# Friday 12th - Sunday 21st September 2025

# Oswestry Heritage Open Days

FREE





Discover Oswestry's history and explore hidden places and stories



## 12-21 September 2025

Heritage Open Days festival is a national celebration of England's heritage offering the public free access to places which are normally closed or have an entrance fee, and events.

This year's theme is architecture - buildings, bridges and beehives - exploring how we've designed and built the world around us. From buildings around us to the wonders of nature's builders - crafting nests and spiderwebs.

There's lots going on in Oswestry with talks, walks, tours, workshops, exhibitions, displays and activities for all the family. The events featured here are just some of what's happening.

Scan for full listing of what's on in Oswestry, or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

If you are interested in visiting other places, just type the location in the search bar.





### **Oswestry Town Museum**

Guildhall, Bailey Head 12-21 Sept, 10am-3pm

Explore the heritage and history of Oswestry and beyond.

Pre-booking not required, just drop in.



### **Tanat Valley Light Railway**

Nant Mawr Visitor Centre, SY10 9HW 12-21 Sept, 10am-3pm

Lots to see and do for all the family at this small heritage railway. Nature walks, quirky railway vehicles, monorail rides and more.



Pre booking not required, just drop in.

### Gilbert and Gordon - The Letter Men update

Oswestry Town Museum, Guildhall, Bailey Head 12-21 Sept, 10am-3pm

The beautiful love story of Gilbert and Gordon told through a collection of queer love letters written during World War II. Hear what has happened since the letters were first discovered and shared by the museum and how Hollywood came calling.



A short Hollywood film that brings their story to life will be shown on 13, 14, 20 & 21 Sept at 2pm.

Pre booking not required, just drop in.



### **History of Melverley church**

St Peter's Church, Church Lane, SY10 8PJ 12-21 Sept, 10am-3pm

Visit St Peter's Church in Melverley, a beautiful 12th Century church on the Welsh border. Open daily throughout the festival. Learn about its fascinating history at an open event on 13 Sept 10am-3pm. Talks on 20 Sept at 11am and 2pm.



Pre booking not required, just drop in.

# Park Hall Military Training Camp and its connections with the world

Oswestry Town Museum, Guildhall, Bailey Head 12-21 Sept, 10am-3pm

A fascinating display looking at the workings of Park Hall Military Training Camp, the soldiers who trained there and their stories.



Pre booking not required, just drop in.

### **Building block challenge**

Oswestry Town Museum, Guildhall, Bailey Head 13, 14, 20 & 21 Sept, 10am-3pm

Building block challenge inspired by the Heritage Open Days theme of architecture. What can you create in 30 minutes?



Pre-booking not required, just drop in.



### Family Fun at Bailey Head

Oswestry Indoor Market & Bailey Head 13 Sept, 10-2pm

Family-friendly activities and storytelling inspired by the theme of Heritage Open Days: Architecture.

Pre-booking not required, just drop by.



### **Exploring Oswestry's Built Heritage**

Attfield Theatre, Guildhall, Bailey Head 13 Sept, 10am-1pm

Talks on architects of Oswestry and plans to restore Llwyd Mansion. There will also be an opportunity to look at some of the collections within the town's archive.



Numbers limited and pre-booking required. Email: samantha.jones@shropshire.gov.uk

### The Present is the History of the Future

Oswestry town centre 13 & 20 Sept, 2-4pm

The pOSsibility Machine team will be roaming the town inviting people to take photos with disposable cameras. The idea is to look at Oswestry's spaces and buildings with new eyes. Together creating a record of Oswestry through the eyes of those who live, work and visit.





### **Cambrian Heritage Railways - Oswestry South Signal Box**

30 Oswald Road, Oswestry, SY11 1RE 13 & 14 Sept, 11am-4pm

The refurbished Grade II listed Oswestry South Signal Box will be open for viewing. There will also be an exhibition in the Station Building.

Pre-booking not required, just drop in.



### **Oswestry Guided Town Tour**

Meet at Oswestry Indoor Market Hall, Bailey Head 13 & 20 Sept, tours at 11am

Guided town tours led by knowledgeable guides. Meet at the Tourist Information Centre located in the indoor market. Details of other self-guided walking tours will be available on the day.



Pre-booking preferred but not essential. To book, email: obt@visitoswestry.co.uk or phone 07536 992588.

### **Llwyd Mansion: Framing the Future Guided Tours**

Meet at Llwyd Mansion, 1-3 Cross Street 17 & 20 Sept, tours at 10am, 11am 12pm and 2pm

Opportunity to see inside Llwyd Mansion and learn about the Framing the Future Project which will restore, repurpose and reopen the Grade I listed timber-framed building in the heart Oswestry.



Pre-booking not required but numbers limited. Priority given to those arriving first.



### **Oswestry Memorial Hall Open Day**

Smithfield Street 20 Sept, 10am-3pm

Oswestry Memorial Hall has been home to community activities and clubs for over 100 years. Find out about the hall's history and plans to celebrate its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2026. Plenty to enjoy with tours, displays, workshops, local makers market and pop-up café.



Drop in event, all welcome.

### **Oswestry Town Museum Finds Day**

Oswestry Town Museum, Guildhall, Bailey Head 21 Sept, 10am-3pm

Always wondered what that strange object is that you dug up. Bring your finds for expert appraisal by the PAS Finds Liaison Officer for Herefordshire and Shropshire.



Pre-booking not required, just drop in.



Heritage Open Days is part of European Heritage Days which recently awarded the team at Love Oswestry a grant to make heritage more inclusive and community driven. This flyer has been produced with a small part of that funding.



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