It’s Happening...

Kirklees museums and galleries

April to Sept 2019

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Oakwell Hall and its award winning gardens
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Sharing amazing stories of past and present to inspire the future

Cover image: Rare Ptolemaic cartonnage mask, on display in the ancient Egyptian gallery at Bagshaw Museum. Cartonnage is a type of material used in funerary workshops to produce cases, masks or panels to cover all or part of the mummified and wrapped body. Find out more by visiting Bagshaw Museum.

Love your museums!
Welcome...
... to the latest programme of events at your local museums and galleries in Kirklees

Unmissable Exhibition at Huddersfield Art Gallery

We have so many stories to be proud of in Kirklees, a place which continues to inspire innovation and creativity in industry, art and culture. Landscape artist David Blackburn (1939-2016) was one of many people from this area to achieve success and inspire others, such as artist Maxwell Doig, who co-curated this new exhibition. He says of Blackburn’s work, ‘Through... intense colour and light there is a sense of joy and wonder, which is reminiscent of the glow of a Samuel Palmer drawing or an early Graham Sutherland etching.’ Discover the wonder yourself, and catch this unmissable show at Huddersfield Art Gallery from 2 March to 1 June 2019.

Spectacular new Oakwell Hall Mountain Bike Trail

You can be involved in the newly opened mountain bike trail at Oakwell Hall. Developed by Oakwell’s country park team and local mountain bike advocacy group Ride Kirklees, the trail was built by Bike Track and funded by Kirklees Council, the National Lottery Community Fund and Sport England’s Community Asset Fund. The route, part of which runs alongside the M62 speed cameras, appeals to both a child on a balance bike, learning to ride off road, as well as seasoned riders. The trail is blue graded, which means that it has technical features like berms, rock gardens and moderate gradients. An exciting opportunity to get fit!

Join us on maintenance days, pick up trailside litter and ‘say hi’ to other trail users. Please promote Oakwell and Ride Kirklees through social media using the #trashfreetrails and #benicesayhi campaigns.
Women’s History in Kirklees

In July, a new photographic exhibition at Tolson Museum, ‘A Woman’s Work is Never Done’, opens. It explores the working lives of late 19th and early 20th century women as they fought for equal opportunities and better conditions. See page 17 for details. It is part of the ‘We are West Yorkshire’ programme of exhibitions across the region profiling our amazing heritage. We had a fantastic 2018 celebrating the centenary of votes for women and you can still catch the ‘Our Fight for a Voting Right!’ exhibition at Tolson Museum throughout 2019.

We’ve also launched a new website ‘Women’s Suffrage in Kirklees’ www.womenssuffrageinkirklees.blogspot.com where we can share historical reports, objects, images and biographies. More information will be added throughout the year, so keep a look out!

Museum in a Tent

We have been popping up at unexpected places throughout Kirklees, where you can handle real museum objects and discover more about our Museums and Galleries. We have been to colleges and schools, summer fairs and events which commemorated the end of World War I.

Would you like us to pop-up with our Museum in a Tent at your venue or event? It is suitable for both indoor and outdoor events and is fun and family friendly. Please email emma.crowley@kirklees.gov.uk for an enquiry form.

Take a different perspective – join us for a group visit

By booking in advance, groups can enjoy discounted entry to Oakwell Hall and arrange special guided tours at Tolson and Bagshaw Museums. You can hear lively stories about the past occupants, discover fascinating insights into the collections on display and learn about the history of the buildings. We can also arrange light refreshments and offer free coach parking.

Pre-booked groups are also welcome to enjoy their own self-guided visit, making use of the visitor guides and information panels.

For more information please visit www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums
Explore exciting global collections, including the atmospheric Ancient Egyptian ‘Kingdom of Osiris’ gallery, the Spirit of South Asia, which showcases beautiful objects from India and Pakistan, the African gallery, and the Victorian seaside. Discover stories from Fox’s Biscuits and iconic Batley Variety Club.

Bagshaw Museum is housed in a magnificent Grade II* Listed Victorian Gothic former mill owner’s home, set in 36 acres of ancient woodland. Award winning Wilton Park has a play area and café.

