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INTRODUCTION

Booking

Most of the events don't need to be booked—just turn up and enjoy. However, our walks and online talks must be booked in advance. This can be done via Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

If you have problems doing this, please contact us on berwickhodsinfo@gmail.com or contact us via social media—[@hodsberwick](https://twitter.com/hodsberwick).

Covid-19

Berwick Heritage Open Days is taking precautions to protect our volunteers and the public from Covid-19. When entering a building or enclosed space, please wear a facemask (unless exempt) and respect others' space. Thank you.

Acknowledgements

The Berwick HODs Team would like to thank the following for their support in running this year's event. As all our events must be free, we are grateful to the Community Foundation and Berwick Town Council for their financial support. This event is a team effort and so we also couldn't run the events without the help and generosity of individuals and organisations who give their time to make sure it happens:

All owners and custodians of buildings who are taking part and those leading walks

Berwick Autumn Festivals

Berwick Civic Society

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Berwick Record Office (Northumberland Archives)

Berwick Time Lines

Berwick Tourist Information

Berwick Town Council

Community Foundation

English Heritage

Friends of Berwick and District Museum and Archives

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Spittal Improvement Trust

Finally, a big thank you to the Berwick HODs and English Heritage volunteers and photographers who have given their time to steward and photograph the venues and events.

WELCOME

Welcome to Berwick Heritage Open Days (HODs) 2021 which takes place between 10th and 19th September.

This is a particularly important year for us. It's 30 years since we first took part in this event which was originally part of the present European Heritage Days—we were the first town in England to do so! After all the disruption in 2020 and only being able to run a few events, we hope you will enjoy the varied programme of online and “in person” events we have organised for this year.

Again, the event is being co-ordinated by a number of local organisations (Berwick Civic Society; Berwick Record Office, Friends of Berwick and District Museum & Archives and English Heritage) who all have an interest in the area's built heritage and history. Throughout the year, everyone has worked very hard on sorting out the programme and there will be over 40 events (in person and online) relating to Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal—a lot for one small place and the most in any place in Northumberland. The programme ranges from open buildings—including some new additions—to historical walks, photographic exhibitions and online talks. There is something for local residents and visitors of all ages.

All the events are FREE to attend and a full list can be found on www.berwickhods.org.uk.

Our event also forms part of Berwick Autumn Festivals running in September and October:

Food Festival (4th–5th Sept)

www.berwickfoodandbeerfestival.co.uk

Film and Media Arts Festival (10th–12nd Sept)

bfmaf.org

Berwick Music Series (24th Sept–31st Oct)

www.berwickmusic.org

Literary Festival (14th–17th Oct)

berwickliteraryfestival.com

We hope you will enjoy all the activities which have been organised. It hasn't been an easy year trying to decide what we could do. However, we were determined to hold the event. Please do visit as many sites as you can as well as our online talks and live events to experience the richness of our wonderful heritage.

Linda Bankier on behalf of the Berwick HODs Team

BERWICK HODs 30TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1991, led by Berwick Civic Society, Berwick became the first town in England to take part in what would become Heritage Open Days in 1994. We have always taken pride in being at the forefront of this, the country's largest free cultural festival and hope to continue for many years to come.

This is how the news was reported back then. Did you attend any of the events? We would love to see any photographs from back then or hear your memories.

Please email them to berwickhodsinfo@gmail.com or post them on our social media.

Pioneering Berwick to unlock secret doors

Berwick will unlock its secret doors on Saturday September 14 in a pioneer event for the whole of England.

The public will have the chance to explore buildings seen often from the outside but never inside. The lighthouse or the Main Guard or the ancient vaults under Blackburn and Price in Silver Street are among them.

In Berwick Police Station, also open to the public, guests will be able to see the cells, the charge room and the fingerprinting process and there will be displays of Police vehicles and special units like the Air Support Section, the Marine Section and Mounted Section, not to mention an inflatable bouncy castle.

Altogether there are 12 buildings taking part in Doors Open Day. Open from 10am to 4pm will be the Baptist Church, Cumberland Bastion on the Walls, Holy Trinity Church, the Walls Magazine, the Main Guard, St Mary's and St Cuthbert's Church in Ravensdowne, St Paul's Church, Spittal, the Police Station and the Silver Street wine vaults.

Open from 10am to noon are the Customs House (by appointment only by ringing 307547), the Freemasons Hall and the Lighthouse.

Many European towns and cities have been holding this sort of event for some years but it is new in Great Britain. Glasgow began it last year for Scotland. Now Berwick is setting the example for England. By becoming the first town south of the border to do so, it has notched up another "first"

Berwick Advertiser , 5 September 1991

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I Archaeological Excavation at Berwick Infirmary

Find out about the archaeological dig being undertaken at Berwick Infirmary in preparation for the building of the New Hospital on the site. View the work undertaken, meet a Community Archaeologist and see the finds which have been made on site.

Since spring this year, Northern Archaeological Associates have been working on behalf of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to investigate the archaeological remains within the grounds of Berwick Infirmary ahead of the development of the new hospital. The remains are predominantly medieval in origin, with a particular focus on the 12th to 13th century. This was an interesting point in the history of the Berwick, as it was already an important and thriving settlement yet to be enclosed by the Medieval and later Elizabethan defences. This is an opportunity for members of the public to come and view the ongoing archaeological works, ask questions of the archaeologists and view some of the artefacts recovered during the excavations.

Fri 10th: 10.00–14.00

Directions: From Violet Terrace, walk up Low Greens and the entrance gate is on the left hand side.

