
OXFORD OPEN DOORS

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Welcome to Oxford Open Doors

Every September, Oxford Preservation Trust brings the city together for a special weekend when all kinds of special places in Oxford open their doors to everyone for free.

We started Oxford Open Doors in 2007, enabling the people of Oxford to explore and enjoy the parts of their city that they might not normally visit. With thanks to the support of many local organisations, the weekend offers something for everyone, from hands-on activities in community spaces to peaceful gardens and guided walks.

Over the weekend the OPT team will be at our hub outside Oxford Castle & Prison, do come and say hello. Last year nearly 30,000 people joined us for Oxford Open Doors, and we can't wait to welcome you again in 2025!

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Isis Cyclists

New events for 2025

We're excited to introduce a fantastic line-up of new experiences for Oxford Open Doors this year! You'll be bound to discover something new in 2025, from lively *Ballads at the Bodleian* (p20), with talks, performances and printing activities for all ages, to a rare chance to walk historic *Love Lane* (p14), closed to the public for over 100 years.

To hear a talk about the history of cinema head to *The Ultimate Picture Palace* (p27), or explore Oxford's transport history at the *MINI Plant Oxford* (p7) or the *Isis Lock* (p7) where the Canal & River Trust will be running a pop-up. Admire stunning contemporary architecture at *Oxford Brookes' new Teaching Building* (p15) with views across the city, and step inside beautifully restored *Yarnton Manor* (p19), where you'll find gardens to picnic in, and a brand-new library in the old tithe barn.



ISIS LOCK, SOUTH OXFORD CANAL

Spotlight on... Slade Camp

Slade Camp, a former army training camp surrounded by woodland at the foot of Shotover Hill, was used to house displaced families after World War 2. Before its closure in 1970, it was home to a thriving community whose experiences provide an important account of life in a fast-changing city.

After the last residents moved out, Slade Camp was dismantled and the remains of its buildings became overgrown. Local people uncovered them during the Covid pandemic and have been discovering more about their history ever since. Oxford Preservation Trust and Shotover Preservation Society have now been awarded a £49,204 grant by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to share the history of the site. Thanks to National Lottery players the story of Slade Camp will be told by the people who know it best.



Fourth Street, 1966 Photo: Oxfordshire County Council - Oxfordshire History Centre

A month-long exhibition about the project will open at Oxford's Westgate Library on 1st September and local historians will be giving tours of the site as part of Oxford Open Doors, go to page 23 to find out more.



Be who you want to be

Open Morning

Saturday 4th October

www.headington.org/visit



Drop In Saturday & Sunday



Castle Mound, OX1 1AY
10:00-17:00 (both days)
 Climb the mound of the 11th-century motte-and-bailey castle with its 13th-century well chamber. The view from the top is fabulous!
The Castle Mound is not wheelchair-accessible.

Balliol College Historic Collections Centre, OX1 3UH
11:00-16:00 (both days)

Explore St Cross Church and Balliol College's historic collections with this year's exhibition, *Apocalypse Now?* Looking at apocalyptic scenarios from the Book of Revelation to climate change.

There is ramped access via portable ramps to all areas of the building. Please ask staff to make these available at the door.

Bartlemas Chapel, OX4 2AJ
10:30-17:00 (both days)

Fourteenth-century chapel located off Cowley Road.

Access is along a private, tarmacked road. Narrow gate onto a gravel path. One step into the chapel.

Corpus Christi College Barge, OX4 4BJ
11:00-15:00 (both days)

A chance to look around the amazing Corpus Christi College Barge and discover the history of Oxford's floating architecture.

Access is via a gangway and down a few steps onto the boat.

Energy Saving Homes – please see website for individual home opening times and whether to drop in or book ahead

Open homes across Oxford featuring a wide range of energy saving and future-proofing improvements available to view by all types of home builders and renovators!
<https://oxford.greenopenhomes.net/energy-saving-homes-during-oxford-open-doors-2025-312>

Each home will specify its disabled access on the ESH website.

Isis Lock, OX1 2RQ
10:00-17:00 (both days)

Visit the gateway to the South Oxford Canal and learn about the people, culture, and economics that have played an important part in Oxford's history for the last 200 years. *Walton Well Road Bridge has smooth sloped access 650m North of the Lock where it is flat tarmac.*

Magdalen College, OX1 4AU
10:00-16:00 (Sat)
10:00-17:00 (Sun)

Visit the College and grounds on Saturday and Sunday for Oxford Open Doors! Old Library open Sunday, 11:00-15:00.

Some of the gardens and parts of the College are not wheelchair accessible. Bridges with steps in the grounds, no access to the Tower and Old Library.

Merton College, OX1 4JD
10:00-16:00 (both days)

Merton College welcomes visitors to explore the history and beautiful gardens.

All areas fully accessible to visitors.

MINI Plant Oxford, OX4 6NL
09:00-17:00 (both days)

Explore the MINI plant's museum and heritage area, showcasing MINIs through the decades.

No stairs; disabled toilet; sliding doors entrance; wide doorways; accessible parking; assistance dogs welcome; pram friendly.

