

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Corsham Memorials Walk

This easy, 3-mile, circular walk will visit many of the locations in Corsham associated with the First and Second World Wars, including Corsham Town Hall, the war memorials and St Bartholomew's Church. The Thursday Café at the church will be open from 10am - 12pm.

Where: Start/Finish – Corsham Town Hall, High Street, Corsham SN13 0EZ

Time: 9 - 11am approx

Booking: Pre-booking required – see Booking Info

Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses and Schoolroom

See Saturday 12 September for details.

Monks Chapel

See Tuesday 15 September for details.

St Bartholomew's Church

See Saturday 12 September for details.
Refreshments are available from 10am - 12pm today.

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

St Bartholomew's Church – The Military Memorials

Discover the bravery, commitment and sacrifice of the men who are commemorated on the church walls, on the WW1 memorial and in the churchyard. The afternoon will start with a 45-minute talk on the stories behind the memorials, followed by a self-guided tour.

 greatercorshamchurches.org.uk

Where: St Bartholomew's, Church Square, Church Street, Corsham SN13 0BY

Time: 2 - 4pm approx

Booking: Pre-booking required – see Booking Info

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses and Schoolroom

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Monks Chapel

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St Bartholomew's Church

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SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses and Schoolroom

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AND THERE'S MORE...

As well as **St Bartholomew's Church**, you can also visit the churches of **St John the Baptist in Gastard** and **St Philip and St James in Neston**.

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For walkers, there are eight **Heritage Trails**, of varying distances, that provide a series of waymarked, informed walks centred on Corsham and connected to Biddestone, Box and Colerne. The trails explain the area's industrial heritage, covering quarrying, milling and the military. All eight trail maps are free to download, or free printed copies are available at various locations, including at the Town Hall and the Tourist Information Centre, both on the High Street.

corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk/heritage-trails

Visitors to Corsham can enjoy a walk along the town's heritage High Street, with its wide range of award-winning independent shops and great places to eat and drink. Head to corsham.gov.uk or visit-corsham.co.uk for more information.

You can also enjoy **Stories of the High Street**: the tales behind the businesses and the people who own them. Participating stores have QR codes to scan in the windows or go to corsham.gov.uk/corsham-stories/stories-of-the-high-street

Plus, new for 2026: **Hartham Park's History Walk**. With its signed markers, the walk takes in many of the highlights of the 50-acre Hartham Estate (Hartham Lane, SN13 0RP) and is suitable for all ages and abilities. Pick up a map from the Forge and Pheasant restaurant in the main house or download one from harthamparkestate.co.uk



heritage **open** days

Corsham

11-20 September 2026



Celebrate England's largest festival of history and culture in Corsham!

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. There are displays, walks, tours and more to enjoy – and they are all **FREE**.

This year's theme is **Everyday Histories** so why not discover the stories of the people who have all played their part in Corsham's heritage?

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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

The Sealed Knot Living History Tent

Step back in time with members of The Sealed Knot re-enactment society as they present Sergeant Major General James Carr’s Regiment of Foote, who will be stationed in the gardens of the Almshouses as part of Corsham Street Fair. Discover what life was like during the English Civil War (1642-1651). There will be short talks at 1pm on Weaponry and 3pm on Clothing, with ongoing show and tell, and dressing-up opportunities, throughout the afternoon.

 thesealedknot.org.uk

Where: Corsham Almshouses, Pound Pill, Corsham SN13 9HT
Time: 12 - 4pm **Booking:** No booking required

Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses and Schoolroom

Corsham’s Almshouses, completed in 1668, were built by Lady Margaret Hungerford to house ‘needy people’. The building also included a free school ‘for 10 poor boys’. Today, the site stands almost exactly as it was when it was first built.

The Schoolmaster’s House and the Schoolroom will be available to visit, with a guided tour included, plus the garden with its original walkway designed ‘for the poor people to walk in the dry’. It is a fascinating opportunity to step back in time in one of Corsham’s finest heritage buildings.

 corshamalmshouses.org.uk

Where: Corsham Almshouses, Pound Pill, Corsham SN13 9HT
Time: 12.30 - 3.30pm **Booking:** No booking required

Quarries, Mills and By Brook Walk

This moderate/challenging, 9.5 mile, circular walk will show how the By Brook valley has been shaped through the centuries by the quarrying and mill industries and the people who worked in them. The walk should finish in time to visit the annual Street Fair in Corsham town centre and view the Flemish Weaver cottages.

Where: Start/Finish – Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Road, Corsham SN13 9DN
Time: 9am - 2.30pm approx
Booking: Pre-booking required – see Booking Info

St Bartholomew’s Church

St Bartholomew’s Church is open every day from 9am - 5pm (except when a service is taking place) and will be open for refreshments today, from 12 - 4pm. (Additional talks and tours will also be available this week – see 14, 16 and 18 September.)

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Where: St Bartholomew’s, Church Square, Church Street, Corsham SN13 0BY
Time: 9am - 5pm
Booking: No booking required

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

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MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

St Bartholomew’s Church – Behind the Needle

Come and discover the stories behind St Bartholomew’s kneelers and the women who created them.

 greatercorshamchurches.org.uk

Where: St Bartholomew’s, Church Square, Church Street, Corsham SN13 0BY
Time: 2 - 4pm **Booking:** No booking required

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Monks Chapel

Monks Chapel has remained a dedicated place of Christian worship since it was built by the Quakers in 1662 when Parliament forced ministers to use ‘fixed forms of service’. Vicar Benjamin Flowers refused to accept this and made Corsham a centre for independent worship, with some worshippers walking up to 15 miles to attend.

 monkschapel.com

Where: Monks Chapel, Monk’s Lane, Corsham, SN13 9PH
Time: 12 - 3pm **Booking:** No booking required

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St Bartholomew’s Church

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WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

St Bartholomew’s Church – Guided Tour

Enjoy the opportunity to have a guided tour and hear about the history of St Bartholomew’s. A church has stood on the site since Norman times, with remodelling and renovations through the centuries, particularly in the Victorian era.

 greatercorshamchurches.org.uk

Where: St Bartholomew’s, Church Square, Church Street, Corsham SN13 0BY
Time: 10 - 11am approx
Booking: Pre-booking required – see Booking Info

BOOKING INFORMATION

Pre-booking is essential for:

- Quarries, Mills and By Brook Walk
- St Bartholomew’s Church Guided Tour
- Corsham Memorials Walk
- St Bartholomew’s Church Memorials Talk and Self-Guided Tour

To book your **FREE** space, and for more information on all the events listed, go to heritageopendays.org.uk and ‘search’ the walk or tour you want or call The Pound Box Office on 01249 701628.

PARKING

You can park for **FREE** for up to two hours in Corsham’s public car parks. Weekend visitors to the Almshouses may park – with thanks to the school – at Corsham Primary on Pound Pill (SN13 9YW).

