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OPEN DAYS 2025

3-5 & 10-12 OCTOBER

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Celebrate our Island's heritage.

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Welcome to Isle of Man Heritage Open Days 2025

Welcome to the 16th year of Heritage Open Days.

As the first signs of autumn appear, venues across the Island will be opening their doors for our annual **Heritage Open Days** event, brought to you by Manx National Heritage. This much-loved annual event invites you to explore the Island's rich cultural heritage, free of charge.

Across two inspiring weekends, the Heritage Open Days 2025 festival celebrates the Isle of Man's unique history, culture, and community spirit, with venues and outdoor spaces providing behind-the-scenes access and insights to places that surprise and delight, including venues not normally open to the public.

The diversity of experiences, themes and locations on offer makes Heritage Open Days a truly special occasion in the annual calendar. Whether you are a resident or a visitor, a history enthusiast rediscovering a hidden gem, someone curious about the places and spaces you pass by on a daily basis or are simply looking for a unique way to spend a weekend, there's something for everyone in this year's programme.

You can discover how the west coast was protected in Viking times; visit the Susie Cooper Museum and Archive; join guided themed walks and outdoor tours; learn more about the Isle of Man's extraordinary collection of treasures; encounter a raucous Christmas celebration; or perhaps take tea in the splendid surroundings of the Barrovian Hall at King William's College.

Manx National Heritage are proud to fund and co-ordinate this popular annual programme of heritage events. Now in its 16th year, the festival thrives thanks to the generosity of organisations, individuals, and community groups who open their doors and share the Island's rich heritage.

We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated support of inspiring contributors and volunteers who give their time and expertise - and to you for participating in this special event.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the events on offer at Heritage Open Days 2025.

Connie Lovel
Chief Executive, Manx National Heritage



How to Book

Tickets for Heritage Open Days 2025 events are available via the Manx National Heritage website. To book please go to our website: **manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/detail/heritage-open-days-2025**

Bookings open on Thursday 18th September at noon, and we recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment.

If your preferred event is fully booked, please follow the instructions to join the waitlist. You will be advised if any tickets become available on a first come first served basis.

You will receive confirmation of your reservation plus any further information or updates via the email address which you registered at the time of booking.

Please remember to check your spam folder too. If you have booked tickets and can no longer attend, please cancel by following the instructions on your ticket confirmation email. Please be aware that numbers for events are limited and there are other visitors who would love to go in your place. The sooner you make your cancellation the sooner we can reassign your ticket to someone else. Thank you.

For additional assistance booking tickets or further information about the events, please contact Heritage Open Days Enquiries where you can leave a message.

Telephone **+44 (0) 1624 648091** or email **heritageopendays@mnh.im**

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you at Heritage Open Days 2025.

Helpful Information



Outdoor Events

For outdoor events please look for this icon.



Guided Tours

Please note that our guided tours usually involve standing and/or walking some distance. To help you decide which events might suit you best, we have highlighted guided walks that involve walking some considerable distance or over rough terrain. For all walking tours please wear sensible footwear and appropriate clothing. Bring snacks and water if required.



Accessibility

Events indicated with this symbol have been assessed as fully accessible for participants using wheelchairs or mobility aids. Other events and tours may be partially accessible or accessible with assistance. Please note not all participating venues have accessible toilets.



Dogs

Unless specified with this symbol, only registered assistance dogs are permitted at Heritage Open Days events.



Open House

The Open House icon indicates that there is no need to book for this event and guests can arrive without the need for a reservation within times listed.



Young Children

Most of our events are suitable for families with primary aged children or those with a passion for history. We have highlighted certain events that we feel are suitable for families with younger children.