North Hinksey Conduit House, OX2 9AS

11:00-15:00 (both days)

Built during the early 17th century and part of a system designed to take clean drinking water from the springs at North Hinksey to the Carfax Conduit.

Uneven surface and gateways.

Old County Hall, OX1 1ND
11:00-16:00 (both days)

Old County Courts of Oxford. See the court rooms and tunnels to Oxford's former Prison. Tours at 11:30, 12:30, 13:30, 14:30 and 15:30 each day. Limited to 50 per tour on a first come, first served basis.

Disabled access to both court rooms available on request, no disabled access to the tunnels.

Oxford Archaeology at Old County Hall, OX1 1ND
11:00-16:00 (both days)

Discover the latest news and finds from our sites in and around Oxford. *Fully accessible within County Hall.*

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, OX3 0EE

Open 10:00-15:00; Tours 10:30, 12:00, 14:30 (both days)

Founded in 1985, the Oxford Centre

for Islamic Studies, is dedicated to the advanced study of Islam and the Muslim world. Drop in to visit the Gardens, pre-booking via the link on OPT's website required for tours of the Centre's iconic building. *Ramps, lifts.*

Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (OCMS), OX2 6HR
10:00-17:00 (Sat)
10:00-16:00 (Sun)

Visit a striking Grade I listed Victorian church building by G.E. Street, with Oxford Movement interiors, now a world renowned study centre for scholars from the Global South. *Ramps for wheelchair users to visit the ground floor.*

The Oxford Oratory, OX2 6HA
07:00-17:00 (both days)

Tour one of Oxford's hidden architectural gems, and see how art and

architecture are used to inspire and provide a sanctuary in the city. *The church is accessible.*

The Oxford Friends Meeting House, OX1 3LW
11:00-15:00 (Sat)
13:00-16:00 (Sun)

Welcome to Oxford Local Quaker Meeting, situated in the heart of the city. We are home to, and host of, a vibrantly diverse community. *Ramp and handrail to front door, disabled toilets. Floors are uneven.*

The Painted Room, OX1 3EX
10:00-16:00 (both days)

Hidden at the heart of Cornmarket Street, the 14th-century, timber-framed Crown Tavern is complete with oak-panelled walls and remarkably well-preserved Elizabethan wall paintings. *Only access via two flights of stairs.*



THE PAINTED ROOM

Pembroke College, OX1 1DW
Tours 11:30 and 12:30 (Sat)
Tours 10:30 and 11:30 (Sun)

Join a guided tour of Pembroke's charming quads, dating from the 15th to the 21st century, and explore over 400 years of stories held within our walls. First come, first served.

Full step-free wheelchair access and accessible toilets. Assistance dogs welcome.

Ready, Steady, Print!, OX1 1AY
10:00-16:00 (both days)

Come and try our pop-up silk-screen printing workshop at Oxford Castle! This taster event is led by local artist Mani.

The workshop will be down a flight of steps. There is a staff-operated lift.

Rewley Road Fire Station, OX1 2EH

10:00-16:00 (both days)

Come and see what a working Fire Station looks like, with real Fire-fighters and big red trucks, plus lots more surprises too!

Full wheelchair access, no parking.

Rewley Road Swing Bridge, OX1 2RG

14:00-17:00 (both days)

Visit the site of the Rewley Road Swing bridge to see the results of the restoration of an outstanding

example of Victorian railway engineering.

Full disabled access from the road.

South Oxford Community Centre, OX1 4RP

11:00-17:00 (both days)

A history of the Community Centre from its beginnings as a water pumping station to its current use as a Community Centre. With live displays of current activities.

The ground floor rooms are wheelchair accessible. The first floor is not currently wheelchair accessible.

St Barnabas, Jericho, OX2 6BG

10:00-18:00 (Sat)

12:00-16:00 (Sun)

St Barnabas is a basilica-style church in a modern Anglo-Catholic tradition that welcomes all.

There is a portable ramp.



READY, STEADY, PRINT!



St Clement's Church, OX4 1FN

10:00-18:00 (Sat)

12:00-18:00 (Sun)

St Clement's is a thriving church family in the evangelical tradition and located in our beautiful nearly 200 years old Romanesque revival style church, at the bottom of Headington Hill. *Ramp to the side door of the building. No access to the tower.*

St Frideswide Church, OX2 0BL

14:30-17:00 (Sat)

12:30-16:00 (Sun)

Explore the Grade II* 1872 Gothic Revival church by SS Teulon, celebrated for its 1931 Geoffrey Webb Easter windows and a rare 1870s Hunter pipe-organ. *Level access via south-west door (80 cm clear width, portable ramp if required); accessible bathroom; assistance dogs welcome.*

St Giles' Church, OX2 6HT

10:00-16:00 (Sat)

12:00-16:00 (Sun)

A medieval church, which is open to visitors. The church has a chancel roof dated to the mid-C13th and a C14th font of unusual design.

Wheelchair access via ramp at south door. North door has flat access.

St John the Evangelist Church, New Hinksey, OX1 4RE

10:00-17:00 (Sat)

12:00-17:00 (Sun)

Grade II listed church designed by Sir Ninian Comper, consecrated in 1900.