**Summer Opening Times:**

1 April to 31 August 2019
- Tuesdays to Thursdays 11am-5pm
- Saturdays & Sundays 12noon-5pm

1 to 30 September 2019
- Saturdays & Sundays 12noon-5pm

Please contact us for Easter and Bank Holiday opening times.

Also available at other times for pre-booked groups, room hire and school visits. Contact us for details.
**Family Activities**

**Children’s Quizzes & Trails**
**Throughout the year**
Have fun with our ever-changing children’s quizzes and trails around the museum.
Free

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**FoWP Butterfly House**
Fridays to Mondays until 31 October
10am-4pm
Recently re-opened and run by the Friends of Wilton Park. Why not call in and try your hand at becoming a lepidopterist... that’s a person who studies butterflies.
Free

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**Regular events in the Butterfly House - 1 April to 31 October:**

**Bug Club**
Every Saturday 10am - 1pm

**Growing Space**
Every Sunday 10am -12noon

**Coffee Mornings**
Mondays & Fridays 10am - 12noon
For further details please email: batleybutterflyhouse@gmail.com

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**Guided House Tours**
Sundays: 1pm-1.45pm & 2.30pm-3.15pm
7 April, 12 May, 2 June, 7 July, 4 Aug, 1 Sept
Join our volunteer guides for a fascinating guided tour of the stunning Victorian Gothic building, featuring the history of the Sheard family, Walter Bagshaw the first curator and Wilton Park. Tours last approximately 40 minutes and are family friendly.
Free - Book on the day at the reception desk.

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**Easter Crafts**
Tuesday 16 April
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Get creative with our Easter crafts. We’ll be making Fabergé-style eggs, bunny collages and printing cards.
£2 per child. No booking required.
All ages welcome.
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 21 April
12noon - 4pm
Follow the Fabergé inspired egg trail around the museum to earn a certificate and a small chocolate prize.
£1 per child. No booking required. All ages welcome.

Wilton Park Bioblitzes
1pm - 4pm
Get involved in our seasonal wildlife surveys. Meet at the museum for a walk in the park to see what we can find, then return to the classroom and help identify the wildlife.

Tuesday 23 April  Spring woodland walk looking at wildlife
Thursday 30 May  Mini beasts
Saturday 22 June  Wild flowers, shrubs and trees
Saturday 27 July  Summer walk including butterflies and moths
Saturday 31 August  Bat evening (7-10pm)
Sunday 29 September  Autumn walk looking for mini beasts and fungi
£2.50 per session. Booking essential. All ages welcome.

Saturday Art Club
Saturdays 1.30 - 3pm
27 April, 25 May, 22 June, 31 August & 28 September
Learn new techniques and different ways of creating your own artworks inspired by the museum, its collections and the surrounding park. Materials are provided.
£2 per person. Booking essential as limited places available. Suitable for all ages from 6 years old, parents of under 18 year olds to remain on site.

We Love Laura -
A History Wardrobe Presentation
Sunday 5 May 2pm
Laura Ashley’s most famous fashions are the nostalgic gowns of the 1970s, inspired by fashions from the 18th and 19th centuries. Comparing antique originals with Laura Ashley clothes from the 1960s to now, Lucy Adlington will highlight Laura Ashley’s entrepreneurial spirit, her enduring appeal and why we love Laura.
£12.50. Booking essential.

Creepy Crafts
Tuesday 28 May  11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Half term bug craft session making games, bug hotels and sun catchers.
£2 per child. No booking required. All ages welcome.
**Summer Explorers Pack**

20 July - 1 September [closed Mondays & Fridays]
12noon - 5pm

Pick up your seasonal explorer pack from the shop to start your adventure. Add new activities to your pack each week that you visit both Bagshaw Museum and Oakwell Hall.

£4 per pack then £1 for additional elements.

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**Around the World Trail**

20 July - 1 September [closed Mondays & Fridays]
12noon - 5pm

Collect stamps for your trail passport as you search for the hidden objects in the museum from all six continents.

Free. No booking required. All ages welcome.