Access: The ground on site is uneven



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2 Bankhill Icehouse

The Icehouse was built around 1786–1799; one of several built in Berwick during the late 18th and 19th centuries. The ice was used for packing fish, particularly salmon, in crates to be transported to London. It was sourced locally if the winter had been severe enough, but usually was imported from Norway. The blocks were carefully stored in layers with sawdust laid between the blocks to prevent them from freezing into a solid mass. Ice houses were still being used in the 1930s.

In the Second World War it was used as an air raid shelter, and later as a garage. It is a Grade II listed building which was restored by Berwick Preservation Trust.

Fri 17th: 12.00–16.00; Sat 18th: 12.00–16.00; Sun 19th: 11.00–15.00

Directions: On Bankhill under the New Bridge.

Access: Up tunnel. Uneven ground.

3 Berwick Barracks

Home to history and the arts, Berwick Barracks has something to offer all ages and celebrates its 300th anniversary this year. It has two museums and an exhibition on the life of the British Infantryman from the 1600s to 1918.

Built in the early 18th century to the design of the distinguished architect Nicholas Hawksmoor, the Barracks was among the first in England to be purpose built. It was first quartered in 1721 and remained in active use until 1963 when it ceased to be the depot for the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The Barracks houses the Regimental Museum of the King's Own Scottish Borderers as well as Berwick Museum and Art Gallery. The latter contains information on the history of Berwick as well as part of the renowned Burrell collection—Sir William Burrell lived at Hutton Castle in Berwickshire and donated items to the town. The *By Beat of Drum* exhibition also gives an insight into the life of a British Infantryman from the Civil War to the First World War.

Sat 18th & Sun 19th: 10.00–17.00 (NB Berwick Museum and Art Gallery, and the KOSB Museum will close at 16.00.)

Directions: The Barracks is just off the Walls near the Parade Car Park.

Access: Some areas are not accessible by wheelchair.



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4 Berwick Between the Wars Tour

Join Dr Elisabeth Wilson on a walk around some of the places mentioned by her father, Jock Richardson in his memoir of growing up in Berwick in the 1920s and 1930s.

Based on Elisabeth's research for the editing and publishing of her father's memoirs, *A Berwick Boyhood*, she will take people around parts of Berwick mentioned, telling stories of her own family and also the social history of the time.

Fri 17th: 14.00 & Sun 19th: 14.00

Book at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Meet at the corner of Bankhill and Golden Square (at the side of the Leaping Salmon).

Access: In some sections there is an alternative route for wheelchair access.



5 Berwick Castle Tour

Berwick Castle was one of the most important fortresses during the Anglo-Scottish Wars. Probably built by the Scottish King David about 1124, it held his royal mint and was the scene of a decision made by Edward I that would make legends.

Discover a forgotten Jacobean palace and find out if the railway really demolished the castle. Local historian, Jim Herbert takes you on a tour pointing out the many tantalising clues that can be found and pieces its story together.

Fri 17th: 10.00 & 14.00

Book at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Meet on Railway Street at the approach to Berwick Railway Station.

Access: Lots of steps and steep slopes. Some uneven ground. Please wear sensible footwear. Not suitable for wheelchair users.

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/berwick-castle/

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6 Berwick Lifeboat Station

Stationed in Spittal, the lifeboat service in Berwick has a long history, changing its location between Berwick and Spittal on a number of occasions. Visit the present Lifeboat Station and find out what they do today.

The Berwick Lifeboat Station was first established in Spittal in 1835. Since then the brave crews have carried out countless rescues and received awards for their courage, selflessness and skill.

Sat 18th: 10.00–16.00; Sun 19th: 11.00–16.00

Directions: Carr Rock, Dock Road, Spittal

Access: Not suitable for wheelchair users.



7 Berwick Town Hall: Photographic Exhibitions and Films

Visit an historic building in the heart of Berwick which is the hub for Berwick Heritage Open Days. See a photographic exhibition “A Glimpse into the David Moor Collection” and watch some films of Berwick in bygone times.

Berwick’s Town Hall was rebuilt by the Guild of Freeman in the mid-18th century but is on a site connected with the Freeman back to the medieval period. The present building houses a magnificent Hall, Council Chamber, the former Goal for the Borough and a Bell Tower from where the bells are rung.

In mid 2019 the Guild of Freeman of Berwick-upon-Tweed were given the photographic collection of the late David Moor. It consists of in excess of 5000 images relating to the town’s built environment taken between the 1850s and 2010. Moor was very conscious of creating a record of the changing face of the town, capturing



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buildings which were at risk of being lost to history. This was achieved both through his own lens and through collecting images by others. Many of the images offer a fascinating glimpse into the social history of the town, documenting parades, street scenes and every day life.

Refreshments and family activities will be available.

Sat 18th: 10.00–16.00; Sun 19th 11.00–16.00

Directions: Berwick Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Access: If you have limited mobility, please contact the Town Hall Keeper in advance on 01289 330900.

8 Berwick Visitor Centre: The River Tweed and Salmon Fishing

Find out about Berwick in the Visitor Centre sited in a former Methodist Church. See the Tweed 900 Tapestry and view films about Berwick's history and salmon fishing on the River Tweed.

Originally there were two Methodist Chapels in Berwick; Primitive and Wesleyan. This building was the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel which was opened in 1797 with alterations made in 1878. In the early 1920s both congregations amalgamated and worshipped together in this building until 2017 when it was sold. The building was reopened as a Visitor Centre in 2019.

Salmon fishing has been connected with Berwick and the River Tweed since the medieval period. It's very different now to then. The exhibition and film provide some background to its importance in the past and what happens today.

**Fri 10th—Sat 18th: 10.00–15.00
(closed Sun 12th)**

Directions: Near the corner of Walkergate and Wallace Green.

