

IPSWICH HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

SATURDAY 14 & SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



The Ipswich Society





WELCOME TO HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2019

The Ipswich Society is proud to coordinate the Heritage Open Days event in Ipswich on behalf of the town and all our wonderful participants.

The buildings listed, many of which are not normally open to the public, represent seven centuries of our town's history. We have more than 35 buildings open in 2019, along with free guided walks around some of the town's best locations. The Ipswich Society is grateful to all concerned for their participation.

You won't go hungry; several buildings have refreshments on offer. In addition, there are independent cafes all around the town centre, well worth a visit. Or you could pack a picnic and make a day of it in one of our beautiful parks.

Please check carefully the listing for each venue or event. Opening times were correct at the time of going to press but sometimes last-minute changes are unavoidable. If you are travelling any distance and hoping to see a specific building, we would recommend that you check details in advance of your journey.

The Heritage Open Days event is a fantastic opportunity to discover Ipswich's hidden heritage so please make the most of the weekend and above all, enjoy! Don't forget to share your favourite place, why not record your journey about the town, on social media? **#HODIpswich2019**

Above: Christchurch Park, Front cover: Willis Towers Watson (reflecting the Unitarian Meeting House), courtesy of John Norman, The Ipswich Society

SUNDAY 15TH WALK AROUND THE TOWN

Starting Christchurch Mansion at 10am, Sonia Lovett from the Stowmarket Ramblers, will lead a 2.5 mile circular walk around the town centre. Visiting up to 15 buildings, including the iconic Willis Towers Watson, The Old Bell Inn, the Old Custom House and Fore St Baths. A great way to keep fit and enjoy the historic sights of Ipswich. What better way to spend a Sunday morning?

1**St Stephen's Church,
St Stephen's Lane IP1 1DP**

Fabulous light and airy 15th and 16th century church better known as Ipswich's Tourist Information centre. Among the treasures in the chancel is a splendid monument to Robert Leman and his wife, Mary, who died on the same day in 1637. Enhance your enjoyment of the heritage open days weekend and take advantage of the free walks provided by Ipswich Tourist guides.

Saturday 14th 9am-5pm
Sunday 15th 10am-2pm

**FREE GUIDED WALKS
WITH IPSWICH
TOURIST GUIDES**

10.30am on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th
10.30am on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th a 90-minute walking tour of Ipswich's architectural and historical heritage. | The walks leave from the Tourist Information centre at St Stephen's Church passing many of the buildings listed in this guide.
T: 01473 258070 or
E: tourist@ipswich.gov.uk
for more information.

2**Town Hall & Corn Exchange, Cornhill IP1 1DH**

The present Town Hall was built in 1868. The foundation stone was laid by Mayor Ebenezer Goddard on 18th April 1866 and was opened by Mayor John Patteson Cobbold on 28th January 1868. The interior of high ceilings, marble pillars and grand staircases gives a magnificent backdrop to Civic life. The Mayor's Parlour is sited over the Corn Exchange, filled with paintings and artefacts of the town's history. The Corn Exchange was complete in 1882, then redeveloped in the early 1970s as an arts and entertainment complex but still retains its Victorian grandeur. The Town Hall will be open for guided tours by the Town Sergeant of Ipswich, including the Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour and Corn Exchange.

Saturday 14th tours at 10.30 & 11.30am, 1 & 2pm
Sunday 15th tours at 11am and noon

Town Hall & Corn Exchange

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Ipswich Building Society, Mutual House, Princes Street IP1 1QT

A chance to have a look behind the scenes at the 1901 Parr's Bank, Grade II listed building, designed by prominent local architect Thomas Cotman and featuring two storey oriel windows, quatrefoils and finished with rooftop pinnacles. Lovingly restored with original features throughout, including the original high ceiling discovered during the restoration. Take a basement tour to view the original bank vault, larder, coal cellar and night safe. The Society's archivist will be on hand to explain the work of the Ipswich & Suffolk Freehold Land Society and displays will demonstrate changes in construction methods over the last 100 years and showcase building materials used by the Society's founding fathers in 1912. Children are invited to try to place common household items into the correct room of a 19th century house.

