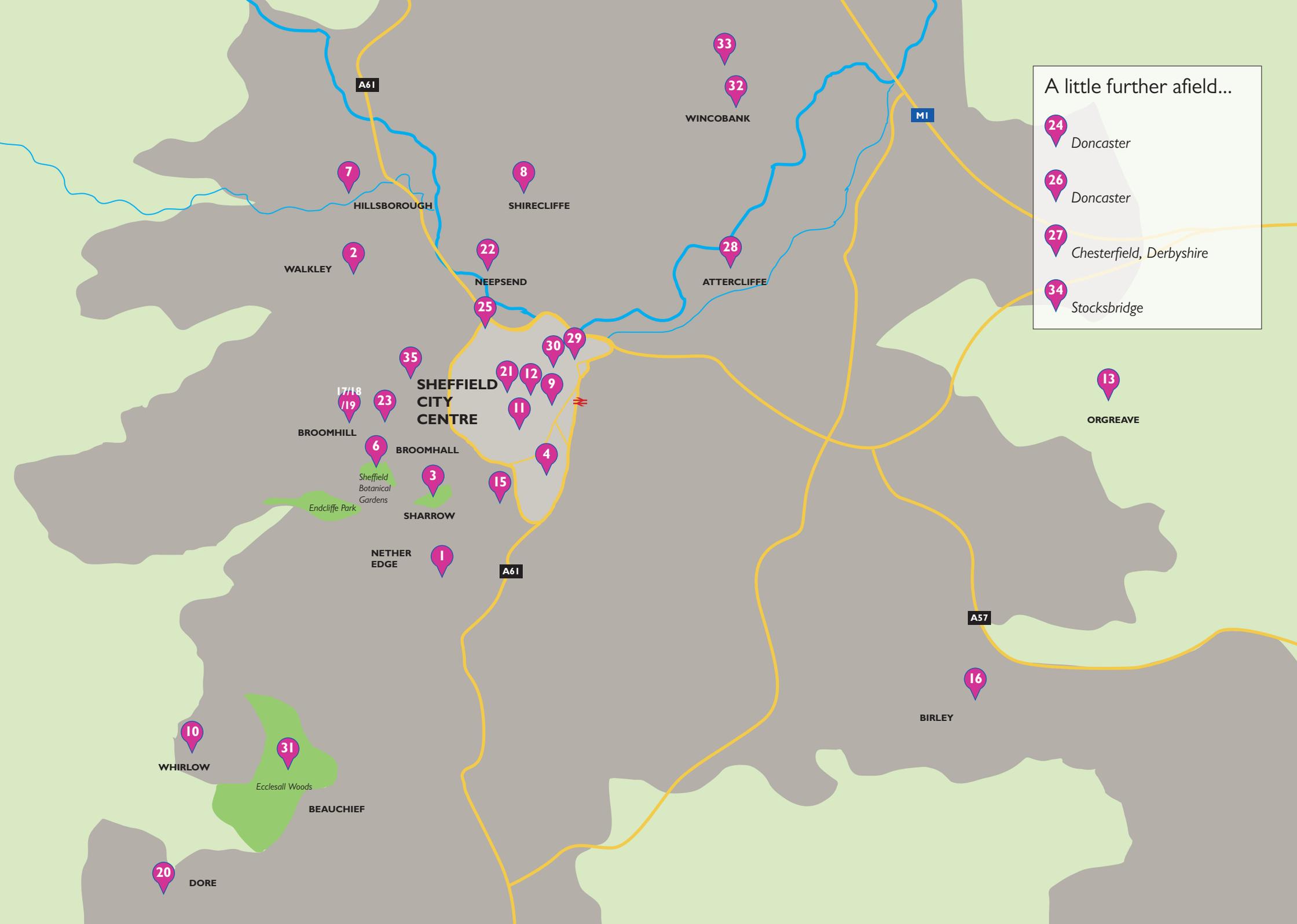
Prebooking required - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3449574104752340750>



Calendar

Cross references the event numbers against days of the festival:

Every day access and virtual tours	3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 33
Special events and activities	
Friday 11 September	2, 8, 16, 22
Saturday 12 September	23, 16, 22
Sunday 13 September	4, 9, 16, 22, 28, 31
Monday 14 September	1, 25
Tuesday 15 September	3, 6, 7,
Wednesday 16 September	4, 14, 22, 28
Thursday 17 September	1, 5, 13, 22, 23, 34
Friday 18 September	2, 3, 6, 8, 16, 21, 22, 35
Saturday 19 September	7, 16, 22, 29, 32
Sunday 20 September	3, 6, 16, 21, 22, 29



- A little further afield...
- 24 Doncaster
 - 26 Doncaster
 - 27 Chesterfield, Derbyshire
 - 34 Stocksbridge

Map labels and road identifiers:

- Roads:** A61, M1, A57
- Districts:** WALKLEY, HILLSBOROUGH, SHIRECLIFFE, WINCOBANK, ATTERCLIFFE, NEEPSSEND, SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE, BROOMHILL, BROOMHALL, SHARROW, NETHER EDGE, WHIRLOW, BEAUCHIEF, DORE, ORGREAVE, BIRLEY
- Green Areas:** Endcliffe Park, Sheffield Botanical Gardens, Ecclesall Woods
- Location Pins:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17/18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35



Photo competition

Could *your* photo be on the cover of our Sheffield 2021 HODs brochure?

We're looking for a great photo of Sheffield heritage to be the featured cover photo on our 2021 HODs brochure. This year our cover photo by Ian Spooner features the iconic 'Women of Steel', who tell a unique story about Sheffield's heritage. We would like our brochure cover to feature an equally striking photo next year – could this be your photo?

To enter, upload your photo to Instagram and tag **@sheffieldhods** during the festival dates of 11-20 September – we'll choose the winner after the festival ends and they will have their photo on the front of the 2021 Sheffield brochure, be invited to attend the 2021 Sheffield festival launch, and will also receive a Sheffield-themed prize!

Your photo must be of a Sheffield heritage site or building, and we're looking for something instantly recognisable and striking. We're wanting recent photos, showing the location as it is now, not in the past. Good luck, and if you have any questions email us at hods@sheffieldcivictrust.org.uk

Retirement comes in
many shapes and sizes
So does our range of more