Disabled access and parking, with-disabled toilet. The Sanctuary is up a few steps, but open and visible to all.

St John's College, OX1 3JP

10:00-17:00 (both days)

Discover the rich history, stunning architecture, and tranquil gardens of St John's College, Oxford – and enjoy a glimpse into college life during Oxford Open Doors.

Fully accessible for wheelchairs and prams. Dogs are not allowed.

Disabled toilet available.

St Mary and St John Church, OX4 1UR

10:00-16:00 (Sat)

10:00-14:00 (Sun)

A 150 year old church in the heart of East Oxford on the Cowley Road. *Disabled access.*

St Thomas the Martyr, OX1 1PP

12:00-16:00 (both days)

The church is dedicated to St Thomas of Canterbury who was martyred in 1170. The building is an essential part of Oxford's church history and the architecture reflects this.

Partial disabled access – flat surface entrance.

Stone Carvers at Oxford Castle, OX1 1AY

09:30-16:00 (both days)

Oxford has a rich and living history of stone carving. Come and see a group of stone carvers in action at Oxford Castle and talk to them about their work.

The Castleyard at Oxford Castle and Prison is step-free.

Turn Again Lane Garden, OX1 1QL

11:00-14:00 (both days)

Visit the tranquil garden of Oxford Preservation Trust's offices at 10 Turn Again Lane.



Main access via gate on Roger Bacon Lane. Step-free access via gate off Greyfriars Place.

University Church of St Mary the Virgin, OX1 4BJ

9.30am-11am; 2.30pm-6pm (Sat)

12pm-6pm (Sun)

Standing in the centre of Oxford, the church is the spiritual heart of the oldest university in Britain. Children's Thomas Cranmouse trail.

Step free access through High Street entrance. Radcliffe Square entrance only via stairs.

Vishuddha Yoga Centre, OX2 0AU

11:00-17:00 (Sat)

11:00-16:00 (Sun)

Drop-in to visit, pre-book classes

Vishuddha is a modern, award winning, yoga centre in a beautiful Thames-side setting offering free yoga classes or just a wander and chat. Classes must be pre-booked via www.vishuddhayoga.org/

Ground floor is step-free (all facilities including garden space, but excluding main studio).

Wadham College, OX1 3PN

10:00-16:00 (both days)

Wadham College is a collection of stunning buildings and lush gardens. Step back into history and see the college that produced alumni such as Christopher Wren.

Partial disabled access.

Drop In Saturday Only

Blavatnik School of Government, OX2 6AH

10:00-16:00

As we celebrate 10 years of the school's building, come along to view our award-winning spaces. *Disabled access.*

Bodleian Libraries: Old Bodleian Printing Workshop, OX1 3BG

12:00-16:00

Historical printing in action at the Bodleian's working letterpress studio.

Ground-level entrance with wheelchair access directly from the Old Schools Quadrangle, Old Bodleian Library. All ages and abilities welcome.

Bodleian Libraries: Pop-up Imaging Services Discovery Station, OX1 3BG

11:00-15:00

Join the imaging services team at their discovery station in the Weston Library's Blackwell Hall and explore some of the wonders of their work photographing the collections of the Bodleian Libraries. *Wheelchair-accessible.*

Bodleian Libraries: Pop-up Maps Discovery Station, OX1 3BG

11:00-15:00

Drop-in to Blackwell Hall at the Weston Library and discover some of the Bodleian's marvellous map collections with a show and tell from staff members of the Bodleian Map Room.

Wheelchair-accessible.

Bodleian Libraries: Weston Li- brary Portraits Tours, OX1 3BG

11:00 and 14:00

Take a tour of the portraits behind the scenes in the Weston Library and discover new stories such as that of Edmund Halley, the astronomer who first predicted the return of comets. Tours are free and drop-in, but spaces are limited and age is restricted to 11+ only.

Wheelchair-accessible.



BODLEIAN LIBRARY
POP-UP MAPS



HARRIS MANCHESTER COLLEGE

City of Oxford Silver Band

OX1 1AY

12:00-12:45 and 13:15-14:00

Performance outside Oxford Castle. *No steps. Paved surface.*

Craft skills at the Castle with Cliveden Conservation, OX1 1AY

10:00-16:00

Join Cliveden Conservation learn more about their conservation work and have a go at making your own plaster moulding.

No steps. Paved surface.

Examination Schools, OX1 4BG

09:00-17:00 (last entry 16:15)

This usually private venue welcomes you to view its architecture, and see where Oxford students sit their assessments. As well as drop-in entry, tours will be running at 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00. To book email

james.tibbert@admin.ox.ac.uk.

A ramp is located to the left of the main entrance. This leads to an

intercom, which can contact reception for step-free access.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Oxford, OX1 3LD

10:00-16:00

Visit this modern Christian Science Church and Reading Room and learn about the architecture and design of Christian Science churches.

Disabled toilet in the Reading Room and wide doors in the church to accommodate wheelchairs.

Harris Manchester College, OX1 3TD

10:00-16:00

Come along and see why Pevsner described Harris Manchester College as 'a pure joy', including the glorious pre-Raphaelite stained glass in the Chapel, the beautiful library, and small but perfectly formed gardens.