Access: No disabled access at present to the first floor.



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9 Bridge Street Revealed

Bridge Street Revealed highlights one of Berwick's oldest streets, which hosts a thriving community of varied small businesses. Window posters explore aspects of the street's history, buildings and culture.

Bridge Street has a fascinating history; close to the Quayside and a main thoroughfare for many centuries. Until 1928, it formed part of the Great North Road (A1) between Edinburgh and London. Now it is a much quieter but vibrant street. Find out who lived and worked there in the past. We've been researching its architecture and residents. Take a walk along the street and see information in the windows about the businesses of the past and present. Linked events include a fun online quiz and a talk (Event 38) on the early history of the riverside area.

Fri 10th—Sun 19th: Any time

Directions: All along Bridge Street

Access: Please be aware of narrow pavements and traffic.

10 Coxon's Tower

Coxon's Tower is one of the last two remaining original medieval towers on the walls which surround Berwick. Yet all is not as it seems.

Inside, the vaulted ceiling and casemates remain. But look closer and you see evidence of early 16th century modifications, when a stone bulwark was added, projecting from the tower, and later abandoned to the forces of the sea. In the 18th century, the structure was further, and drastically, modified on the outside; the original medieval tower was encased in a further 2m of masonry to maintain its role as a guardian of the river estuary.

Fri 17th 14.00–16.00;

Sat 18th: 13.00–16.00;

Sun 19th: 11.00–15.00

Directions: On riverside walls to east of Wellington Terrace.

Access: Some steps to negotiate. Not accessible for wheelchair users.



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11 Cumberland Bastion

Go through a walled tunnel leading to the eastern flanker which was constructed as part of Berwick's Tudor defences.

Originally known as Middle Mount, the bastion was re-named in 1746 to commemorate the Duke of Cumberland who passed through Berwick on his way to confront the Jacobites at the Battle of Culloden. Berwick's fortifications were built between 1558 and 1569 when there was a real threat of invasion from the Scots. Berwick was the first northern European town to be defended by this system of rampart and bastion, the most advanced technology of its time. These defences were never tested as the Union of the Crowns in 1603 ended the threat of Scottish invasion.

Fri 17th: 14.00–16.00; Sat 18th: 12.00–16.00;

Sun 19th: 11.00–15.00

Directions: Entry at the top of Coxon's Lane near the car park.

Access: Entrance to the bastion is via steps and a long, tunnel.

12 Edible Plants in Castle Vale and Coronation Parks Tour

Join Parks Officer, Kate Dixon in a walk around the parks highlighting edible plants and the parks' history. Also see the wonderful views that can be enjoyed from both parks.

Castle Vale Park was opened in 1931 on land donated to the town by Mr. John Cairns, a baker. Originally, the vale was the site of a stream that powered a corn mill. It was designed as a promenading park with a Lily Pond for quiet reflection!

Coronation Park was planted out in 1937 to celebrate what should have been the coronation of Edward VIII. After his abdication, the coronation was that of his brother George VI, our current Queen's father. This park was also the site of a corn mill hence it's local name—"Tommy the Miller's"

With the help of Lottery Funding both parks were restored in 2013, reinvigorating these little known gems near the centre of Berwick. The parks are managed by Northumberland County Council and a very active "Friends" Group.

Sat 18th: 11.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Castle Vale Park can be accessed via the path by the Railway Station.

Access: We can make the walk wheelchair friendly if required but there will be some steep slopes.

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13 Elizabethan Walls Tour

Berwick's imposing Elizabethan Walls are an iconic feature of the town. Why and how were they built and by whom? This walk will answer some of those questions.

"I must admit the new wall is marvellous beautiful", was an opinion voiced to Queen Elizabeth in 1568, but what did the writer go on to say? Built at a time of uncertainty, this was the most expensive project of Elizabeth's reign. Today a tour of these walls is the best way to see Berwick and get an overview of its past and present and along the way encounter conflicting consultants and medieval map making. Led by local historian, Jim Herbert, this walk gives an insight into the history of these unusual walls which encircle the town.

Sat 18th: 10.00 & 14.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Meet at the top of Bankhill.

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/elizabethan-walls/

14 Free Trade Inn

Access the public rooms of a traditional 19th century small urban pub. It is a Grade II listed building and one of CAMRA's "Historic pub interiors of national importance". It retains a good Edwardian pub frontage.

The pub was refitted around 1910 and has a very unusual layout. The pub bar at the front is wood panelled and has its original bar counter. The front window is stained glass and the rear room was originally a smoke room but is now used for pool. The room has bell pushes and an attractive brick and tile fireplace probably installed around the time of the Second World War. Over the weekend there will be a small exhibition in the back room about the history of the pub including photographs and newspaper cuttings.

Sat 18th &

Sun 19th:

12.00–17.00

Directions: Top end of
Castlegate, Berwick-upon-
Tweed



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15 From Ditch to Bastion Tour

“I must admit the new wall is marvellous beautiful”, was an opinion voiced to Queen Elizabeth about the bastioned fortifications in 1568..... before condemning them as badly designed and a waste of money !

In this, the most northerly Heritage Open Days event, local historian, Jim Herbert, takes you on a journey amongst the northern medieval defences of Berwick that actually saw some action in the Anglo Scottish wars and bear witness to the changes in technology from the earliest ditch defence to the 16th century bastions. The tour takes in Spades Mire, the Bell Tower and Lord's Mount.