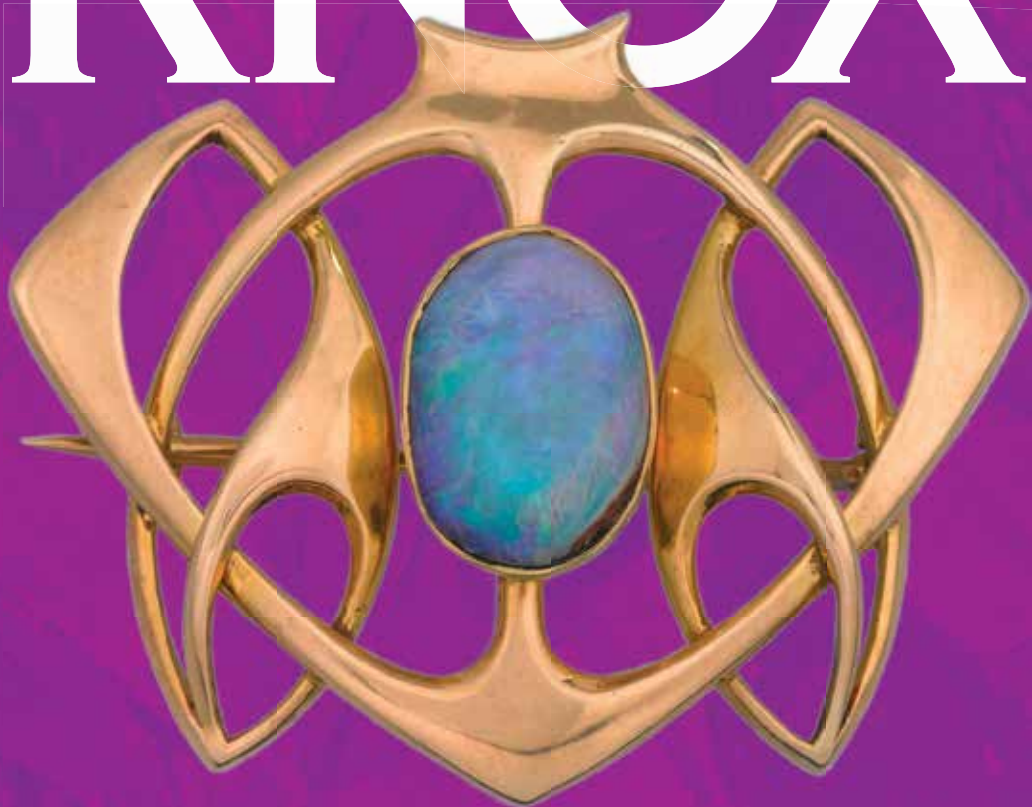


Refreshments

The refreshments icon shows that light refreshments such as tea, coffee, cake and biscuits will be available to purchase at events.

Participants take part in Isle of Man Heritage Open Days at their own risk. Many events take place in historic buildings with uneven floor surfaces or in the countryside. For additional assistance deciding if an event is suitable for your needs, please phone the Heritage Open Days Enquiry line on **+44 (0) 1624 648091** or email **heritageopendays@mnh.im**

KNOX



ORDER & BEAUTY

Celebrating the extraordinary legacy of Manx designer and artist Archibald Knox, whilst exploring how the Isle of Man's unique cultural heritage inspired his work.

Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man

5 April 2025 - 1 March 2026

Admission free - Donations welcome

The
Archibald Knox
Forum

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Maughold Head by Robert Creer, 1890

Events at a Glance

Events in the North		Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
1	Christ Church Dhoon - The Heritage of the Mountain Third of Maughold Parish		✓				
2	Blue Badge Guides - Guided Walk in the Mountain Third of Maughold Parish		✓				
3	Knocke-Dhooney - Ice Age to the Vikings		✓		✓		✓
4	Kirk Maughold - How Manuscripts, Linguistics and Archaeology help us identify the Island's Patron Saint	✓					
5	Kirk Maughold - End Times: Changing Interpretation reveals more about the Maughold Crosses and their Creation		✓				
6	Kirk Maughold - Storms, Stones and Stories			✓	✓		
7	Kirk Maughold - Churchyard Tour of Kirk Maughold					✓	
8	Leonard McCombe's Killabrega Revisited			✓			✓
9	Ballaugh Heritage Trust - 20 Years of Ballaugh Heritage Trust						✓
10	Kirk Maughold - A Raucous Oie'll Verrey and Four Victorian giants						✓