There is flat access available to the gardens, and ramp access to the main building. There are significant steps into the Library.

Holywell Music Room - Oxford In- ternational Song Festival

OX1 3SB

10:00-13:00

Enjoy live music from acclaimed soprano Katy Thomson with Oxford International Song Festival at the Holywell Music Room, part of Wadham College and the oldest concert hall in Europe.

Step free access from street level into the auditorium.

Jesus College, OX1 3DW
09:00-17:00

Jesus College Oxford was founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1571, and is the only Elizabethan college at Oxford.

Access guide available at: www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/visit-us/accessibility/

Love Lane, OX1 3TZ

Guided walks at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00 and 16:00

A unique opportunity to walk along an ancient, historic lane in the middle of Oxford which has been closed off to the public for over 100 years. *Due to uneven terrain, the route is not advised for anyone with walking difficulties or accessibility needs.*

Makespace Oxford, 9 Park End Street, OX1 1HH
11:00-14:00

Developing a Manifesto For The Commons. Exploring spatial justice through the lens of commoning in Oxford, developing a manifesto for the commons.

Wheelchair access. Lift available.

Mansfield College, OX1 3TF
11:00-16:00

Mansfield College's late nineteenth-century buildings are regarded as amongst the finest work of the important Victorian architect,

Basil Champneys. See the Old Hall, Chapel and the hidden jewel that is the Main Library.

Partial access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Disabled parking spaces available.

Medieval Merchant's House, Abingdon, OX14 5EB
10:00-16:00

Tour the oldest house in Abingdon, with unique architectural features, including stunning wall paintings. *Access to the building over cobbles, and the wall paintings inside the building are via a set of stairs.*

Museum of Oxford, OX1 1BX
10:00-17:00 (last entry 16:30)

Drop-in for a free 'Community Voices' audio tour guide. Pre-book via the Museum of Oxford website for a free 'Stories of Oxford' gallery tour at 13:00.

Level entrance via North entrance to Town Hall. Platform lift in museum.

Newman's College, OX4 4LH
14:00-17:00

Newman's College at Littlemore (not actually a College at all!), from 1842-1846 home of Saint John Henry Newman, leader of the Oxford Movement – exhibition including Newman memorabilia and original letters rarely seen.

Partial disabled access - ramp, narrow doorways.

North Parade Market, OX2 6LX
10:00-14:00

The market is held twice monthly in North Parade Avenue, which has a wonderful diversity of architectural styles.

Access along the pavements.

Old Road Campus Research Building, OX3 7DQ
12:00-16:00

Join us at the Old Road Campus Research Building to learn about the biomedical research done at Oxford University where we will have activities, games and tours to display our science!

The atrium is fully accessible with automatic doors and no steps necessary. The tours can be accessible by lift.

Oxford Brookes University
OX3 0BP
10:00-15:00

Come and visit our new state-of-the-art Teaching Building on our Headington Hill site.

This site is fully accessible.

Oxford Bus Museum,
various locations across city centre – timetable online

Free rides on heritage buses will be provided round the town centre. Pre-booking is not required: just turn up and ride.

The heritage bus rides are not wheelchair accessible.

Oxford Printmakers Co-operative Ltd, OX4 1JL
12:00-17:00

Fine Art Printmaking Studio in charismatic half of 1880s church. A new exhibition will be on the wall, based on the theme Doors and Portals. *Wheelchairs can get into the building but there is no disabled WC.*

Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy, OX1 1RD
11:00-17:00

Visit our Grade I listed building in the heart of Oxford, across from Christ Church Meadows. The Old Palace was built circa 1622-8.

Entrance is accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs; no lift to first floor. Assistance dogs are welcome.

Oxford University Tennis Club (Real Tennis), OX1 4JD
10:30-14:30

Real Tennis – watch the ancient forerunner to lawn tennis played in the magnificent 18th-century court. *The building is not wheelchair accessible.*





Where are these doors?



ANSWERS (clockwise from top left) Balliol College, St Thomas the Martyr Church, Exeter College, St Ebbe's Church, Lincoln College, Pembroke College, Merton College, St John's College.

Oxfordshire Craft Guild at Oxford Town Hall, OX1 1BX
10:00-17:00

Oxfordshire Craft Guild Pop Up Exhibition.

Level entrance via North entrance to Town Hall.

Pavlova Wind Quintet at St Michael at the North Gate, OX1 3EY
15:00-16:00

A programme of light, popular classical music for an autumn afternoon.

Level access from street.

St Alban's Church, OX4 3AU
14:00-16:00

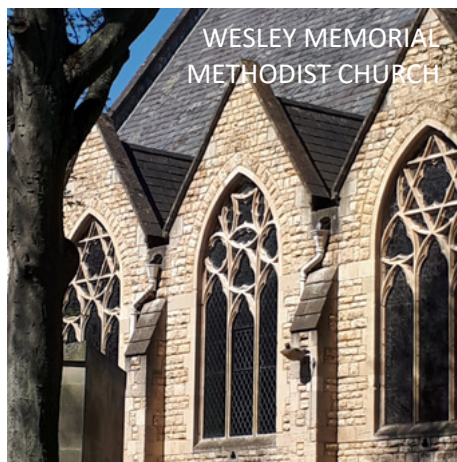
St. Alban's Church is a beautiful backstreet gem. It is a small church with a warm and welcoming congregation.