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**Around the World Crafts**

Tuesdays: 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

Taking inspiration from Bagshaw’s global collections we are travelling around the world, taking in the continents of Oceania, Africa, Asia and North America. Create a number of different crafts from across the globe including spin drums, batik, Northern Lights art and koinobori fish windsocks.

£2 per child. No booking required. All ages welcome.

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**Wish You Were Here – A History Wardrobe Presentation**

Sunday 8 September 2pm

Inspired by our seaside gallery find out about a happy history of swimwear, from the bracing bathing of the 18th Century to knitted cozzies and kiss-me-quick hats. With fun stories and fabulous vintage costumes covering 200 years of seaside fashion.

£12.50. Booking essential.

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**Heritage Open Days**

Saturday 14 September 12-5pm

Come and make crafts including pomanders, zozotropes and embroidery samplers to celebrate our Victorian heritage.

Free. All ages welcome.

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**Guided House Tours**

Sunday 15 September
1-1.45pm & 2.30-3.15pm

Join our volunteer guides for a fascinating tour focusing on ‘People Power’; the men and women who have shaped the history of Wilton Park and Bagshaw Museum. Tours last approximately 40 minutes and are family friendly.

Free. Book on the day at the reception desk.
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Oakwell Hall & Country Park

Nova Lane, Birstall, Batley WF17 9LG
Tel: 01924 324761
Email: oakwell.hall@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

Step into the past in this beautiful Grade I Listed Elizabethan manor house, displayed as a family home of the 1690s, offering a rare insight into a post-English Civil War household. See period rooms surprisingly unchanged in over 400 years. Hear the ghost story and discover Charlotte Brontë’s inspiration for her 1849 novel Shirley. Dress as a Roundhead or Cavalier and share your #OakwellSelfie.

Explore 100 acres of award winning period gardens and country park, with trails, mountain bike track, playground and picnic areas. Gift Shop and Oak Tree Café.

Admission to Oakwell Hall:
Adults £3.50, children £1 and families £8

Summer Opening Times:
Oakwell Hall
Saturdays & Sundays: 12noon - 4pm
Tues to Thurs in Kirklees school holidays: 12noon - 4pm

Visitor Centre, Car Park and Shop
Daily: 10am-5pm

Country Park & Bradford Road Car Park
Open all day every day

Please contact us for details of Easter & Bank Holiday opening times. Hall and Visitor Centre available at other times for weddings, venue hire, pre-booked groups and school bookings. Please contact us to book.
**Busy Bees Crafts**  
**Wednesdays 1pm-3pm**
Call into the Discovery Classroom in the Visitor Centre and learn a new craft or bring your own craft along with you. Tea and biscuits available for £1, pre-school children are welcome too.
**Free. No booking required.**

**Easter Explorers Trail**  
**Saturday 13 to Sunday 28 April  
10am-5pm**
Pick up your seasonal explorer pack from the Visitor Centre Shop and your exploration around the Country Park and Gardens begins.
**£1.50 per pack**

**Maypole Monday**  
**Monday 6 May 1pm-4pm**
Maypole and country dancing demonstrations on the hall’s rear lawn. Come and have a go yourself! Dancing at 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm. Organised by the Friends of Oakwell Hall with music from the Leeds Waits.
**Free**
**Events**

**Bush Baby Walks**
Tuesdays 10-11.30am
28 May, 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August
Fun environmental themed activities for the under 5s including storytelling, crafts and games. Children must be accompanied.
£5 per child, including juice drink.
Booking essential.

**Spring Bank Adventure Trail**
Saturday 25 May to Sunday 2 June
10am-5pm
Pick up your pack from the Visitor Centre shop and take a spring time adventure around Oakwell Hall Country Park.
£1.50 per pack

**Classic Car Rally & Craft Fair**
Sunday 2 June 11am - 4.30pm
Organised by the Yorkshire Rover Club, this free event on the front lawn of the Hall features classic cars of all makes and models. Make a day of it and also enjoy an artisan craft fair in the Barn, showcasing our local makers.
Free entry
**Livefields Festival 2019**
Saturday 13 July 2.30pm-11pm
Tribute music festival featuring bands including: The Clone Roses, Definitely Mightbe, Antarctic Monkeys, These Smiths and Acoustic Skadom.
£20 plus booking fee, tickets available online from www.livefields.co.uk, skiddle and ticketmaster

**Summer Explorers Trail**
Saturday 20 July to Sunday 1 September 10am-5pm
Pick up your seasonal explorer pack from the Visitor Centre Shop to start your adventure. Add new activities to your pack each week that you visit both Oakwell and Bagshaw Museum.
£4 per pack then £1 for additional elements.