Events in the South		Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
11	Rushen Heritage Trust – Edward Ashton Cannell: A Manxman and his Art	✓	✓		✓	✓	
12	Watch and Ward, Coastal Defence, and the Manx Rebellion - Fort Island	✓			✓		
13	Guided Tour of King William's College		✓				
14	Behind the Scenes at the Manx National Heritage Large Object Store					✓	

Events in the East		Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
15	Clerk of Tynwald's Office - Tynwald in Ten	✓			✓		
16	Public Record Office - Explore Your National Archives Guided Tour	✓	✓		✓		
17	Public Record Office - Explore Your Archives Exhibition	✓	✓		✓		
18	Guided Tour of KNOX: Order & Beauty Exhibition at the Manx Museum	✓			✓		
19	What's in our Drawers? Natural History Collections at the Manx Museum	✓			✓		
20	Six Decades - Explore the Isle of Man Arts Council Loan Collection	✓					
21	Guided Tour of Government House	✓			✓		
22	National Treasures - 4,000 Years of Fantastic Finds from the Isle of Man	✓					
23	The Susie Cooper Museum & Archive, Douglas - Guided Tour	✓		✓			
24	Douglas City Council - Recycling Centre Tour		✓	✓			
25	Guided Tour of Douglas Bridge Control Building		✓				
26	Manx Bible 250th Anniversary Seminar and Manuscript Viewing at the iMuseum		✓				
27	The Friends of Onchan's Heritage - Molly Corrooin's Cottage		✓	✓		✓	✓
28	Explore the Isle of Man Family History Society Library		✓			✓	
29	Guided Tours of the Manx Electric Railway's Derby Castle Sheds and Workshop			✓			
30	Great Walls of Laxey Guided Walk			✓			
31	Okell's Brewery - 175 Years Brewery Tour			✓			
32	Heron & Brearley - Quayside Pub Walk to Celebrate Okell's 175th Anniversary			✓			
33	Behind the Scenes Tour Paper Conservation at the Manx Museum				✓		
34	Guided tour of Manx National Heritage's Art Store at the Manx Museum				✓		
35	Douglas City Council - Behind the Doors at Douglas City Hall Guided Tour					✓	
36	Douglas City Council - Behind the Doors at Douglas City Hall Open House					✓	

Events in the East (cont)		Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
37	Culture Vannin - Gallons of Tea & Fairy Song: A Walk through Ballaragh					✓	
38	Guided Tours of the Manx Electric Railway's Laxey Tram Shed and Former Substation						✓
39	St Thomas' Church Guided Tour						✓

Events in the West		Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
40	Leonard McCombe - Through the Lens of War at the House of Manannan	✓					
41	Watch and Ward, Coastal Defence, and the Manx Rebellion - Peel		✓			✓	
42	Michael Church - 190 Years in 60 Minutes		✓				
43	Sneak and Peak - The Hidden Art of Peel		✓				
44	Transatlantic Slave Trade Walk in Peel		✓				
45	Dalby Church - Harvest Celebration with Heritage Exhibition		✓	✓			
46	Dalby Church - Harvest Home Concert-Service			✓			
47	Harvest & Heritage at St John's Methodist Church						✓
48	Michael Heritage - Michael - Past and Present Exhibition					✓	✓



Donations

All events are free to attend, with donations to Manx National Heritage welcome. You will find donation points at most events or you can scan the QR code on the back of the programme to donate directly.

Thank you for your support. Every donation is greatly appreciated and helps to protect our heritage for future generations.