Fri 17th: 12.00 & 16.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: *Meet near the entrance to Berwick Holiday Centre at the end of Northumberland Avenue.*

Access: *A few steps. Some uneven ground. Please wear sensible footwear. Not suitable for wheelchair users.*

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/from-ditch-to-bastion/

16 Georgian Berwick Tour

What was once called Rotten Row was transformed into Ravensdowne in the 18th century. Many of the houses here were populated by Berwick's wealthier citizens.

This walk will take you down this quiet back street. Discover family histories and architectural gems with Berwick Archivist, Linda Bankier as your guide.

Sun 19th: 10.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: *Meet at the seats on the green area near the Parade Car Park.*



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17 Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales Tour

Join local Archivist, Linda Bankier as she leads you on this short walk to discover the stories of the families that lived and worked in the cottages and smokehouses of the Greenses.

The Greenses is so called because until the 19th century, although located within the town's medieval walls, much of the land was still open field. From the 18th century, herring fishing was the main occupation for the men of the Greenses during the summer months. In the winter, the fishermen turned to catching cod and haddock with long lines. Every day, each line with up to 720 hooks were baited with mussels and limpets collected and put on the hooks by the womenfolk. Crabs and lobsters were also caught, using pots known locally as “creeves”.

The locals were called Greenses Arabs on account of the men's beards and swarthy complexions acquired from putting to sea in all weathers.

Sat 18th: 16.30

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Meet at the corner of High Greens and Bell Tower Place.

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/the-greenses/



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18 Gunpowder Magazine

A purpose built ammunition store constructed in 1749 to provide safe storage for explosives required by the military garrison at the Barracks.



Previous storage arrangements in the flankers of the Brass Bastion proved unsatisfactory during preparations for an expected attack by the Jacobite forces in 1745, when most of the gunpowder was discovered to be damp and unusable. The new Magazine incorporated features designed to ensure protection against damp and potential explosion. It is built of local sandstone and is surrounded by a high wall. The walls of the vaulted, windowless structure are reinforced by eight heavy buttresses, intended to direct explosion safely upwards. There are ventilators above the entrance steps that allow air to circulate, protecting the powder from damp. The building has a double skinned roof and the main internal safety feature is the total absence of iron to avoid any possibility of a spark igniting the gunpowder. Among the interesting internal features are the original wooden racks.

Fri 17th: 12.00–16.00; Sat 18th: 11.00–15.00;

Sun 19th: 12.00–16.00

Directions: Near the Lions House on the Elizabethan Ramparts

Access: Some rough ground, slopes and steps.

19 Longridge Towers Tour

Longridge Towers was built between 1875 and 1879 for Sir Hubert Jerningham and his wife Lady Annie Jerningham. Designed by JC Bucker the main house incorporated many features seen by Sir Hubert on his travels abroad and cost £145,000 to build which was an enormous sum in those days. Following the death of Sir Hubert in April 1914 the house was mothballed and sold at auction in 1920 for the grand sum of £6,000 and since then has been used as a school except for a short time in the 1940s when it was a hotel.

Sat 18th: 10.30, 11.45 & 13.00

Booking: telephone—01289 307584 or email—itsreception@lts.org.uk

Directions: From Berwick, take the A698 for about 3 miles.

Access: Please note tour accesses upper floors. The building has no lift.

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20 Main Guard

Step back in time and find out about Berwick in the past through our two exhibitions this year: Guild and Governors, and the History of the Garrison Town.

In 1682 a Main Guard building stood in front of the Town Hall. By 1725, it had moved up Marygate to a site opposite Eastern Lane. However, complaints about its location led to a new Main Guard being built in 1743 in the area in front of the former Berwick Advertiser offices.

It was then dismantled in 1815 and rebuilt on its present site in Palace Green. It contains two main rooms, one for the officer of the guard and the other for soldiers. Between them is a prison cell or “black hole” where drunks and vagrants could be locked up. The Main Guard is now the headquarters of Berwick Civic Society.



Fri 10th–Fri 17th: 13.00–17.00 (closed Mon & Wed);

Sat 18th: 10.00–16.00; Sun 19th: 11.00–17.00

Directions: Palace Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed

21 Medieval Tweedmouth Tour

Join local historian Catherine Kent on a walk through Tweedmouth’s historic core, discovering how local and national events from pre Roman to Elizabethan times have defined and shaped the streets.

In this walk see little known parts of Tweedmouth and find out more about its early history.

Sun 19th: 12.30 & 14.30

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Meet at the junction of Main Street and Kiln Hill.

Access: The walk includes some steps and an unmade path but this section can be omitted.

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22 New Tower

Specially open for Berwick Heritage Open Days, see inside the lower portion of a 14th century tower embedded in a 17th century wall. This is an opportunity to see a rarely seen part of Berwick's medieval fortifications.

Fri 17th: 14.00–16.00;

Sat 18th: 10.00–12.00

& 13.00–15.00;

Sun 19th: 11.00–15.00

Directions: Between riverside walls and Palace Street near the Main Guard.

Access: Access is via some steps and a narrow tunnel. Uneven ground.

23 Old Coastguard Station

Commanding superlative views of the beautiful North Northumberland coast, the Old Coastguard Tower was built in 1964 but four years later, was closed down and became derelict.

The tower is now run and looked after by Berwick Coastwatch, an independent organisation run entirely by volunteers to keep visual watch over all coastal areas around the bays and beaches of Berwick-upon-Tweed. They also keep a listening watch on the VHF marine distress channel 16 and liaise directly with the Humber Coastguard Operations Centre. Members of the public can talk to the volunteers about the work they do and see the local wildlife.

Fri 17th and Sat 18th: 10.00–16.00; Sun 19th: 10.00–14.00

Directions: Located on the cliffs near Magdalene Fields Golf Course clubhouse (TD15 1NE).