**Chapterhouse Theatre in the Walled Garden:**

**The Secret Garden**
Wednesday 26 June 7pm
(doors open from 6pm)
Chapterhouse Theatre Company stage this classic children’s story in the walled gardens of our Elizabethan Hall.
Please bring your own picnic and seating but no tables. Refreshments will be available during the interval. £15 per adult, £12 for senior citizens, £10 for children and students and family tickets £46.

**Wuthering Heights**
Wednesday 31 July 7.30pm
(doors open from 6.30pm)
Chapterhouse Theatre Company bring Emily Brontë’s classic novel to life in the walled gardens.
**Fun Dog Show**

**Sunday 1 September 11am-4pm**

Annual event organised by Yorkshire Rose Dog Rescue, a local charity committed to rescuing and re-homing unwanted dogs.

For more information or to volunteer email info@yrdr.co.uk or see www.yrdr.co.uk

Dog show entries possible on the day.

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**Heritage Open Weekend**

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September 12noon-4pm**

Enjoy free entry into Oakwell Hall over this national celebration of Britain’s rich and diverse heritage.

Free

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**Heritage Craft Afternoon**

**Wednesday 18 September 12noon-4pm**

Come and see traditional crafts being demonstrated in the Hall. Enjoy free entry to the Hall as part of Heritage Open Days 2019.

Free
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**Health Walks**
Every Tuesday, meeting at 1.30pm in the Visitor Centre Courtyard.
A gentle walk around the park lasting no more than one hour.
No need to book, just come along.

**Nordic Walking**
Every Wednesday, meeting at 10.30am in the Visitor Centre Courtyard
A more challenging walk using Nordic Walking poles.
No need to book, just come along.

**parkrun**
Every Saturday at 9am
A 5km run around the park for all abilities.
For more information and to register a place visit www.parkrun.org.uk/oakwellhall

**Kirkwood Hospice Colour Rush**
Sunday 8 September 9am-3pm
Walk, skip or dance your way around this family friendly 5k course with a difference. You’ll start in white but will be covered from head to toe in brightly coloured powder paint by the end. With live entertainment, it’s a great day out for all.
Details including how to enter at www.kirkwoodhospice.co.uk/how-you-can-help/events/colour-rush

**Run for Jo and Family Fun Day**
Sunday 23 June 9.30am-4pm
Join us at this special event in honour of Jo Cox MP. All money raised will go to the Jo Cox Foundation and includes an afternoon full of music, food and festivities.
Race entries via RaceBest www.racebest.com/races/c58yk
Tolson Museum
& Ravensknowle Park

Wakefield Road, Huddersfield HD5 8DJ
Tel: 01484 223240
Email: tolsomuseum@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

World class collections paint a vivid and intriguing picture of the area and its people. Amazing objects chart Huddersfield’s history from the Iron Age and the Romans, to the boom in the textile industry. See carriages, bicycles and the rare Valveless and LSD cars as well as ancient plant fossils and the remains of strange marine reptiles. Don’t miss our World War I and Suffragist exhibitions and the taxidermy ‘half animals’, including our mascot, the infamous Tolson Half Pig.

Park and playground. Gift Shop and Café Curio.

Summer Opening times:
1 April to 30 August
Tuesdays to Thursdays 11am-5pm
Saturdays & Sundays 12 noon-5pm
1 September to 30 September
Saturdays & Sundays 12 noon-5pm

Please contact us for Easter and Bank Holiday opening times. Available at other times for pre-booked groups, room hire and school visits.
**EXHIBITIONS**

**Our Fight for the Voting Right!**
**Throughout 2019**
Explore the stories of the suffragettes and suffragists of Kirklees, from the mill cottages of Batley to the grand houses of Honley. Find out more about the local history of suffrage at www.womenssuffrageinkirklees.blogspot.com
Free entry. Accessible by stairs only.

