

Properties and events in Reigate & Banstead 2023

Here is a quick summary of events, for full details (and to check back for last minute changes) please see www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Heritage Open Days 2023 will be 8-17 September.



Gatton Park Heritage Day

Gatton Park, Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 0TW

Enjoy a guided tour of Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey. Explore the beautiful "Capability" Brown-designed landscape, the Edwardian gardens including the Japanese Garden, and the newly restored Pulhamite Pond in the rock garden. Gatton Park as you see it today was created in the eighteenth century by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, the most famous landscape architect of the time. His distinctive style of sweeping views and vistas, meandering lakes, small ponds and mounds planted with clusters of trees have been restored to their former glory. The view from Gatton Hall is considered to be one of the finest in Surrey. Later additions to the 250 acre park from Victorian and Edwardian times have also been restored over the last 30 years with hidden gardens and walks now revealed - including an extensive Victorian rock garden, Edwardian parterre and stunning Japanese garden with pools, stepping stones, bridge and even a tea house. The history of Gatton can be traced back to the Domesday Book with characterful owners throughout the centuries. It even has its own Town Hall!

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1300-1600, Tours 1300 & 1330. Please see website for any additional tours

Booking Details: Pre-booking: Required

Tours must be pre-booked. Gatton Park is not open this day except for tours. Contact: Gatton Park Go to: <https://gattonpark.co.uk/> Booking opens: 12 July 2023 Booking closes: 8 September 2023

Access Information: Parts of the tour (Gatton Hall, Town Hall) have full wheelchair and pushchair access. Other parts (Japanese garden, large parts of the Edwardian gardens and rock garden and St Andrew's Church) have partial wheelchair and pushchair access, with some hills and rougher paths to negotiate.

How can people participate? In Person.

Additional information: Max 20 people per tour/event. Event Duration: 60-90 mins.

Directions: The Royal Alexandra and Albert School is situated in Gatton Park. Please set the satnav for the school, and use its carparks.

Heath Church, Reigate

Flanchford Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8AB

The Heath Church, Reigate is a daughter church of St Mary Magdalene.

The church was built in 1907 to serve the western end of the parish. It is an example of an iron church, one of many constructed at this time both in this country and overseas. The east window was designed and made in 1971 by Keith New who designed some of the nave windows in Coventry Cathedral. The church has recently been completely restored and a new annexe has been built.

Services are held every Sunday.

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1100-1600

Booking Details: No booking required

Access Information: Although there is no designated disabled car park it is possible to park just outside the church in an alcove which says 'No Parking'.

How can people participate? In Person.

Directions: Park near the church notice board which is on the left just past the row of houses in Flanchford Road. The church is about 100 m on the left down a lane. There is a car park a few hundred yards further on.

Heritage Open Day at Reigate Town Hall

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 0SH

Having been completed in 1901, Reigate Town Hall is a fine example of a building in the arts and crafts style. When originally built, these municipal buildings housed not just the Council, but also the Fire Station, Police Station, and the Law Court.

The Town Hall in Reigate is to open its doors to the public for pre-booked tours on Saturday 9 September between 12pm and 3.30pm for Heritage Open Day.

For one day only, come and take a free look behind the scenes at the Town Hall and discover its fascinating 122-year history as home to many of the community's public services.

All tours will be guided. There is an online booking facility for these tours. Tours are free but booking is essential.

Tickets can be booked online at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-at-reigate-town-hall-tickets-675163631597.

For more info please contact: mayor@reigate-banstead.gov.uk

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1200-1530, Tours 1200, 1245, 1330, 1415, 1500

Booking Details: No booking required

How can people participate? In Person.

Historic Vehicle Display

Tunnel Road, Reigate, Surrey, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 9AY

A display of historic vehicles by Surrey Vintage Vehicle Society
Vehicles from the early days of motoring up to modern classics

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details: No booking required

Access Information: Tunnel Road is a pedestrian thoroughfare. Parking is available in nearby car parks or meter bays.

How can people participate? In Person.

Directions: Tunnel Road is a pedestrian thoroughfare running north from the junction of Church Street and High Street in Reigate Town Centre

Holmesdale Natural History Club Museum

14 Croydon Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 0PG

Founded in 1857 the Holmesdale Natural History Club is opening its private museum of Natural History, Local History, Local Archaeology and Geology.

The Museum's Collections on display include local artefacts including Roman tiles, medieval drainpipes, stones from Reigate Castle, Victorian stuffed birds, local bottles and mementos, prehistoric flints, fossils and documents relating to the

history of Reigate and Redhill.

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 10.00 to 16.00

Booking Details: No booking required

Access Information: Wheelchair and pushchair access on ground floor only

How can people participate? In Person.

Directions: Look for the gate in the ancient wall.

Reigate Beaumont - Barchester Healthcare

The Reigate Beaumont Care Home, Colley Lane, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 9JB

The Reigate Beaumont Care Home welcomes you to a tour of their beautiful grounds and the history surrounding the home.