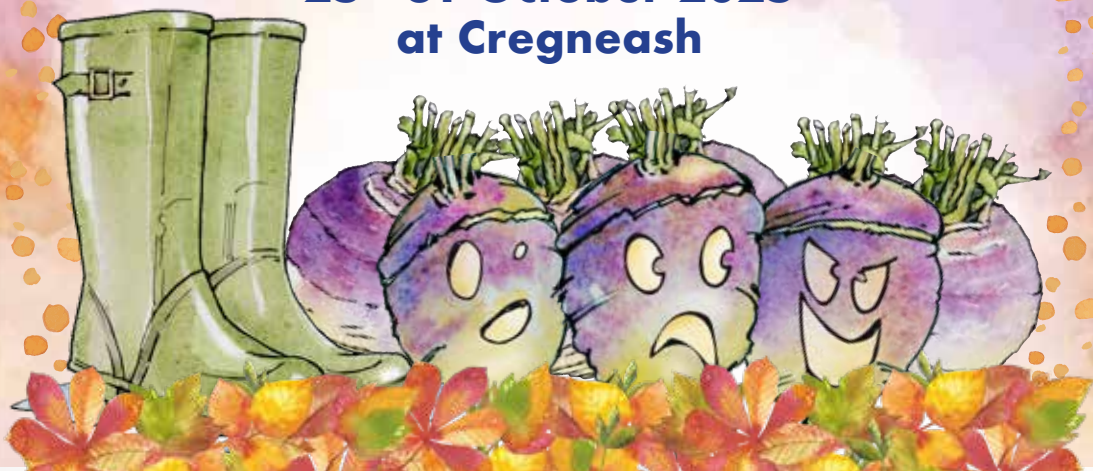


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25 - 31 October 2025

at Cregneash



CHRISTMAS AT THE GROVE

6 & 7 December 2025

10am - 3pm



Discover what's on and plan your next day out at
manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on or follow us on social media.

Event Details



1. Christ Church Dhoon - The Heritage of the Mountain Third of Maughold Parish

Saturday 4 October, 10am - 12.30pm

Visit Dhoon Church hall and Church, in Glen Mona, to explore an informative exhibition about life in the topside of Maughold Parish. Both buildings will be open for a skeet and cappan dy hey (for a look around and a cuppa tea). Bring your memories to share.



2. Blue Badge Guides - Guided Walk in the Mountain Third of Maughold Parish

Saturday 4 October, 2pm

Walk Approx. 2 - 3 hours

Join Blue Badge Guide Marinda Fargher for a guided walk in the Mountain Third of Maughold via the Lhaggan (18th century school) to Cashtal yn Ard (Neolithic burial site) and Ballaglass (19th century mines).



3. Knock-e-Dhooney - Ice Age to the Vikings

Saturday 4 October, 2pm

Friday 10 October, 2pm

Sunday 12 October, 2pm

Walk Approx. 2 hours

Join Dave Martin, Manx National Heritage Vice-Chairman, for a walk around parts of Knock-e-Dhooney Farm. You will have the opportunity to look at the effects of glaciation, the Keeill and the famous Viking ship burial.



4. Kirk Maughold - How Manuscripts, Linguistics and Archaeology help us identify the Island's Patron Saint

Friday 3 October, 2.30pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Join Ian Faulds for an illustrated presentation and tour on how the story of St Maughold developed from relatively humble beginnings in Ireland to mainstream medieval manuscripts in Europe.



5. Kirk Maughold - End Times: Changing Interpretation reveals more about the Maughold Crosses and their Creation

Saturday 4 October, 2.30pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Join Ian Faulds for an illustrated talk and tour. The little-known Habakkuk motif that appears on Manx crosses not only indicates the importance of religious imagery but may also provide a means of dating associated work.



6. Kirk Maughold - Storms, Stones and Stories: Illustrated Presentation and Tour on Medieval Pilgrimage

Sunday 5 October, 2.30pm

Friday 10 October, 2.30pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Join Ian Faulds for an illustrated presentation and tour on how the story of St Maughold developed over time to encourage widespread medieval pilgrimage.



For full up-to-date information visit:

manxnationalheritage.im/whats-on/detail/heritage-open-days-2025

7. Kirk Maughold - Churchyard Tour of Kirk Maughold

Saturday 11 October, 2.30pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Discover the heritage of Kirk Maughold ancient churchyard with Blue Badge guide, Marinda Fargher.