Saturday 14th 9am-5pm Sunday 15th 10am-3pm



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Arlingtons, Museum Street IP1 1HE

This Grade II listed building was the original Ipswich Museum, built in 1847 to educate the working classes of Ipswich. Behind the attractive façade of Doric Columns is 'The Great Place' Staircase which has connections to Elizabeth I and is the oldest part of the building dating from 1550. In 1851 Prince Albert became its official Patron. Later, the Museum, held displays to support Darwin's thesis on the Origin of Species. In 1911 thirty women from the Women's Freedom League spent the night in the old museum rooms to avoid the census in protest at having to pay tax but not having the vote.

**Saturday 14th and
Sunday 15th, guided
tours at 10am and 4pm**

Arlingtons

MARY WHITMORE ON ARLINGTONS IN MUSEUM STREET

Mary Whitmore was an Ipswich suffragette, socialist and for many years a politician. Her interest in politics started with the suffragette movement, when the Ipswich branch of the Women's Social and Political Union was formed. She became a Labour Councillor in 1930 and Ipswich's first woman Mayor in 1946. She was one of the founder members of the local Workers Education Association. At a civic function in 1948, she warmly welcomed people who had recently arrived from the Caribbean to the town. Mary Whitmore was awarded the MBE in 1951 for her contribution to public services in Ipswich.





*Willis Towers Watson
roof garden*

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Willis Towers Watson, Friars Street IP1 1TD

This iconic building is now over 40 years old. The architect Norman Foster designed the building. His ideas to hang a glass curtain wall outside and create large open plan office spaces were revolutionary in the early 1970s. Architects Sir Michael Hopkins and Ipswich born Birkin Haward (junior) also worked on the project. This Ipswich landmark is worth a visit. Guided tours will lead you to the hidden swimming pool, one of the office floors as well as the roof garden, where refreshments are available from the restaurant.

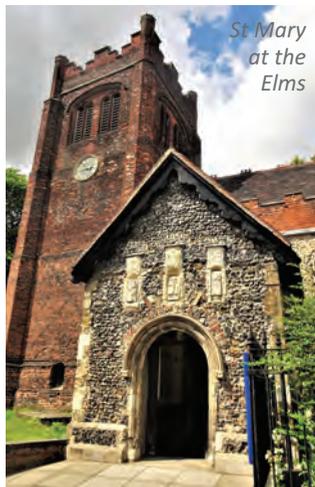
**Saturday 14th 10am-3pm
Sunday 15th 11am-4pm**

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St Mary at the Elms, Elm Street IP1 2EF

There has been a church on this site since the eleventh century. The only remaining evidence of the early building is in the porch with its Norman doorway. The church was rebuilt in the fourteenth century and named in reference to nearby elm trees. The extent of the medieval building can be seen on the south side. The original nave still has its brick embattled parapet and the original chancel, now part of the nave, still has its priest's door. The present tower dates from the Tudor period and it is claimed the bricks were imported from the Netherlands by Cardinal Wolsey, for use in building his ill-fated college. In the late fifteenth century the north aisle was added to the church as a chapel. The little transept to the east of the chapel dates from the fourteenth century or possibly a little earlier. This beautiful church has a rich history, please come along and discover more.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 9am - 6pm



*St Mary
at the
Elms*

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Unitarian Meeting House, Friars Street IP1 1TD

Built in 1699 and one of the architectural gems of Ipswich. The building boasts original box pews, a magnificent pulpit carved in the style of Grinling Gibbons, Dutch 17th century candelabra and a clock from an even earlier date. The entrance has fine doors, one with a spyhole for use against visits from opponents of non-conformist worshippers.

Saturday 14th 9am-5pm Sunday 15th 12-4pm



Birketts

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3-5 Silent Street IP1 1TF

A medieval timber framed building listed Grade II* 35 Silent Street was part of a much larger timber framed building consisting of 45-47 St Nicholas Street and 19 Silent Street. Built in two phases during the 15th and early 16th centuries. The original buildings are one of the most complete and important early Tudor inns anywhere in Britain. The building contains finely moulded and embattled joists, carved brackets, a fine plank and muntin screen with carved door head and 'a characterful variety of 17th century panelling'. Elements of the late Georgian refurbishment can also be seen including paint and wallpaper traces.