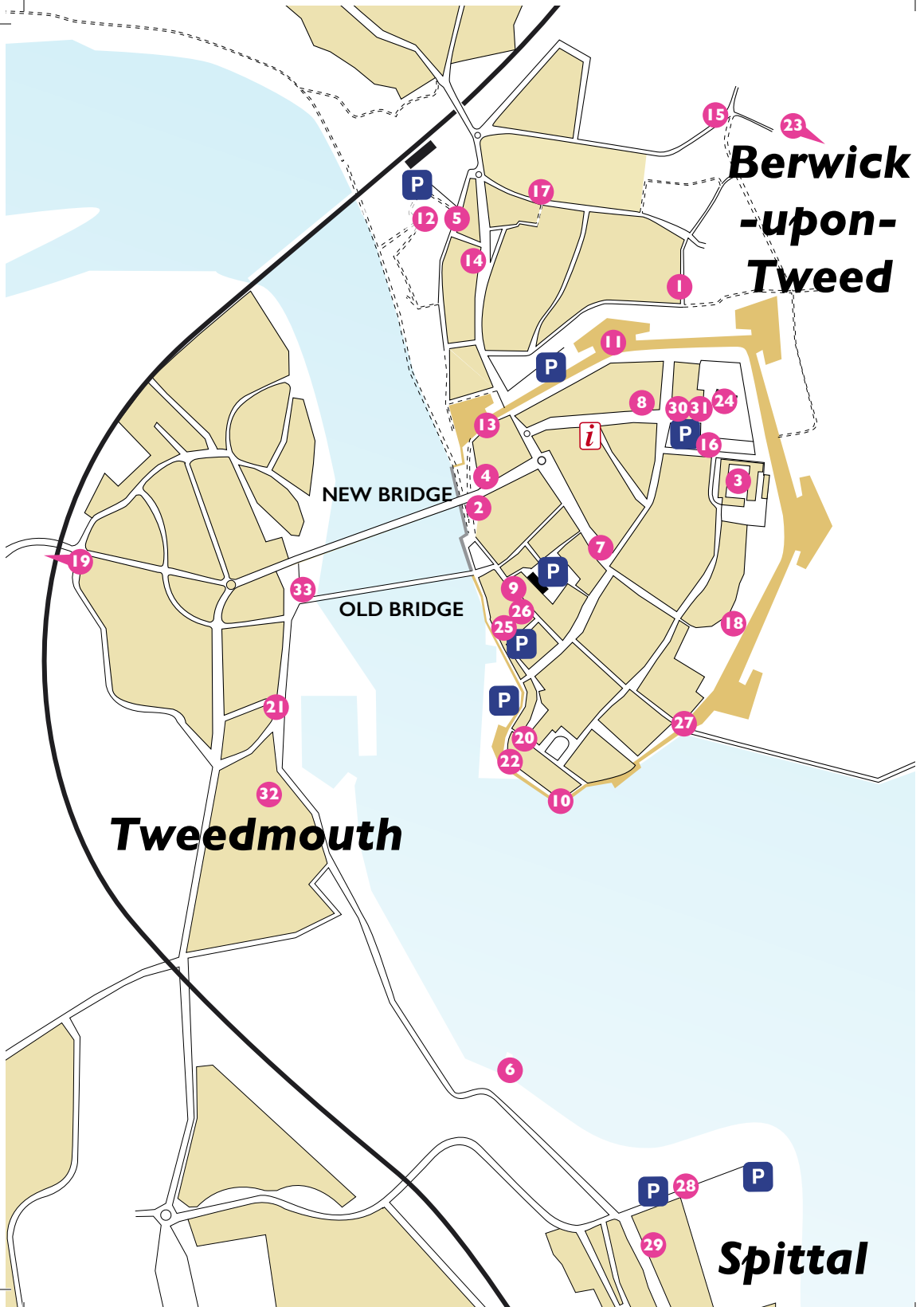
Access to the upper floor of the tower is by a steep ladder.



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24 Parish Church of Holy Trinity and St Mary

This church is a building of exceptional historic importance, a very rare example of an Anglican church built in the Commonwealth period.

When George Fenwick was Governor of Berwick in the 17th century, funds were raised to build the church using stone and timber from the disused Castle. It was completed in 1652. It was designed and built as a Puritan place of worship consisting of a regular nave with 2 side aisles and no chancel. It has no tower or steeple, reputedly at the express orders of Oliver Cromwell.



**Fri 17th: 12.00–16.00; Sat 18th: 10.00–12.00; 14.00–16.00;
Sun 19th: 13.00–16.00.**

Directions: Off Parade Car Park.

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/berwick-holy-trinity/

25 Portrait of a Town

Experience Berwick from the 1950s to early 2000s through “Portrait of a Town”, a photographic exhibition depicting life and work there during that time. Visit the exhibition to see what Berwick was like in the past.

The Photo Centre was a photographic business which operated in Berwick from 1951 to 2012. On its closure the collection (over a million glass plates and negatives) was purchased by the Berwick Record Office. It documents all aspects of life in Berwick and North Northumberland and is a wonderful insight into life and fashion at the time. Specially for Heritage Open Days the rolling slide show will relate to the theme of Edible Berwick & District !



Fri 10th–Sun 19th: 11.00–16.00 (closed Monday)

Directions: Granary Gallery. Access from Bridge Street Youth Hostel or via Quay Walls.

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26 Portrait of a Town Tour

Enjoy a walk around the *Portrait of a Town* exhibition with Cameron Robertson who has curated the exhibition. Find out some of the stories behind the images and about the Photo Centre collection in general.