Disabled access.

St Anne's College – Architecture and Library, OX2 6HS
10:00-16:00

Explore the site using an interactive map for a self-guided tour of the College's architecture, and visit the Library in Hartland House designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott where you can browse an exhibition on Gilbert Scott's work at St Anne's.

Self-guided tour is accessible for wheelchair users. Ground floor and Library toilets are accessible with staff assistance. Access to first floor



via a lift. Note the lift can only accommodate small wheelchairs.

St Columba's United Reformed Church, OX1 4EH
10:00-18:00

Visit our church dating from 1915 designed by T. P. Figgis with glass by Theodora Salusbury and local artist Vital Peeters.

Level access from Alfred Street, accessible toilet available.

St Ebbe's Church, OX1 1QE
10:00-16:00

St Ebbe's is one of the oldest churches in Oxford. The church will be open for you to visit and we will serve drinks and refreshments.

Disabled access.

St Francis of Assisi CE Church, OX3 7JF
10:00-17:00

1931 church with unique Arts and

Crafts painted beams and a hanging cross designed by A Hawkesley. There is a William Morris trail between St Francis and St James, Beauchamp Lane.

Disabled access.

St James CE Church, OX4 3LF
10:00-17:00

Early Norman church in the old Parish of Cowley. An interesting William Morris trail is available showing his various links between St James Church and St Francis Church (both parts of the Parish of Cowley).

North door has disabled access. Steps down into church from main entrance.

St Luke's Chapel, OX2 6GG
09:30-16:30

Visit St Luke's Chapel to discover the history and architecture of the former Radcliffe Infirmary Chapel.

Fully accessible venue.

St Michael at the North Gate, OX1 3EY
09:30-17:00

The city church of Oxford with its thousand-year old Saxon tower.

Level access from street.

Taylor Institution Library, OX1 3NA
Tours every half hour, 10:30-15:30
First come, first served, no booking required.

There is stepped and ramped access

to the main entrance; powered secure entrance doors; lift access to the first floor.

University College, OX1 4BH
10:00-16:00

The oldest college in Oxford opens its gates and offers you the opportunity to visit its Gardens, The Shelley Memorial, Chapel and Hall.

Full disabled access to all areas available to visit. The accessible entrance to the college is via Logic Lane, not the High Street.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, OX1 2DH
10:00-16:30

One of Methodism's finest neo-gothic church buildings and Oxford's first winner of the coveted Gold Eco Church award from A Rocha UK.

Full disabled access, excluding balcony. Ramps, automatic doors. Accessible toilets.

Yarnton Manor and Library, OX5 1PY
10:00-16:00 (last entry 15:00)

A lovingly renovated Jacobean manor house, gardens and newly opened library in the old Tithe barn, now being used for theological education and retreat space.

Wheelchair and pushchair accessible with lifts and ramps. Disabled parking for two cars and further parking within 50m of the main door.

Drop In Sunday Only

All Souls College, OX1 4AL **14:00-17:00**

Visit the Hall, Buttery, Chapel, Great Quad and Front Quad. The Oxford Cherwell Brass Band will perform in the Great Quad. *Entry via High Street only. Most locations have step-free access or will have access ramps available.*

Balliol College, OX1 3BJ **10:00-14:00**

Enjoy the grounds, hall, and chapel of Balliol College. *Ramps, accessible lifts and accessible toilet.*

Barracks Lane Community Garden, OX4 2AP **11:00-15:00**

Harvest Festival and Open Garden. *Fully accessible garden, cabin and toilet.*

Bodleian Libraries: Ballads at the Bodleian, OX1 3BG **11:00-15:30**

Join us for a programme of musical performances, talks, craft activities and workshops based on the 17th century Broadside ballads from

the Bodleian Library, with the award-winning 100 Ballads project team.

There is step-free access to all public areas of the Weston Library. See Weston Library Exhibition Spaces access guide for more information.

Bodleian Libraries: **Divinity School, OX1 3BG** **11:00-15:30**

Free Entry to the Divinity School, the University of Oxford's oldest purpose-built teaching and examination room. *Wheelchair-accessible.*

Carfax Tower, OX1 1ET **10:00-17:00 (last entry 16:45)**

You can enjoy an amazing view of the Oxford skyline when you visit



our 12th-century tower, a remnant of what used to be the official city church of Oxford.

Carfax Tower is not wheelchair-accessible. No under 5s.

Classic Cars at Oxford Castle-yard, OX1 1AY **10:00-16:00**

Visit Oxford Castle and Prison to see a variety of classic cars as part of our range of events and activities in the Castleyard. The owners will be on hand to chat about the cars and answer any questions you may have.

Step-free paving.

Corpus Christi College, OX1 4JF **10:00-16:00**

Visitors to Corpus Christi, a College founded in 1517, will be able to visit the magnificent Tudor Dining Hall, and the beautiful Chapel, Cloisters and Gardens.