Saturday 14th 10am-5pm

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Birketts Solicitors, Providence House, Princes Street IP1 1QJ

Benjamin Birkett first set up his law practice in Providence Street in 1863. After 150 years the firm has moved to this landmark building. Formally opened by HRH The Earl of Wessex on 11th May 2018, the building was a finalist at the British Council for Offices Awards in 2019. Providence House is a great example of how one of our largest local employers has combined its rich heritage with a modern flagship building to create an office space with personality and character. Former Senior Partner, Nigel Farthing looks forward to welcoming you and guiding you round their new office while telling you about the firm's history. Tours will include a visit to the roof garden, with views across Ipswich Town football ground and the waterfront.

Saturday 14th 11am-4pm with regular tours

PETER SCHUYLER BRUFF AT IPSWICH RAILWAY STATION

Peter Schuyler Bruff was born on 23 July 1812 in Portsmouth. He trained as a civil engineer and worked on, among other projects, the rail link between London and Colchester. When it became obvious that the ECR was not going to extend the line further northwards, Bruff and John Chevallier Cobbold formed a new company, the EUR, to continue the line to Ipswich. Bruff is responsible for the tunnel at Ipswich station which, being only 361 yards long, was built on a very tight curve, believed to be the first of its kind in the world. He is also responsible for the railway from Ipswich to Bury and from Stowmarket to Norwich. He designed Ipswich's first sewer works and was engineer and one of the promoters of the town's tramway system. Bruff moved his family to Ipswich in the 1840s and from 1846 he lived in Handford Road until his death in 1900.

The Ipswich Society
**PETER
SCHUYLER BRUFF**
1812 - 1900
Civil engineer who
masterminded the building
of the railway to Ipswich
and the first sewer works
for the town



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Oddfellows Hall, 37 High Street IP1 3QH

Established in Ipswich in 1843 coinciding with an intense period of development in Ipswich, membership quickly expanded. By 1890 there were at least 13 lodges within the district and in 1896 the first women's lodge in Ipswich was opened. Find out how the Society played a significant role in the introduction of the National Insurance scheme and became the forerunners of the Welfare State. The Oddfellows are just as relevant today

**Saturday 14th 10am-4pm
Sunday 15th 10am-4pm**

Silent Street

11**Ipswich Museum,
High Street IP1 3QH**

Visit the Victorian natural history gallery (say hello to Rosie the rhino and Wool-I-am the mammoth) and a host of other curiosities. Follow the Ipswich Story around the walls of the gallery or travel back to ancient Egypt. Meet Beagnoth the Anglo Saxon and learn how to write your name in Anglo Saxon. We also have free crafts tables and the Collections and Learning team are putting together a Community Volunteering event where families can come and get involved in some hands-on Conservation work.

**Saturday 14th 10am-5pm
Tour 12pm
Sunday 15th 11am-5pm
Tour 2pm**

12**The Ipswich Art Gallery,
High Street IP1 3NE**

Ipswich Art Gallery shows exhibitions of international importance and provides a unique stage to showcase the region's artistic talents. The current exhibition is Marvellous Machines. Unleash your inner inventor in this hands-on and entertaining exhibition of quirky automated contraptions from Cabaret Mechanical Theatre. From Baba Yaga's house to The Spaghetti Eater, this family-friendly interactive display aims to surprise and delight, blending art and engineering. Join in at our craft art tables. There will also be children's activities.

**Saturday 14th 10am-5pm
Sunday 15th 11am-5pm**

13**Christchurch Mansion,
Christchurch Park IP4 2BE**

Some would say the jewel in Ipswich's crown, a 16th century mansion with rooms furnished from Tudor to Victorian periods. Wolsey Art Gallery is hosting 'Made in Suffolk' an exhibition showcasing Ed Sheeran's rise to fame as a local Suffolk celebrity. Also the most significant collection of Constables outside of London. The Friends of Ipswich Museum will be on hand. There will be a 'Peep into the past' tour on both days. There is also charming café and shop.

**Saturday 14th 10am-5pm
Tour 11am**

Carrie Willis, will be giving a talk on the conservation of a cast of Michelangelo's Taddei Tondo at 2.15pm

**Sunday 15th 11am-5pm
Tour 2pm**

Christchurch Mansion

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Ipswich School, 25 Henley Road IP1 3SG

Built 1851 in the Elizabethan style, in red brick. The porch entrance is a reproduction of Wolsey's Gate in college Street and the tower resembles Tom Tower at Christ Church, Oxford. The Chapel has Victorian stained-glass windows and a Library stained glass windows by John Piper.