8. Leonard McCombe - Killabrega Revisited

Sunday 5 October, 2pm

Sunday 12 October, 2pm

Walk Approx. 2.5 hours

Join Patricia Newton for a walking tour to explore Killabrega. Walking on forest tracks and fields, discover the history and changing landscape of Killabrega and its surroundings as you revisit the images of Manx photographer Leonard McCombe, uncovering the information they reveal.



9. Ballaugh Heritage Trust - 20 Years of Ballaugh Heritage Trust

Sunday 12 October, 11am - 3pm

An exhibition to celebrate the Trust's work over the last 20 years. The exhibition will take place in Ballaugh Railways Goods Shed, Station Road, Ballaugh. Please wear sensible footwear and warm clothing.

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10. Kirk Maughold - A Raucous Oie'll Verrey and four Victorian giants

Sunday 12 October, 2.30pm

Tour approx. 1 hour

Illustrated presentation on four Victorian giants - Hall Caine, Archibald Knox, PMC Kermode and Armitage Rigby - who help us step back in time to encounter a raucous Christmas celebration, real Manx characters and the beginnings of heritage preservation. The talk includes an optional visit to the graves.



11. Rushen Heritage Trust - Edward Ashton Cannell: A Manxman and his Art

Friday 3 October, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 4 October, 10am - 4pm

Friday 10 October, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 11 October, 10am - 4pm

Come and explore the final exhibition of the season at Rushen Heritage Centre, reflecting on the life and artwork of Edward Ashton Cannell (1927 - 1994), a remarkable but almost forgotten watercolour artist born in Port Erin, and one of Britain's last traditional landscape painters. The exhibition is at Rushen Heritage Centre, 1 Bridson Street, Port Erin.

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12. Watch and Ward, Coastal Defence and the Manx Rebellion - Fort Island

Friday 3 October, 2pm

Friday 10 October, 2pm

Talk Approx. 1 hour

Join Manx National Heritage archaeologist Andy Johnson for an insightful exploration of Derby Fort, uncovering anxious Vikings, coastal cannons, and the climax of the Manx Rebellion in 1651. This guided tour provides exclusive access inside Derby Fort and sheds light on its historical significance.



13. Guided Tour of King William's College

Saturday 4 October, 2.30pm

Tour Approx. 2 hrs

Join Mike Hoy on a guided tour of King William's College and the Chapel of St Thomas with tea in the Barrovian Hall. The tour will begin outside on the South Front playing fields and then take in the King's Court, the Barrovian Hall, the libraries, the King's Court Theatre, and the Chapel of St Thomas.



14. Behind the Scenes at the Manx National Heritage Large Object Store

Saturday 11 October, 10.30am

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Join Manx National Heritage curator Katie King for a guided tour exploring some of the larger social history objects from the national collection. Uncover the stories behind these often ordinary yet fascinating objects, and gain deeper insight into the rich collections carefully preserved by Manx National Heritage.



15. Clerk of Tynwald's Office - Tynwald in Ten

Friday 3 October, 10am

Friday 10 October, 10am

Tour Approx. 75 minutes

From three-legged boomerangs to a stone of mystery, discover ten unique objects that give an insight into the history and traditions of the Manx parliament.



16. Public Record Office - Explore Your National Archives: Guided Tour

Friday 3 October, 10.30am & 2pm

Saturday 4 October, 10.30am

Friday 10 October, 10.30am & 2pm

Tour Approx. 40 minutes

Go behind the scenes of Isle of Man Public Record Office to explore over 300 years of history through the archives.



17. Public Record Office - Explore Your National Archives: Exhibition

Friday 3 October, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 4 October, 10am - 1pm

Friday 10 October, 10am - 4pm

Explore highlights from the Isle of Man Public Record Office collections through a pop-up exhibition. The exhibition is at the Isle of Man Public Record Office, Unit 40A, Spring Valley Industrial Estate, Braddan, IM2 2QS.

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18. Guided tour of KNOX: Order & Beauty Exhibition - Manx Museum

Friday 3 October, 11am

Friday 10 October, 11am

Tour Approx. 45 minutes

Join Manx National Heritage curator Katie King for a guided tour of the Manx Museum's exhibition celebrating the life and work of Manx designer and artist Archibald Knox. The tour will highlight key artefacts on display, providing insights into the curation behind the exhibition along the way.