There are accessible routes throughout the ground floor of the college buildings and gardens. Please note that there are some uneven surfaces.

Ghaetta Medieval Band, OX1 1AY **11:00-12:00 and 12:30-13:30**

Lively dance music and song from long ago, featuring colourful costumes, replica instruments and audience participation.

Performances will take place in the Castleyard at Oxford Castle and

Prison. No steps. Paved surface.

Green Templeton College, OX2 6HG **12:00-16:00**

Celebrating over 250 years of the Radcliffe Observatory, the college together with the University of Oxford Astrophysics department will be offering historians on hand to answer questions and activities including a family friendly garden trail. *Partial disabled access. The majority of areas are accessible other than the Tower and Common Room.*

Lady Margaret Hall, OX2 6QA **10:00-16:30**

Visit LMH's tranquil grounds, gardens, and collection of neoclassical architecture, home to our academic community since 1879.

All access into buildings is step free. Accessible WCs are available. Gardens are generally level but paths are often gravel.



Lucy's – Lucy Group Ltd, Past and Present, OX2 6EE

10:00-16:00

Visit Lucy's Head Office on the site of the old factory. Browse old photographs and archive material, and learn what the Company does now! *Lift to all floors.*

Magdalen College School Gardens, OX4 1DZ

12:30-16:00 (last entry 15:30)

Visit some of the most spectacular school grounds in the country. *Full level access throughout.*

New College, OX1 3BN

10:30-17:00 (last entry 16:30)

An incredible opportunity to see the City Wall dating from the 12th Century as well as the 14th-Century Chapel and Cloisters plus Medieval dining Hall and impressive gardens. Entrance on the day is via New College Lane. *Disabled access to all public areas.*

Nuneham Park, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PG

10:00-16:00

A rare opportunity to visit the pleasure gardens around Nuneham House (house not open) with Oxfordshire Gardens Trust. Visitors will also be able to see the Carfax Conduit, which once provided water to the city, with special access granted by Nuneham Estate. *Not suitable for wheelchairs.*

Osler House, OX3 9BL

09:30-16:30

Visit us at Osler House, the Medical Students' Club House! Discover the history and architecture of this converted 1930's residence or simply pop by for games in the garden. *Fully accessible.*

Osney Lock Hydro, OX2 0AX

14:00-17:00

Osney Lock Hydro is the first community-owned hydro to be built and operating on the Thames. *Step-free access via towpath. Uneven surfaces.*

Oxford Castle and Prison, OX1 1AY

10:00-17:00

Venue open for drop-in, no tours will be running, but the team will be on hand to share information about the castle's rich history. *Access information: <https://www.oxfordcastleandprison.co.uk/your-visit/access-information/>.*

Oxford Jewish Congregation, OX1 2JL

14:00-17:30

The synagogue will be open to view and members will be on hand to explain about Judaism and show people various artefacts on display. *Ramps, disabled toilet, and full access to ground floor.*



RHODES HOUSE

Port Meadow Bailey Bridge Talk, OX2 0NJ

10:30-11:30

An in-situ overview of this famous WWII bridge format, how it was built and why it is there. Location: South western (Medley) end of Port Meadow by the Thames Path. What3Words: proven.chill.owls. *Sections of rough/uneven paths.*

Rhodes House, OX1 3RG

10:00-16:00

Drop in to Rhodes House, a historic Grade II* listed country house in the heart of Oxford, and explore our art exhibits, stroll through the gardens and meet Rhodes Scholars. *Full disabled access. We have ramps and an accessible lift.*

Sheldonian Theatre, OX1 3AZ

10:30-16:30

Explore Christopher Wren's first great masterpiece and discover the best views of Oxford's skyline.

Drop-in, but pre-booking essential for the lunchtime concert, via Oxford Preservation Trust's website. *The ground floor auditorium is accessible via a ramp.*

Slade Camp

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12:30-16:00

Guided tours of Slade Camp, one of Oxford's lost communities. This military training facility was converted into temporary accommodation after WWII, before being left to nature. Read more on page 4. *Parking next to the venue, access from the Eastern Bypass, turning left at What3Words ///minus.grab.bend. The walking surface around the camp is generally accessible.*

Somerville College, OX2 6HD

10:00-16:00 (last entry 15:30)

An opportunity to view Somerville's history through its architecture.

Access is, in the main, level or via ramps, with a few gentle inclines.

St Edmund Hall, OX1 4AR
12:00-16:00

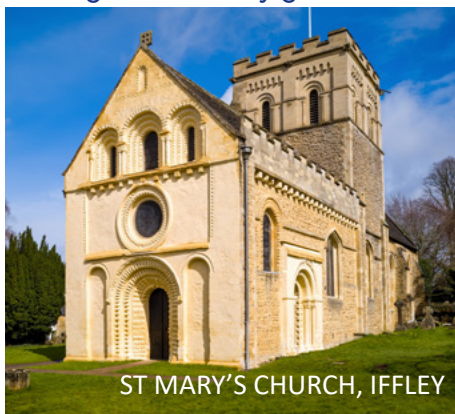
Last standing medieval Hall in Oxford, dating back to the C13th.
Partial disabled access, ramps to most areas. No access to the Old Library.