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Wed 15th: 11.30–12.30; Sat 18th and Sun 19th: 14.00–15.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839

Directions: Granary Gallery. Access from Bridge Street Youth Hostel or via Quay Walls.

27 Riverside Walls Tour

Originally part of the defences commenced by Edward I after he stormed Berwick in 1296, this section of the wall was probably not built until the early 14th century.

In this walk, local historian, Jim Herbert, will unravel the story and explain the changes that took place during the 400 years after the original construction. There's also a chance to see inside two of the remaining towers.—Coxon's and New Tower.

Sat 18th: 12.00 & 16.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: Meet above Ness Gate at the end of Ness Street.

Access: Some steps.

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/riverside-walls/



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28 Sandstell Fishing Shiel

The word “shiel” refers to the seasonal accommodation used by fishermen and in North Northumberland by salmon fishermen. The salmon fishing season lasts from 1st February until 30th November.

The shiels were equipped with bunks and fireplaces and were also used as storage for the fishing gear. Sandstell Shiel is a Grade II listed building. Records of its existence go back to 1735 and it is the only surviving unmodernised example of this type of building on the River Tweed.

Fri 17th: 13.00–16.00;

Sat 18th: 10.00–16.00;

Sun 19th: 11.00–16.00

Directions: Near the Sandstell Road Carpark, Spittal



29 Secret Spittal

Take yourself on a walk around Spittal and find out about some of the properties and buildings there both past and present.

Spittal was once a seaside resort but also a place with an industrial past. Walk round and look for posters in windows, on a gate or lamp post with anecdotal and hearsay information from local residents, newspapers of the time, censuses and directory with extra historical facts thrown in for good measure. Lots of information has been collected already and published in two volumes but there are still a few questions. Can you be the one to answer them or can you provide us with more information? Talk to the researchers and pick up a walk leaflet from the Information Point as well as a leaflet on an Edible Spittal themed walk.

The interpretation posters may be viewed at any time for the duration of the festival. The Information Point at 17 Main Street, Spittal is manned at the following times:

Weekdays: 14.00–15.00

Weekends: 10.00–12.00 & 14.00–16.00

Venues and events A–Z

30 St Andrew's Wallace Green Church

St Andrew's Wallace Green Church is one of only eight Church of Scotland Churches in England. Now 162 years old, it is a lovely light and airy building with beautiful stained glass windows.

This Victorian church was formally opened on 19 June 1859. It has a striking sun burst stained glass rose window and a 1932 Harrison & Harrison three manual pipe organ. Formed from the amalgamation of St Andrew's Church and Wallace Green Church, the building has memorial tablets from both churches, commemorating those lost in both World Wars (see Event 31). During the weekend, visitors can look at the booklets created on the men remembered on the First World War memorials.



Fri 17th: 14.00–16.00; Sat 18th: 10.00–16.00

Directions: On the corner of Wallace Green and the Parade Car Park.

Access: Wheelchair access is via the side door.

31 St Andrew's Wallace Green Church: More Than Just Names

The Church has a number of memorials including war memorials and stained glass windows. Find out about the stories of the people commemorated and their connection with the church.

In 2018 members of the Church researched the lives of the men on their First World War memorials. Since then research has also been done on the Second World War memorials and the stained glass windows. Local Archivist, Linda Bankier, will give a short talk about the lives of some of the people commemorated, not just names but real people.

Fri 17th: 15.00

Directions: On the corner of Wallace Green and the Parade Car Park.

Access: Wheelchair access is via the side door.

Venues and events A–Z

32 Tweedmouth Parish Church of St Bartholomew and St Boisil

Visit this listed building with interesting features and a churchyard with some notable burials. View a small exhibition and browse through transcripts of the 18th and 19th-century parish registers.

The Church of St Bartholomew and St Boisil in Tweedmouth is a Grade II listed building and a rare example of a pre-Victorian Church with later additions. It stands on the site of earlier churches going back to at least the 12th century.

There is a Georgian gallery with its original four pews and many other interesting features including a reredos which is a World War I memorial to John Kincaid, Coldstream Guards. The Churchyard which was closed in 1864, has the grave of John Mackay Wilson, author of *Wilson's Tales of the Borders*; William Stephenson, a train driver killed in one of the earliest railway accidents, the local philanthropist Rev John Leech and Ralph Dixon whose pension, granted by Nelson is noted on the rear of the battle plans for Trafalgar.

Recent research has also revealed footings of a medieval Church tower and a much earlier section of cuboid stonework.

Sat 18th: 11.00–16.00

Directions: Church Street, Tweedmouth.

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/tweedmouth-st-bartholomew-and-st-boisil/



Venues and events A–Z

33 Tweedmouth West End Tour

For too long, the history of Tweedmouth has been neglected. This tour, led by local historian, Jim Herbert sheds light on many aspects of old Tweedmouth, from medieval parliaments, to social life and its forgotten industries.

The West End of Tweedmouth is now a quiet residential area overshadowed by the Royal Tweed Bridge. However, in the past, it was very different—full of people and industry.

Sun 19th: 11.00 & 13.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

Directions: *Meet at Tweedmouth War Memorial at the end of the Old Bridge.*

Access: *Some slopes*

Film available online: berwickhods.org.uk/tweedmouth-west-end



Live online events A–Z

34 An Introduction to the History of Berwick through its Archives

Berwick is a fascinating place with an unusual history, a place by itself. Find out what the town's archives can tell us about its history from the 1500s to the present day.

Join local Archivist, Linda Bankier, to find out how Berwick's history is portrayed and documented in the town's wonderful series of archives which are still kept here today.