**‘A Woman’s Work is Never Done’**
**Opening 23 July**
Our new photographic exhibition explores the working lives of women from across West Yorkshire during the 19th and early 20th centuries. From rag sorters to bomb makers, discover the limitations placed on women’s work and the opportunities created by the First World War.
This exhibition draws extensively from the Kirklees Image Archive, our digitised collection of over 60,000 images: www.kirkleesimages.org.uk
Part of ‘We Are West Yorkshire’ exhibitions project
Free entry. Accessible by stairs only.

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**EVENTS**

**Tea & Cake with ‘Friends of Tolson & Ravensknowle’**
**Second Wednesday of each month**
2pm - 3.30pm
Come and join our friendly groups:

- **10 April:** Local War Memorials
- **8 May:** The British Red Cross
- **12 June:** Summer outing
- **10 July:** The work of the PDSA
- **14 August:** Joint meeting with the Croquet Club
- **11 September:** Dry Stone Walling

Free, with a collection for the Friends group
**EVENTS**

**SCRAPtastic Easter Crafts**
Wednesday 17 April
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Join fairandfunky for Easter crafts using recycled materials.
£3.50 per child

**Guided Tours**
Sundays 1pm & 2.30pm
21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July, 18 Aug
Join our volunteer guides for a fascinating tour of Tolson Museum, where you will discover more about the people who once lived and worked here. Tours last approximately 40 minutes and are family friendly.
Free, book on the day at the reception desk

**Easter Egg Hunt**
Sunday 21 April 1pm-3pm
Join the Friends of Tolson & Ravensknowle to find the Easter Eggs hidden around the museum and solve the clues to claim your own chocolate egg.
£1 per child.

**Dollyshot Pop up Picturehouse presents: ‘The Favourite’**
Sunday 19 May 1pm
A screening of the critically acclaimed period drama, featuring Oscar award winning performance from Olivia Colman as Queen Anne.
For more information and tickets, visit: www.dollyshotpopuppicturehouse.com
Music in the Garden

There are some seats in the Heritage Memorial Garden but do bring your own if you can. Refreshments are served before the event and during the interval.
Free, with a collection at the end of the performances

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Honley Sax Choir
Sunday 12 May 2pm-4pm
Come along to an afternoon of music from a community music group of adult players, most of whom started learning the sax in their adult life.

Emley Brass Band
Sunday 14 July 2pm-4pm
Award winning Emley Brass Band will entertain with a programme of popular brass band music.

New Orleans Wiggle Band
Sunday 18 August 2pm-4pm
A local six piece jazz band playing old time music from New Orleans. They have an entertaining programme of vocals, jazz, blues, spirituals and swing.
**EVENTS**

**Ravensknowle Gala**
Sunday 30 June 12 noon-7pm
Enjoy stalls, entertainment, music and rides in the park at the annual Ravensknowle Gala. Museum open until 5pm, with refreshments for sale.
Free entry, some attractions may charge a fee.

**Summer Holiday Activity Days**
Wednesdays 31 July & 14 August
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Come along and try a range of activities and crafts linked to Huddersfield’s transport and architecture. We will be making balloon powered cars, building bridges, crafting our own vehicles and more!
£2 per child.

**SCRAPtastic Summer Crafts**
Wednesday 7 August
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
Join fairandfunky for some summer crafts using recycled materials.
£3.50 per child
**Junior parkrun**  
Every Sunday 9am  
Junior parkrun is a 2k run for children aged between 4 and 14. They are open to all, free, and are safe and easy to take part in. Followed by refreshments in the Bowling Green Hut.

For more information and to register a place visit: www.parkrun.org.uk/tolson-juniors

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**Motorbike Show**  
Sunday 8 September 11am-4pm  
Come and see a wide range of new, classic and heritage motorbikes on show in the park, plus stalls and refreshments. Organised by the Friends of Tolson & Ravensknowle.  
Free

**Mikron Theatre: All Hands on Deck**  
Saturday 14 September  
New WRNS recruits Ginger and Lily, are looking for wartime adventure. Lily wants to serve on dry land but Ginger is desperate to serve at sea and they find themselves in uncharted waters on a journey they’ll never forget.  
There are some seats in the garden but do bring your own if you can. Refreshments are served before the event and during the interval.  
Free, with a collection at the end of the performance.

