

Devizes Heritage Open Day

Saturday 11th September 2021



The Trust For Devizes

Presents an opportunity to visit some of the town's historic buildings

"Up close and personal"

The Parish Church Of St John the Baptist Long St, Devizes SN10 1NS

St. John's Church was built in the early 12th Century by the Bishops of Salisbury. It was initially the Church for the Castle, its governor and garrison. The Church is built of ashlar and has a chancel with north and south chapels, a crossing tower, transepts, an aisled nave, and north and south porches.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00.

The Masonic Hall Morris Lane, Devizes SN10 1NU

The building has been used for lodge meetings since 1882.

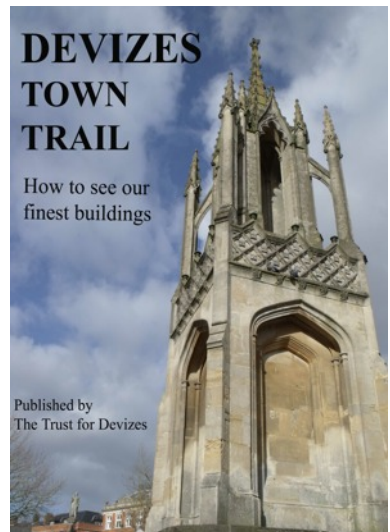
The Hall will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00. Lodge members will be on hand to answer questions.

The Devizes Town Trail

All these buildings, and many more, are included in the Devizes Town Trail. The latest edition was published in 2017 by the Trust For Devizes.

The Trail takes you on a walk through the heart of Devizes, and is packed with information about its historic buildings and thoroughfares, fully illustrated in colour.

Copies are available from Wiltshire Museum, Devizes Books and other tourist information points. Price £2.50



At the end of July 2020, the Trust for Devizes embarked on a project to digitise the Devizes Town Trail, with the aim of making it available online.

As well as walking around Devizes and visiting some of our historic buildings, you can now spend some time looking at the digitised Town Trail. Visit the Town Trail here:

<https://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk/devizes-town-trail/>

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Wiltshire Museum

Long St, Devizes SN10 1NS

The Museum moved to its current site in 1873 when they purchased the Victorian Grammar School building. A new entrance built of stone from Seend was designed by Henry Weaver and opened in 1874. Since then the museum has expanded to include two Georgian town houses and a 1980's steel-framed gallery. Now the museum is the home of Britain's best Bronze Age archaeology collection, featuring gold from the time of Stonehenge in award-winning new galleries.

There is normally a charge for visiting the museum, but admission will be free for Heritage Open Day.

The Museum will be open from 10:00 until 17:00.

St James' Church

Church Walk, Devizes SN10 3AA

The church is first mentioned in 1461 as being on the Green and was sometimes called the Green Church. The Tower is the only part of the original Church to have survived. Action during the Civil War resulted in cannonballs and shot hitting the church, the marks of which can still be seen on the tower.

In 1878, Le Marchant Barracks on the London Road was completed and St. James' became the garrison church of the Wiltshire Regiment. In 2008, the interior of the Church was refurbished. The old pews were removed and modern seats, a kitchen and servery were installed.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 14:00. Refreshments will be available.

St Mary The Virgin

New Park St, Devizes SN10 1DS

Built during the early Norman occupation of Devizes in the mid 12th century outside the Castle walls for the townspeople. It is built of ashlar and has a chancel, aisled and clerestoried nave, south porch, and west tower. The present chancel is of the later 12th century and has two bays with quadripartite vaulting and intersecting arcading decorating the internal walls.

The Church will be open on Saturday from 10:00 until 15:00.

The Lockup

St John's Street SN10 1BT

The lockup is situated at the rear of the Town Hall, and dates from 1806. It was used to imprison troublemakers overnight.

Local historian John Girvan will conduct guided tours between 11:00 and 15:00.