Fri 10th: 19.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

35 Berwick Cockle Sweets and Cockle Cowes

Have you ever heard of Berwick Cockle sweets? Join local researcher, Cameron Robertson to find out how they were made and about the business linked with them.

These sweets have long been associated with Berwick but how were they made and who made them? Wm Cowe and Sons, a long established business in Berwick, manufactured them for many years. Come along and find out more.

Tue 14th: 19.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105



Live online events A–Z

36 Bridge Street Revealed: From Beach Market to Quayside

Join Dr Catherine Kent in this fascinating talk as part of the “Bridge Street Revealed” strand of this year’s Heritage Open Days examining evidence of fourteen centuries of change in Berwick.

Berwick-upon-Tweed is famous as King Alexander III’s ‘second Alexandria... with the sea its riches and the water its walls’, but little is known about the physical infrastructure which underlay the success of this merchant port. Find out more in this talk based on original research.

Thurs 16th: 19.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

37 Heritage Question Time

Is there a burning question you have about the history of Berwick, Tweedmouth or Spittal? Now’s your chance to join us online and ask a panel of experts who, between them, hope they have the answers.

Berwick Archivist, Linda Bankier; local historian, Jim Herbert; and architectural historian, Catherine Kent will form the panel. Email your questions to us in advance—berwickhodsinfo@gmail.com—and we shall try to get through as many as possible with some lively discussion.

Sun 12th: 16.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105



Live online events A–Z

38 History of Berwick Barracks

This year Berwick Barracks celebrates its 300th anniversary. Find out why it was built and what role it has played in the town during that period.

This talks follows through the history of Berwick Barracks from their inception in the 18th century to the present day.

Mon 13th: 19.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

39 Building Berwick Town Hall

The Town Hall in Berwick is an iconic building dominating Marygate. There has been a building on this site for many centuries but not the one we see now.

In this talk, local historian Jim Herbert, explains the history of the many 'tollbooths' on the site of our present one and the construction of the present Town Hall is a fascinating story.

Having studied the building records and examined the fabric of the building (down to individual planks), Jim now presents his findings which tell a very different story to the accepted one.

Fri 17th: 19.00

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105



Films and quizzes A–Z

The following are available online throughout the festival.

40 Berwick Castle Tour

A film based on the tour. For background information, see Event 5.

Online: berwickhods.org.uk/berwick-castle/

41 Berwick Then and Now Quiz

Test your knowledge of Berwick's shop fronts past and present in this online quiz.

There are two rounds in this quiz. See what's changed between 1959, 2009 and the present. The old photographs are a collection kept in the Berwick Record Office documenting the town in May 1959. Test your powers of observation and try and match up the present day shop facade with its predecessor. Suitable for all ages.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/berwick-then-and-now

42 Berwick Through Time

Berwick is full of fascinating buildings and landmarks. Check out our website to see a new featured landmark each day.

Here's your chance to find out something new about some of Berwick's historic buildings and structures. Researched and presented by local people, a new entry will be added every day of Heritage Open Days to build up a gallery of structures. Click on the website link to see what's featured that day as well as previous uploads. There's also another chance to see the entries created last year—MacLagan's Memorial; Wm Cowe & Sons; Berwick's New Gaol and many more.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/berwick-through-time-2021/



Films and quizzes A–Z

43 Bridge Street Revealed: The Quiz

Go to Bridge Street, read the posters in the shop windows, then test your knowledge with this online quiz.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/bridge-street-revealed-the-quiz/

44 Elizabethan Walls

A film based on the tour. For details see Event 12.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/elizabethan-walls/



45 From Ditch to Bastion

A film based on the tour. For details see Event 14.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/from-ditch-to-bastion/

46 Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales

A film based on the tour. For details see Event 17

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/the-greenses/

47 Parish Church of Holy Trinity and St Mary

A film about the Parish Church. Also open to visit. See Event 31 for details.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/berwick-holy-trinity/

48 Riverside Walls Tour

A film based on the tour. For details see Event 26.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/riverside-walls/

49 Secret Berwick

How well do you know Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal? Test your knowledge with our online photographic quiz. Also have a go at last year's quizzes if you didn't try them! There are 4 levels to choose from ranging from easy to very challenging! Have a go and see if you can pinpoint the locations. A fun quiz for all ages and abilities.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/secret-berwick-online-quiz-2021/

Films and quizzes A–Z

50 The South Prospect of Berwick-upon-Tweed, 1745

This film explores one of the best known antiquarian views of Berwick which was published in 1745 by the Yorkshire brothers Nathaniel and Samuel Buck.

Narrated by Jackie Kaines-Lang, the film examines how it was created and asks how accurate it is before looking at some of the obvious, and not so obvious details that tell us a little about Georgian Berwick.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/south-prospect/

51 Tweedmouth Church: 1350 Years of History

Tweedmouth Church sits above the docks, the latest in a line of churches on this site stretching back to the time of St Boisil, one of its patron saints. This film tour shows some of the more interesting people connected with it, including a literary sensation, and a sailor whose request for a pension was honoured by Nelson.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/tweedmouth-st-bartholomew-and-st-boisil/

52 Tweedmouth West End Tour

A film based on the tour. For details see Event 32.

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/tweedmouth-west-end/

53 Wilmott's Fortress Air Raid Shelter

See inside a rare Second World War Wilmott's Fortress Air Raid Shelter which played a part in the Secret Army's defence of Britain. It's not possible to see it in person this year but join Lindsay Allason Jones online to find out more.