19. What's in our drawers? Natural History Collections - Manx Museum

Friday 3 October, 11am

Friday 10 October, 11am

Tour Approx. 1.5 hours

What we have on display is only a fraction of what we have in storage. For natural history, the information the collection holds can help us solve the climate and biodiversity crisis. Join Laura McCoy, Manx National Heritage curator Natural History to look at the vast array of specimens helping us to save our world.



20. Six Decades - Explore the Isle of Man Arts Council Loan Collection

Friday 3 October, 11am & 2pm

Visit Approx. 1 hour

Join the Isle of Man Government's Arts Development Team to explore and celebrate the Isle of Man Arts Council Modern and Contemporary Art Loan Collection. You will learn more about a selection of the artists featured and the history of the collection.



21. Guided Tour of Government House

Friday 3 October, 11am & 2pm

Friday 10 October, 11am & 2pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

A tour of the downstairs State Rooms at Government House, with local historian Mr Peter Kelly MBE CP RBV. Hear about the fascinating history of the House and its residents from the 16th century to the present day. After the tour, there is the opportunity to explore the beautiful grounds and gardens at leisure.



22. National Treasures - 4,000 Years of Fantastic Finds from the Isle of Man

Friday 3 October, 12.15pm

Talk Approx. 45 minutes

A talk at the iMuseum in Douglas by Manx National Heritage curator Allison Fox about the planned exhibition, National Treasures, showcasing the Island's extraordinary collection of treasures, including Viking silver and gold from a thousand years ago and rare four-thousand-year-old Bronze Age jewellery. Hear more about the fascinating stories of their discovery and what they might tell us about the people who left them behind. The talk takes place at the iMuseum, Kingswood Grove, Douglas.

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23. The Susie Cooper Museum & Archive, Douglas - Guided Tour

Friday 3 October, 1pm & 2.30pm

Sunday 5 October, 2pm & 3.30pm

Tour Approx. 45 minutes

Susie Cooper OBE was not only amongst the most influential British Pottery Designers, she was also a commercially successful manufacturer. The Museum celebrates her industrial career from the early 1920's, with examples of both production, prototype and personal design works, right up to the late 1980's. The tour concludes with light refreshments and an opportunity to watch archive film footage detailing the life of Susie Cooper.



24. Douglas City Council - Recycling Centre Tour

Saturday 4 October, 9.30am, 11am,

1pm & 2.30pm

Sunday 5 October, 9.30am, 11am,

1pm & 2.30pm

Tour Approx. 90 minutes

Starting with a few short videos followed by a Q&A session about Refuse and Recycling, ending with a tour of the recycling areas.



25. Guided Tour of Douglas Bridge Control Building

Saturday 4 October, 11am & 2pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Join Charles Guard for a rare opportunity to see the inside of an extraordinary Victorian building. The engine and giant accumulator once provided the power to swing the Douglas Harbour bridge. Installed in 1895 most of the machinery is still in situ.



26. Manx Bible 250th Anniversary Seminar and Manuscript Viewing - iMuseum and Manx Museum Library

Saturday 4 October, 10am - 4.30pm

Attendees can drop in and out for talks.

A day-long seminar to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Manx. With an opportunity to view the Bible manuscript and printed resources. The talks will be given on a broad range of topics surrounding the Manx language version of the Bible, the history of its translation and its use as a resource for learners today. Visitors are welcome in the Manx Museum library to view the display independently. The talks take place at the iMuseum, Kingswood Grove, Douglas.

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27. The Friends of Onchan's Heritage - Molly Corrooin's Cottage

Saturday 4 October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Sunday 5 October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Saturday 11 October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Sunday 12 October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Explore the 300-year-old small traditional cottage near Onchan Parish Church which reflects 19th century living. The last occupier was Molly Corrooin who lived here for 30 years. The cottage is situated at The Butt, Church Road, Onchan, IM3 1BF.