**Heritage Open Days Tour**  
Sunday 15 September  
1-1.45pm & 2.30-3.15pm  
Join our volunteer guides for a fascinating tour focusing on ‘People Power’; the men and women who have shaped the history of Ravensknowle Park and Tolson Museum. Tours last approximately 40 minutes and are family friendly.  
Free. Book on the day at the reception desk.

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**Active Tolson**
Castle Hill & Victoria Tower

Castle Hill, Almondbury, Huddersfield HD4 6TA
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www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

Enjoy spectacular views from Castle Hill, a scheduled Ancient Monument. Human activity there stretches back over 4,000 years. Originally an Iron Age hill fort, before a castle was built in the Middle Ages. Victoria Tower was constructed to commemorate Queen Victoria’s 1897 Diamond Jubilee.

Victoria Tower Opening Hours:
Every Saturday & Sunday: 13 April to 20 October 12noon-4.30pm
Easter Holidays: 13 to 28 April 12noon-4.30pm
May Day Bank Holiday: 6 May 12noon-4.30pm
Spring Bank Holidays: 25 May to 2 June 12noon-4.30pm
Summer Holidays: 20 July to 1 September 12noon-4.30pm

Admission charges to Victoria Tower:

No camping, barbeques or fires allowed. Kite buggies are discouraged. Kites must not be used in high winds. Fireworks, sky lantern and helium balloons are prohibited. Fixed penalties are in place not exceeding £75.
**WALKS**

For all the walks you will need good footwear, warm clothing & waterproofs. There will be some slopes, rough terrain and a number of step-over stiles on all the walks. Meet on the top car park on Castle Hill. Sorry, no dogs except assistance dogs. All children must be accompanied. Booking is essential. For more details about any of the walks or events please contact Julian Brown on 07870 570914

**Nordic Walking Sessions**
4 & 16 April, 2, 16 & 30 May, 13 & 27 June, 11 & 25 July, 8 & 22 Aug, 5 & 19 Sept 10.30am
Nordic Walking is one of the most sociable and effective exercise techniques around. It is suitable for everyone and includes free loan of Nordic poles.
**Free**

**Castle Hill Health Walks**
16 April, 7 & 28 May, 18 June, 9 & 30 July, 20 August, 10 September 11am
Walking is a great way to get more active whilst enjoying the outdoors! These walks will be every third Tuesday and the options will include Level 2, 3 and health walk plus, then down to Ambry’s Community Café, Almondbury afterwards. Please wear supportive footwear. Meet Darren at Victoria Tower. For more information contact Darren on 07827927585
**Free**

**Spring Time Magic Walk**
Tuesday 7 May 1pm-4pm
Spring has truly arrived so what better way to join the Castle Hill Ranger on a moderate 6 mile walk around this magical place of the ancients to experience in all its wonder.
**Free**

**Walking with the First Harvest**
Friday 2 August 1pm-4pm
Join the Castle Hill Ranger on a 6 mile walk to celebrate the arrival of Lughnasadh (pronounced loo’nass’ah) which is traditionally one of the first harvest festivals and is connected with the reaping of first corn and celebrating Mother Earth and the abundance of nature.
**Free**

**Autumn Begins Walk**
Monday 23 September 10am-1pm
Join the Castle Hill Ranger for a 6 mile walk from Castle Hill to meet the arrival of autumn and enjoy the magnificent views and nature’s autumnal colours.
**Free**

**EVENTS**

**Castle Hill Litter Pick Days**
12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 16 August, 20 September 10am-12pm
Open to anyone who wishes to come along and help litter pick on Castle Hill and make this Local Nature Reserve once again fit for wildlife and visitors to enjoy! Gloves, litter pickers, bags and refreshments will be provided on the day.
**Free**