St Mary's Church, Iffley, OX4 4EG
14:00-17:00

Talk and guided tours of Iffley's almost unaltered Romanesque church, and a new gateway between the church and its historic surroundings.
The church is accessible with a wheelchair. Grass areas around the churchyard are bumpy.

Trinity College, OX1 3BH
10:00-16:00 (last entry 15:00)

A self-guided visit to Trinity College; see the beautifully restored Dining Hall, Chapel and spend time in the glorious Trinity gardens.



Dining Hall and Chapel are located on the ground floor. Accessible toilets are available at ground floor level. Some uneven pathways.

Worcester College, OX1 2HB
10:00-17:00

Discover 26 acres of gardens and grounds at Oxford's only remaining college founded in the C18th.
Lifts provide access to the gardens and ramps are available into the Hall and Chapel. The Library is only accessible via a spiral staircase.

vOx Chamber Choir

Check times and locations online

Join vOx, Oxford's leading chamber choir, for a series of concerts in venues across the city, where they will be performing a selection of music from the great 17th century Welsh composer, Thomas Tomkins, as well as some favourites from the choral repertoire.

Venue accessibility may vary, check individual venue details online.

Spotlight on...

Rewley Road Swing Bridge

The Swing Bridge is a unique cast-iron railway bridge, built in 1851 to allow trains across the Sheepwash Channel which links Oxford's canal to the river.

It is the earliest surviving mechanism of its kind in Britain. When in use, the railwaymen swung the bridge open to let boats through and then swung it closed to allow trains to pass. It fell out of use during the 1950s and was recently restored by Oxford Preservation Trust. In 2019 it was turned for the first time in decades and in 2022 it won the Railway Heritage Trust Conservation award.

We recently set up a monthly volunteer work party to undertake maintenance tasks on the bridge, abutment and tracks as well as the creation of small areas of meadow. The swing bridge will be open for drop in on Saturday & Sunday 14:00-17:00, so pop along and have a chat with our volunteers to find out more about this forgotten part of Oxford's industrial heritage.



Bookable

Friday & Saturday

Bodleian Libraries: Law Library, OX1 3UR

**Tours at 15:00 and 17:00 (Fri)
Tour at 11:00 (Sat)**

One of the largest law libraries in the United Kingdom, housed in a landmark modern building by Leslie Martin and Colin St John Wilson, completed in 1964 and now listed at Grade II*. Advance booking required: <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/events-exhibitions>

Numerous flights of steps, a lift is available if needed. Parking is available to blue badge holders only.



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Saturday & Sunday

Energy Saving Homes – please see website for individual home opening times and whether to drop in or book ahead

Open homes across Oxford featuring a wide range of energy saving and future-proofing improvements available to view by all types of home builders and renovators! <https://oxford.greenopenhomes.net/energy-saving-homes-during-oxford-open-doors-2025-312>

Each home will specify its disabled access on the ESH website.

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, OX3 0EE

Open 10:00-15:00; Tours 10:30, 12:00, 14:30 (both days)

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, founded in 1985, is an institution dedicated to the advanced study of Islam and the Muslim world. Drop in to visit the Gardens, pre-booking via

the link on OPT's website required for tours of the Centre's iconic building.

Ramps, lifts.

Oxford Guild of Tour Guides – City Walking Tour, OX1 1AY

Tours 11:00 and 14:00 (both days)

A one-hour walking tour hosted by a member of the Oxford Guild of Tour Guides. Book on the day at the OPT hub in the Castleyard.

Step-free access to meeting point, walk route accessibility may differ.

The Randolph Hotel Oxford, a Graduate by Hilton, OX1 2LN

Tours 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 13:30 (both days)

Enjoy a guided tour through The Randolph Hotel Oxford, a landmark in the city centre. For booking details, see OPT website.

Full disabled access.

Ultimate Picture Palace Cinema, OX4 1BN

**doors open 12:30, talk 13:00 (Sat)
doors open 10:00, talk 10:30 (Sun)**

A one-hour illustrated talk on the history of the Ultimate Picture Palace and early cinema in Oxford with local historian Liz Woolley. advance booking (via <https://uppcinema.com/show/history-of-the-upp-free-talk/>) essential.

The cinema is accessible to wheelchairs, but the toilets are not.

Vishuddha Yoga Centre, OX2 0AU

11:00-17:00 (Sat)

11:00-16:00 (Sun)

Drop-in to visit, pre-book classes

Vishuddha is a modern, purpose-built, award winning yoga centre in a beautiful Thames-side setting offering free yoga classes or just a wander round and chat. Classes are strictly on a pre-booked basis via <http://www.vishuddhayoga.org/>.

Ground floor is step-free (all facilities including garden space, but excluding main studio).



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Bookable Saturday Only

Chapel of Remembrance, Christ Church Cathedral, OX1 1DP

Tour 11:00-11:45

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum will be running a tour of the Chapel of Remembrance. Pre-booking essential via the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum website.

See <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visit/accessibility> for accessibility information.