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28. Explore the Isle of Man Family History Society Library

Saturday 4 October, 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 11 October, 2pm - 4pm

Call into the Isle of Man Family History Society Library at the iMuseum on Kingswood Grove, Douglas, to chat to our knowledgeable members, explore the resources and kickstart your family history research.

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29. Guided Tours of the Manx Electric Railway's Derby Castle Sheds and Workshop

Sunday 5 October, 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Tour Approx. 1.5 hours

Each tour will include a brief history of Derby Castle Yard, a look at the different types of trams and trailers and how they are maintained.



30. Great Walls of Laxey - Guided Walk

Sunday 5 October, 11am & 2pm

Walk Approx. 1 hour

Join Charles Guard for a rare opportunity to explore the extraordinary dry stone walls in the Laxey Valley. Built on an enormous scale that no-one has really been able to explain. You will also see the long abandoned remains of the Laxey Wheel's water supply. Access by kind permission of Mrs Pat Jackson.



31. Okell's Brewery - 175 Years Brewery Tour, Douglas

Sunday 5 October, 1pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

An engaging brewery tour to celebrate 175 years of Okell's brewing with Head Brewer, Kevin Holmes. Over 18's only.



32. Heron & Brearley - Quayside Pub Walk to Celebrate Okells 175th Anniversary

Sunday 5 October, 2.30pm

Walk Approx. 1.5 hours

Douglas quayside pub walk with visits to two working cellars including one from the 1750's. Over 18's only.



33. Behind the Scenes Tour - Paper Conservation at the Manx Museum

Friday 10 October, 11am

Tour Approx. 45 minutes

Join Manx National Heritage's Paper Conservator, Emma Le Cornu, for a look behind the scenes at how the Library & Archives collection is cared for. See current treatments in progress, learn how to examine a document and leave with the knowledge of how to care for your own treasured documents and photos at home.



34. Guided Tour of Manx National Heritage's Art Store - Manx Museum

Friday 10 October, 1pm & 2pm

Tour Approx. 45 minutes

Join Manx National Heritage curator Katie King for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Art Store. Explore the fascinating works held in storage and discover more about the expert care and conservation that protects them. Learn about the ongoing digitisation efforts that help safeguard the collection while making it more accessible to a global audience.



35. Douglas City Council - Behind the Doors at Douglas City Hall Guided Tour

Saturday 11 October, 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am

Approx. 45 minutes

The guided tours will lead guests through some of the hidden and lesser known parts of City Hall. These include the original fire station, the drawing room, the former library, the old caretaker's flat, and even the atmospheric basement. It's a chance to hear fascinating stories and discover how the building has served the city over the years.



36. Douglas City Council - Behind the Doors - Douglas City Hall Open House

Saturday 11 October, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Explore the main public spaces of Douglas City Hall - including the Council Chamber, Committee Room, and Mayor's Parlour - and discover the city's civic life and heritage. On display will be the Letters Patent, officially granting city status, presented by HRH Queen Camilla in March 2024. Please meet at Douglas City Hall Reception, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, IM99 1AD

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37. Culture Vannin - Gallons of Tea & Fairy Song: A Walk through Ballaragh

Saturday 11 October, 11am & 1.30pm

Walk Approx. 90 minutes

Ghosts, a plane crash, shipwreck, the devil, Neolithic rock art, fairy parties, a cultural hero, the fear of parachuting Nazis, a Moddey Doo and marauding rowdy youths - Ballaragh's story is a good one. Join James Franklin of Culture Vannin to find out more.



38. Guided Tours of the Manx Electric Railway's Laxey Tram Shed and Former Substation

Sunday 12 October, 11am & 1pm

Tour Approx. 1.5 hours

Each tour will include a look at the passenger and engineering rolling stock housed in the Laxey tram shed and a chance to see the mercury arc rectifiers, now no longer used, in the old substation.



39. St Thomas' Church Guided Tour

Sunday 12 October, 2pm & 3.15pm

Tour Approx. 1 hour

Join Charles Guard for a chance to see John Miller Nicholson's unique murals as well as the amazing mechanisms inside the Island's largest church organ; go underneath the church and see the hidden machinery that once powered this great instrument.