In 2015 an air raid shelter in the garden of a house on Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed was excavated by postgraduate students of University of Newcastle prior to the garden's redesign. It proved not to be an Anderson Shelter, as previously thought, but a Wilmott's Fortress shelter, made by a company in Bristol. The excavation also brought to light the unexpected role the shelter had played in the defence of Britain, having been used to listen to U-boat activity in the Channel via a radio installed in the shelter. The excavations were published in Current Archaeology Issue 332 (November 2015)

Online all festival: berwickhods.org.uk/wilmotts-fortress-air-raid-shelter/



Daily listing

Numbers after times refer to event number.

FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–14.00	1	Berwick Infirmary—Archaeological Excavation	IN PERSON
10.00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
13.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
19.00	34	An Introduction to the History of Berwick through its Archives	ONLINE TALK

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
10.00–12.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
14.00–16.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
13.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–12.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
14.00–16.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
13.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON
16.00	43	Berwick Heritage Question Time	ONLINE EVENT

MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
19.00	44	History of Berwick Barracks	ONLINE TALK

TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
13.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON

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14.00–15.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
19.00	36	Berwick Cockle Sweets and Cockle Cowes	ONLINE TALK

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
11.30–12.30	25	Portrait of a Town Tour.	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
13.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
19.00	39	Bridge Street Revealed: From Beach Market to Quayside	ONLINE TALK

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10:00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	23	Old Coastguard Station	IN PERSON
10.00 & 14.00	5	Castle Tour	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
12.00 & 16.00	15	From Ditch to Bastion Tour	IN PERSON
12.00–16.00	2	Bankhill Icehouse	IN PERSON
12.00–16.00	24	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	IN PERSON
12.00–16.00	18	Gunpowder Magazine	IN PERSON
13.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON
13.00–16.00	28	Sandstell Fishing Shiel	IN PERSON
14.00	4	Berwick Between the Wars Tour	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
14.00–16.00	10	Coxon's Tower	IN PERSON
14.00–16.00	11	Cumberland Bastion	IN PERSON
14.00–16.00	22	New Tower	IN PERSON
14.00–16.00	30	St Andrew's Wallace Green Church	IN PERSON
15.00	31	St Andrew's Wallace Green: More Than Just Names—talk	IN PERSON
19.00	45	The Building of the Town Hall	ONLINE TALK

Daily listing

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	7	Berwick Town Hall—photographic exhibitions and films	IN PERSON
10:00–15.00	8	Berwick Visitor Centre	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	23	Old Coastguard Station	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	30	St Andrew's Wallace Green Church	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	28	Sandstell Fishing Shiel	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	6	Berwick Lifeboat Station	IN PERSON
10.00–16.00	7	Berwick Town Hall—photographic exhibitions and films	IN PERSON
10.00–17.00	3	Berwick Barracks	IN PERSON
10.00–12.00 &			
14.00–16.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
10.00–12.00 &			
14.00–16.00	24	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	IN PERSON
10.00–12.00 &			
13.00–15.00	22	New Tower	IN PERSON
10.00 & 14.00	13	Elizabethan Walls Tour	IN PERSON
10.30, 11:45, 13.00			
	19	Longridge Towers School Tour	IN PERSON
11.00–15.00	18	Gunpowder Magazine	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	32	Tweedmouth Parish Church	IN PERSON
12.00–16.00	2	Bankhill Icehouse	IN PERSON
12.00–16.00	11	Cumberland Bastion	IN PERSON
11.00	12	Edible Plants Tour	IN PERSON
12.00–17.00	14	Free Trade Inn	IN PERSON
12.00 & 16.00	27	Riverside Walls Tour	IN PERSON
13.00–16.00	10	Coxon's Tower	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	25	Portrait of a Town Tour	IN PERSON
16.30	17	Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales Tour	IN PERSON

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SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

ALL DAY	9	Bridge Street Revealed	IN PERSON
10.00	16	Georgian Berwick Tour	IN PERSON
10.00–12.00			
14.00–16.00	29	Secret Spittal Information Point	IN PERSON
10.00–14.00	23	Old Coastguard Station	IN PERSON
10.00–17.00	3	Berwick Barracks	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	6	Berwick Lifeboat Station	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	7	Berwick Town Hall—photographic exhibitions and films	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	28	Sandstell Fishing Shiel	IN PERSON
11.00–15.00	11	Cumberland Bastion	IN PERSON
11.00–15.00	2	Bankhill Icehouse	IN PERSON
11.00–15.00	10	Coxon's Tower	IN PERSON
11.00–15.00	22	New Tower	IN PERSON
11.00–16.00	25	Portrait of a Town—photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
11.00–17.00	20	Main Guard	IN PERSON
11.00 & 13.00	33	Tweedmouth's West End Tour	IN PERSON
12.00–16.00	18	Gunpowder Magazine	IN PERSON
12.00–17.00	14	Free Trade Inn	IN PERSON
12.30 & 14.30	21	Medieval Tweedmouth Tour	IN PERSON
13.00–16.00	24	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	IN PERSON
14.00–15.00	25	Portrait of a Town Tour	IN PERSON
14.00	4	Berwick between the Wars Tour	IN PERSON

WEBSITE EVENTS –on www.berwickhods.org.uk

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ALL FESTIVAL	41	From Ditch to Bastion Tour	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	42	Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales Tour	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	46	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	47	Riverside Walls Tour	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	48	Secret Berwick Quiz	
ALL FESTIVAL	49	The South Prospect of Berwick-upon-Tweed	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	50	Tweedmouth Church: 1350 years of history	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	51	Tweedmouth West End Tour	FILM
ALL FESTIVAL	52	Wilmott's Air Raid Fortress	FILM



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