HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN DEREHAM - FREE ENTRY TO 15 HERITAGE SITES

1. St Nicholas Church Church Street, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DN

Exploring the medieval painted ceilings of 1430 and 1470.
Some areas, usually locked, will be open at the times below:

Fri 12 Sept: Muniments Room, St Withburga's Well & Exhibition 10am-4pm
Sat 13 Sept: Bell tower, Muniments Room, St Withburga's Well & Exhibition: 10am-4pm
Sun 14 Sept: Exhibition: 1pm-4pm
Mon 15 - Thurs 18 Sept: Exhibition: 10am-4pm
Fri 19 Sept: Muniments Room, St Withburga's Well & Exhibition: 10am-4pm
Sat 20 Sept: Bell tower and St Withburga's Well only 10am-4pm. CHURCH CLOSED
Sun 21 Sept: Exhibition: 12-4pm

2. Dereham Assembly Rooms Ruthen Place, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 2TX

An exhibition about Jane Austen and a rare opportunity to look inside this beautiful Georgian building.

Sat 13 Sept: 10am-4pm
Sat 20 Sept: 10am-4pm

3. Dereham Walkers are Welcome Meet at Bishop Bonner's Cottage, Church Street, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DN for a walk around a number of the most significant buildings in the town.

Sat 20 Sept - Prebooking required : Booking opens from 27 Aug 2025 10am
Contact: Ken Hawkins 07561813243. dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net

4. Free vintage bus trips to the Windmill from Cherry Tree Car Park on 13th & 20th.
See notices on the days and the aboutDereham website for details.

5. Dereham Windmill Greenfields Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 3TE

A great example of a C19th Windmill
Fri 12 - Sat 20 Sept: 10am-3pm

6. The Cemetery Chapel Dereham Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 2ET

The Chapel in Dereham Cemetery is not usually open to visitors, but during the HODs weekend, we will be open for you to see inside and to learn a little about the Cemetery and, with an index of burials, perhaps find some ancestors too.

Sat 13 Sept: 11am-3pm

7. Trinity Methodist Church Theatre Street, Dereham, NR19 2ER

Built in 1880, this is a good example of a Victorian Wesley Methodist Chapel. Refreshments will be available.

Sat 13th Sept: 9am - 4pm

8. Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum St. Withburga Lane, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1ED

A little gem of a museum housed in Dereham's oldest domestic building.
Fri 12 Sept: 10am - 1pm
Sat 13 Sept: 10am - 4pm
Fri 19 Sept: 10am - 1pm
Sat 20 Sept: 10am - 4pm

9. Dereham Station Station Road, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1DF

As we mark 200 years of the 'modern' railway and 30 years of the Mid-Norfolk Railway. Trains in action, that old station atmosphere, informative displays, and more... something for everyone.

Sat 13 Sept: 10am - 4pm

10. WWII Pillbox Level Crossing, Norwich Road, Dereham,

A WWII defence pillbox. Opening times and dates to be confirmed.

11. Freemason's Museum Norwich Street, Dereham

Opening times and dates to be confirmed.

12. Cowper Memorial Congregational Church 36 Market Place, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 2AP

The Cowper Memorial Congregational Church, celebrating its 152nd anniversary is a tranquil haven in the centre of town.

Fri 12 Sept: 9.30am -11.30am: Coffee Morning with Organ and Piano backgroundmusic.
Sat 13 Sept: 9.30am -11.30am: Open for viewing
Sun 14 Sept: 10.45am: Traditional Morning Free Church Worship, visitors welcome.
Tues 16 Sept: 9.30am - 11.30am: Open for viewing
Fri 19 Sept: 9.30am - 11.30am: Coffee Morning with Organ and Piano background music
Sun 21 Sept: 11.45am: Harvest Songs of Praise, visitors welcome

13. County School Station North Elmham,Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 5LE

Visit County School Station - the only one on the MNR that was built in the distinctive Great Eastern Railway architectural style. Miniature passenger trains will be operating on the extended Wensum Valley Miniature Railway.

Sun 21 Sept: 10am - 4pm

14. Scarning St Peter and St Paul Church Dereham Road, Scarning, NR19 2PF

There will be displays on local history and about Scarning's famous rector, Dr Augustus Jessopp, who was chaplain to King Edward VII and a renowned author. Also, as 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VJ day and we will have extracts from a book by a local man who was a Far East Prisoner of War.

Sat 13 Sept: 10am - 4pm

15. Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4DR

Discover Norfolk's rural history over 50 acres of glorious countryside, from the traditional working farm to the lives of the residents of the Victorian workhouse originally opened in 1777 as a House of Industry

Sun 21 Sept: 10am - 5pm

16. Brisley Church Street North, Old Whittington, Brisley, Norfolk, NR205AA

Buildings & the families who lived there through time. An Exhibition of some of the oldest properties in Brisley, Norfolk and the stories about people and families who lived there.

Fri 12 Sept: 7pm A talk by Lyn Stilgo - History of Churches in Norfolk.
Fri 12 Sept: 6pm - 9pm
Sat 13 Sept: 10am - 4pm
Sun 14 Sept: 10am - 4pm

Find all the attractions at: https://norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk/ and search for Dereham