40. Leonard McCombe - Through the Lens of War - House of Manannan

Friday 3 October, 4pm

Talk Approx. 40 minutes.

Join Manx National Heritage curator Matthew Richardson for a visit to this year's VE Day exhibition, for a discussion about Manx photographer Leonard McCombe and his work.



41. Watch and Ward, Coastal Defence, and the Manx Rebellion - Peel

Saturday 4 October, 10am

Saturday 11 October, 10am

Tour Approx 1 hour

Join Manx National Heritage archaeologist Andy Johnson at Peel Castle for a guided tour tracing the history of coastal defence on the west coast - from the Viking era through to the Manx Rebellion of 1651 and beyond. Discover how this iconic fortress played a vital role in protecting the Island across centuries of conflict and change.



42. Michael Church - 190 Years in 60 Minutes

Saturday 4 October, 11am & 2pm
Talk Approx. 1 hour

A short talk by local warden Mike Clague, followed by a guided tour of the present church in its 190th year. The church, designed by John Welch to replace a much smaller building, houses a fine collection of cross-slabs, a marble war memorial designed by Archibald Knox and hand-carved furniture by the local firm established by Daniel Kelly.



43. Sneak & Peak - The Hidden Art of Peel

Saturday 4 October, 11am - 3pm
Allow 60 minutes for a self-guided tour.

What does a joint of meat, a diamond and Christmas have in common? Who is the 'naughtiest' Manx painter from the 19th century? What art was rescued from a bonfire? Come and enjoy a self-guided art tour through Peel, venues include; Peel Town Hall, Derby Road, the Ward Library, Castle Street, and the Leece Museum, Castle Street. There will also be art displays in some of the shops.

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(Ward Library)

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(Leece Museum)



44. Transatlantic Slave Trade Walk in Peel

Saturday 4 October, 2pm
Walk Approx. 2.5 hours

Join Blue Badge Guide Phil Craine for a guided walk through historic Peel, exploring key locations linked to the transatlantic slave trade. Discover the Isle of Man's significant and often overlooked role in this tragic chapter of history - supplying ships, cargoes, captains, and mariners involved in one of the largest forced migrations in human history.



45. Dalby Church - Harvest Celebration with Heritage Exhibition

Saturday 4 October, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday 5 October, 10.30am - 8pm

Church, schoolrooms, and hub will be decorated for Harvest, alongside local heritage farming and history exhibitions. Self-service refreshments and homemade cakes available each day. Please enter via the St James's Church schoolroom door. St James's Church, Dalby Rd, Dalby, Isle of Man.

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46. Dalby Church - Harvest Home Concert Service

Sunday 5 October, 6.30pm
Concert - Approx 1 hour 30 Minutes

Harvest Home Concert Service, Sunday at 6.30pm, with the Lhon Dhoo Male Voice Choir. Harvest Hymns and reflections by local people followed by Dalby tea. Everyone welcome! Please enter via the St James's Church schoolroom door. St James's Church, Dalby Rd, Dalby, Isle of Man.

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47. Harvest & Heritage at St John's Methodist Church

Sunday 12 October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Discover more about the history of St John's Methodist Church, in particular all the changes over the past 50 years. The church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival and there will be refreshments available (and as always cake!). Please meet at St John's Methodist Church, Main Road, St John's.

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48. Michael Heritage - Michael: Past and Present Exhibition

Saturday 11 October, 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12 October, 1pm - 4pm

An exhibition of photographs and objects from the Michael Heritage archives, marking changes in the parish and village. Come and share your memories of people and places! Hot drinks and biscuits available. The exhibition will be held at Michael Community Civic Centre, Main Road, Kirk Michael, IM6 1ER.

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From handpicked Manx treasures to timeless keepsakes, every piece tells a story of our beautiful Island. By choosing to shop Manx, you are not just finding the perfect present, you are helping to keep our heritage alive for generations to come. So wrap up early, shop local, and share the magic of a truly Manx Christmas.

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