Christ Church, OX1 1DP

(Cathedral tours) 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 and 15:00

(College Tours) 10:15, 11:15, 13:45 and 14:45

Explore Christ Church on a guided tour of the college or cathedral. Booking in advance via the Christ Church website essential.

Cathedral, Hall and Quads accessible for wheelchairs users. Not all areas on the guided tour are wheelchair accessible.

Examination Schools, OX1 4BG

Tours 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00

This usually private venue welcomes you to view its architecture, and see where Oxford students sit their

assessments. As well as drop-in entry, tours will be running at 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00. To book email james.tibbert@admin.ox.ac.uk.

A ramp is located to the left of the main entrance. This leads to an intercom, which can contact reception for step-free access.

Forgotten Stories of Oxford Tour with Rawz, OX1 1AY

Tour 12:00-13:00

Join Multimedia artist Rawz as he guides you off the beaten track in this Spoken Word tour of his home town. Book on the day at the OPT hub in the Castleyard.

Step-free access to meeting point, but walking route accessibility may differ.



Gravestone Geology Walk Holywell Cemetery, OX1 3TU

Tours 11:00-12:00 and 14:30-15:30

Celebrate science in an Oxford Cemetery. Join geologists Nina Morgan and Philip Powell on a guided geological walk through Holywell Cemetery. Booking via the Oxford Preservation Trust website essential. *The walk is not suitable for those with walking difficulties, nor for buggies. Participants should wear comfortable shoes or trainers. All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Modern Art Oxford, OX1 1BP

Tour 11:00

Take a tour behind the scenes at Modern Art Oxford and discover our former brewery building and the gallery's nearly 60 year history. Booking via the Modern Art Oxford website essential.

Stair free access to all three floors. See full accessibility information online.

Museum of Oxford, OX1 1BX

Tour 13:00

Free Museum of Oxford 'Stories of Oxford' gallery tour (pre-book) and free 'Community Voices' audio tour guide hire (drop-in 10:00-17:00, last entry 16:30). Booking via the Museum of Oxford website essential.

Level access via North entrance to Town Hall. Platform lift in museum.

Oxford Town Hall, OX1 1BX

Tour 11:00

Free taster tour of Oxford Town Hall rooms not usually open to the public. Booking via the Museum of Oxford website essential for tour. *Level access via North entrance to Town Hall. Lift to upper floor of Town Hall.*

Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, OX1 3RE

Tours 10:00-11:30 and 13:00-14:30

Join us for a guided tour of the building where the first antibiotic, penicillin, was developed. Learn about 100 years of scientific discoveries, our notable alumni, and hear about our current ground-breaking research. Booking via the link on Oxford Preservation Trust's website essential.

We have lift access throughout the building for those who need it. The tour will not be suitable for assistance dogs, prams or wheelchairs.

A Story in Stone: Oxford University Museum of Natural History, OX1 3PW

Tours 17:30-18:30 and 18:45-19:45

A guided walk to learn about the polished stone columns that grace the interior of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History building. Booking via the Oxford Preservation Trust website essential.

Full disabled access.

Bookable Sunday Only

Getting Medieval: an Uncomfortable Oxford Tour, OX1 1AY

Tour 12:00-13:30

Join us on a tour of the Medieval history of Oxford, uncovering the complexity of life in the past, while debunking many myths of 'medieval' times. Booking essential via the Uncomfortable Oxford website.

Step-free access to meeting point, walk route accessibility may differ.

Gravestone Geology Walk St Mary and St John, Cowley Road, OX4 1UR

Tour 14:30-15:30

Join geologists Nina Morgan and Philip Powell on a guided geological walk through the churchyard of St Mary and St John, Cowley Road. Booking via OPT website essential.

The walk is not suitable for those with walking difficulties, nor for buggies. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. Children must be accompanied.

Gravestone Geology Walk St Sepulchre's Cemetery, OX1 2HD Tour 11:00-12:00

Join geologists Nina Morgan and Philip Powell on a guided geological walk through St Sepulchre's Cemetery. Booking via OPT website essential.

The walk is not suitable for those with walking difficulties, nor for buggies. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. Children must be accompanied.

Pavlova Wind Quintet at the Sheldonian Theatre, OX1 3AZ 13:30-14:15

A programme of light, popular classical music for an autumn afternoon. Pre-booking recommended via OPT website.

Level access to the courtyard and into the building through a side door. Level access into the main auditorium at ground floor level only.

Oxford Preservation Trust Autumn Events

Oxford Fens Talk with Dr Judy Webb

Thursday 25 September, 5.30pm

Join ecologist Dr Judy Webb for a talk about fens in Oxford, including those owned and managed by Oxford Preservation Trust: Larkins Lane, Matthew Arnold Reserve and Lincombe Lane.



Oxford Waits in the Painted Room

**Saturday 4 October,
2pm and 3.30pm**

Travel back in time as Oxford's popular five-piece costume band The Oxford Waits presents a 45-minute concert in music and spoken word.

North Hinksey Conduit House Drop-In

Friday 17 October, 2pm-4pm

Built in the early 17th century, this structure was part of a system designed to transport clean drinking water from the springs at North Hinksey to the Carfax Conduit.



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