**BioBlitz Days:**
- **The Castle Hill Dawn Chorus**
  Wednesday 17 April 5.45am-7am
- **The Mini Beast Hunt**
  Wednesday 21 August 1pm-4pm
- **Castle Hill Bat Walk**
  Saturday 21 September 6.30pm-8pm
Join us to help record the birds, bats and insects living on Castle Hill. We are finding out what is living on the monument to help us understand and better manage this special place.
Booking is advisable. Please contact Julian on 07870 570914 for details

**Heritage Open Days**
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 September 12noon-4.30 pm
Working in partnership with Historic England we once again celebrate our fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to Victoria Tower.
**Free**

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Huddersfield Art Gallery

Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield HD1 2SU
Tel: 01484 221964
Email: info.galleries@kirklees.gov.uk
www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

See a selection of stunning paintings and sculptures by internationally renowned artists including L.S. Lowry, Stanley Spencer and Henry Moore alongside work by some of the most significant British artists of the twentieth century.

There’s an innovative programme of temporary exhibitions and inspiring events and activities for all ages. Located in Huddersfield town centre on the top floor of the Library, it couldn’t be easier to visit.

Gallery 6: Yorkshire Makers is an exciting craft space, which promotes great Yorkshire craft and design for sale, with handcrafted jewellery, prints, textiles and ceramics by makers from across the region.

Opening times:
Tuesdays to Saturdays 11am - 4pm
Closed on Bank Holidays, please contact us for details.
Admission free
Exhibitions

Leeds Fine Artists: Showcase 2019
16 February until 11 May
Established in 1874, Leeds Fine Artists is one of the oldest and most prestigious regional arts organisations in the North of England. This exhibition showcases artworks by current members.

David Blackburn MBE: Works from the Studio Estate
2 March until 1 June
This unmissable new exhibition, twenty five years after David Blackburn’s memorable retrospective at Huddersfield Art Gallery, presents the opportunity to see a large body of work from the late visionary landscape artist’s studio estate on display in his home town of Huddersfield. In partnership with Messum’s and co-curated by Blackburn’s protégé and friend Maxwell Doig, discover the intensity of the artist Sir Kenneth Clark described as, ‘a painter of metamorphosis.’

Huddersfield Photo Imaging Club Annual Exhibition
29 June to 31 August
Photographic works by club members in print and digital image form.
**EXHIBITIONS**

**Royal Society of Sculptors: Conversations in Sculpture**  
6 July to 28 September  
A rare opportunity to explore northern contemporary sculpture in this exhibition by members of the Royal Society of Sculptors based in the North and Midlands. The work shown will reflect a diverse range of methods, visual and conceptual concerns.  
The exhibition invites its audience to look beyond traditional themes and histories and consider new narratives and relationships. It will also provide opportunities to look at new forms of practice alongside more familiar processes.

**Huddersfield Art Society**  
14 September to 26 October  
This well-established art society return for the 123rd annual exhibition, presenting a vibrant and varied exhibition of artworks, most are for sale.

**EVENTS**

**Mindful Art**  
Fridays 5 April, 3 May & 14 June  
12.30pm-1pm  
Join us for our free Mindful Art Session, using mindfulness techniques to explore an artwork at the gallery. Suitable for adults, no experience of Mindfulness is necessary. This is a great way to take time out in an inspiring setting.  
Free
**Mindful Drawing Workshops**  
**Saturdays 6 April, 4 May & 1 June**  
**11am-1pm**  
Join artist Maggie O’Keefe for a mindful approach to drawing inspired by the artwork on display at the gallery. Suitable for adults, no experience necessary.  
£10 per person including materials. Book via Eventbrite

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**Saturday SCRAPtastic**  
**Saturday 13 April**  
**11am-1pm**  
Join fairandfunky at the gallery for recycling crafts for all the family! Suitable for children aged 3 - 12 years. Parents are expected to stay with their children as they craft.  
£3.50 per crafter

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**Drop in family art days**  
**Thursdays 7 & 21 August**  
**1pm-3pm**  
Be creative and try out something new at our drop-in art and craft sessions, something a little different to spark the interests of both parents and children.  
£2 per child

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**Painting of the Month talks**  
**First Saturday of the month**  
**1pm**  
Join Simon Poë (art historian and member of the Huddersfield Art Gallery team) to look at a painting in depth.  
Free
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