Reigate Beaumont, originally called 'Pine End' has an interesting history. It was originally designed by distinguished architect, Blunden Shadbolt in the 1920's and built of plain brick, which was unusual for him. He specialized in designing 'Tudor Style' buildings from ancient materials. 'Pine End' was first listed under a Mr William D. Anderson in 1926, a magnificent timbered residence featuring oak panelled walls. In the 1930's it was remodelled and extended in a mock Tudor style by Robert Lutyens for Sir William James Mallinson (2nd Baronet). Robert and Sir Edwin Lutyens, his famous father also designed the cedar Cricket Pavilion for Pine End for Sir William James Mallinson in 1937. In 1955, it became a community special school known as 'Pine End School' until December 1992 when the school was closed by the government. It then became a residential care and nursing home, now known as 'Reigate Beaumont Care Home' and is part of the Barchester Healthcare Group. Nestled between Reigate Hills and the Heath, the Reigate Beaumont is a home oozing charm and character, offering first-class 24-hour nursing and residential care in Surrey. Reigate Beaumont won Barchester Healthcare's Garden of the Year 2022 and the home is proud of its beautifully maintained and nurtured gardens which both residents and visitors to the home can enjoy all year around. Tours will end with a complimentary cup of tea and cake from our bistro.

Event Times

- Friday 8 September: 1000-1200
- Saturday 9 September: 1400-1600
- Monday 11 September: 1000-1200
- Tuesday 12 September: 1000-1200
- Wednesday 13 September: 1000-1200
- Thursday 14 September: 1000-1200
- Friday 15 September: 1000-1200
- Saturday 16 September: 1400-1600

Booking Details: Pre-booking: Required

Escorted tour of the home and grounds. Ending with a lovely cup of tea/coffee from our bistro. Tours can be arranged for the afternoon but upon request. If you have more than 4 persons in your group please contact us directly. Contact: Karyn Borngräber Call: 01737 225544 Email: reigate.activities@barchester.com Booking opens: 21 August 2023 Booking closes: 15 September 2023

How can people participate? In Person.

Additional information: Max 4 people per tour/event. Event Duration: 30 minutes .

Directions: You will find the entrance of Colley Lane opposite the Black Horse pub on West Street in Reigate. We are tucked away off the main road.

St Mary Magdelene's Church, Reigate

St. Marys Church, Chart Lane, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7RN

One of Surrey's largest churches featuring interesting monuments and memorials. The Cranston Library (separately

managed) is situated on the first floor.

St Mary's Church, dating from the 12th century, is one of Surrey's largest churches and features interesting monuments, memorials, an 18th century brass chandelier and a pre-Reformation brass plaque. Flower arrangements, displayed information on the history of the church and notable features, and our recently restored Norman and Beard organ will be played during the day. There is also a churchyard with some gravestones and Commonwealth war graves. Guided tours of the Bell Tower (not suitable for children under 8) and Church are available.

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details: No booking required

How can people participate? In Person.

Additional information: Max 10 people per tour/event. Event Duration: Tower tour. Ploughmans Lunches, tea and coffee available.

The Cranston Library

St. Marys Church, Chart Lane, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7RN

A tiny, exquisite parish library founded in the early 18th century, a forerunner of today's public libraries. Find out about its history, and the story of its remarkable founder, Andrew Cranston.

Founded on 14 March 1701, the library is situated in a small chamber above the vestry in the parish church of St Mary Magdalene, Reigate, Surrey, where it has been since its foundation. Possibly the first public lending library in England, it contains works of literature, history, geography, science, classics and theology.

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000-1600

Booking Details: No booking required

Access Information: The library is reached via a narrow staircase, with no alternative access. Owing to the size of the room, the number of visitors at a time is restricted to 8. No pre-booking is required, but there may be a queue or a delay.

How can people participate? In Person.

Additional information: Max 8 people per tour/event. Event Duration: A visit to the library takes about 10-20 minutes.. St Mary Magdalene Church is open at the same time, so you can combine visits.

Directions: Exit from M25 at Junction 8 for Reigate; from the town centre, take the A25 east towards Redhill. Just after the junction with the A242 turn right into Chart Lane. The church is on the left.

Church of the Wisdom of God

Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 6DP

The church of the Wisdom of God is unique in England: it is built like a Roman basilica and is filled with treasures from ancient Rome and Byzantium.

Discover the church built and founded by two philanthropists in the 1880s. They worked closely with craftsmen in marble and mosaic at the time of the Arts and Crafts movement to create the Byzantine style (unique in the UK) with relics from 4th century churches of Asia Minor - Grade I listed.

Event Times

- Saturday 9 September: 1000 -1600
- Sunday 10 September: 1100 - 1600

Booking Details: No booking required

How can people participate? In Person.

Directions: The church fronts the A217 (Brighton Road) on the corner of Buckland Road.

St Andrew's Church, Kingswood

St Andrew's Church, Kingswood, Brighton Road, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 6QE

Discover St Andrew's; its distinctive steeple is a landmark for miles.

Benjamin Ferrey designed this Grade II flint building which is cruciform in shape with beautiful stained glass windows from both C19th and C20th. Victorian replica of 14th century Church of St John the Baptist, Shottesbrooke, Berkshire, by architect Benjamin Ferrey.

Event Times

- Sunday 10 September: 1300 - 1600

Booking Details: No booking required

How can people participate? In Person.

Directions: From the large Tadworth Roundabout go towards the M25 and the church is set back from the A217 (Brighton Road) about half a mile from the roundabout just past a turning on the left, The Warren.