For tours - meet in Reception off Henley Road. Leave town centre via High Street or Fonnereau Road.

Saturday 14th 9am-12pm Tours at 9, 10 and 11am

Ipswich School



EDITH MAUD COOK ON 90 FORE STREET

Edith Maud Cook was born at 90 Fore Street on 1st September 1878. She was a balloonist, a parachutist and on the RAF Museum website is stated as the first woman pilot in the United Kingdom. She had made hundreds of balloon ascents; demonstrated the use of parachutes for ten years before making solo flights in 1910. On 11th July 1910 as reported in The Times: "Miss Viola Spencer (a pseudonym) in a parachute descent at Coventry on Saturday, alighted on a factory roof ... Miss Spencer fell onto the roadway injuring herself severely." Edith died on 14th July as a result of her injuries. An adventurer and a very courageous woman.

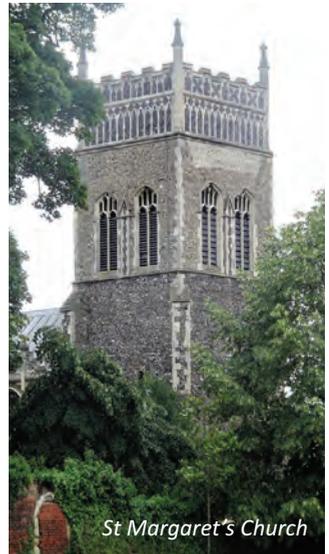


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St Margaret's Church, Soane Street IP4 2BE

A fine medieval Grade I listed church dating from 1300 with the tower added c.1400 and other parts in 1450. Donations from wealthy benefactors over the years have made St Margaret's fascinating, with numerous interesting artefacts. The c15 double hammer beam roof, decorated in 1695, is the crowning glory. In 2018 the c17 bells were refurbished and a beautiful glass fronted ringing gallery installed.

**Saturday 14th 9am-5pm
Tours at 11am & 2.30pm
Sunday 15th 2-5pm
Gallery tour 2.30pm**



St Margaret's Church

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Bethesda Baptist Church, St Margaret's Plain IP4 2BB

A monumental stone Church in classical style, built in 1912 to the designs of F G Fauch, with a balustraded parapet and modillion cornice. The front has a tall Ionic portico with plain polished granite columns rising through two storeys and a modillion pediment which forms a prominent terminal feature to the vista up Northgate Street. The central six-panel door with a rusticated arch and two outer doorways with segmental pediments on console brackets, are approached by a broad flight of steps across the whole front.

Saturday 14th 10am-3pm

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Masonic Hall, 8-10 Soane Street IP4 2BG

The Masonic Hall was completed in 1870 and updated in 1911 by architect George Henry Betram Gould. In the 1970s it was extended to incorporate number 8. The main items of interest are the Temple, dining room and foyer. The Temple, in particular, contains many items of Masonic interest.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 9.30am-4.30pm

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Pykenham's Gatehouse, Northgate Street IP1 3BX

A rare opportunity to visit Pykenham's Gatehouse, a medieval gem with its carved beams, hidden staircase and jettied first floor. Pykenham's Gatehouse, built in the late 15th century, is one of the earliest domestic buildings in the town, and has witnessed more than 500 years of Ipswich history. The entrance to a house, built by the Archdeacon of Suffolk, it has seen the comings and goings of some 20 generations of Ipswich people, originally through the North Gate and along Northgate Street beside the brook (now running underground). Today it sits opposite the imposing library built during the last century. Come and explore and learn more.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 10am-4pm

Pykenham's Gatehouse. Drawing courtesy of Heather Ling



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Admiral's House, Tower Street IP1 3BE

Parts of the Admiral's House originate from the reign of Charles II (1660-1685). Behind the later Georgian frontage, the interior is a delightful mix of architectural styles. As the home of Admiral Benjamin Page, it was visited by the Duke of Wellington in 1820, so it's about time you did too! It now houses the Ipswich Institute members' restaurant, coffee lounge and lecture rooms.

**Saturday 14th and
Sunday 15th 10am-4pm**



St Mary Le Tower

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St Mary Le Tower, 17 Tower Street IP1 3BE

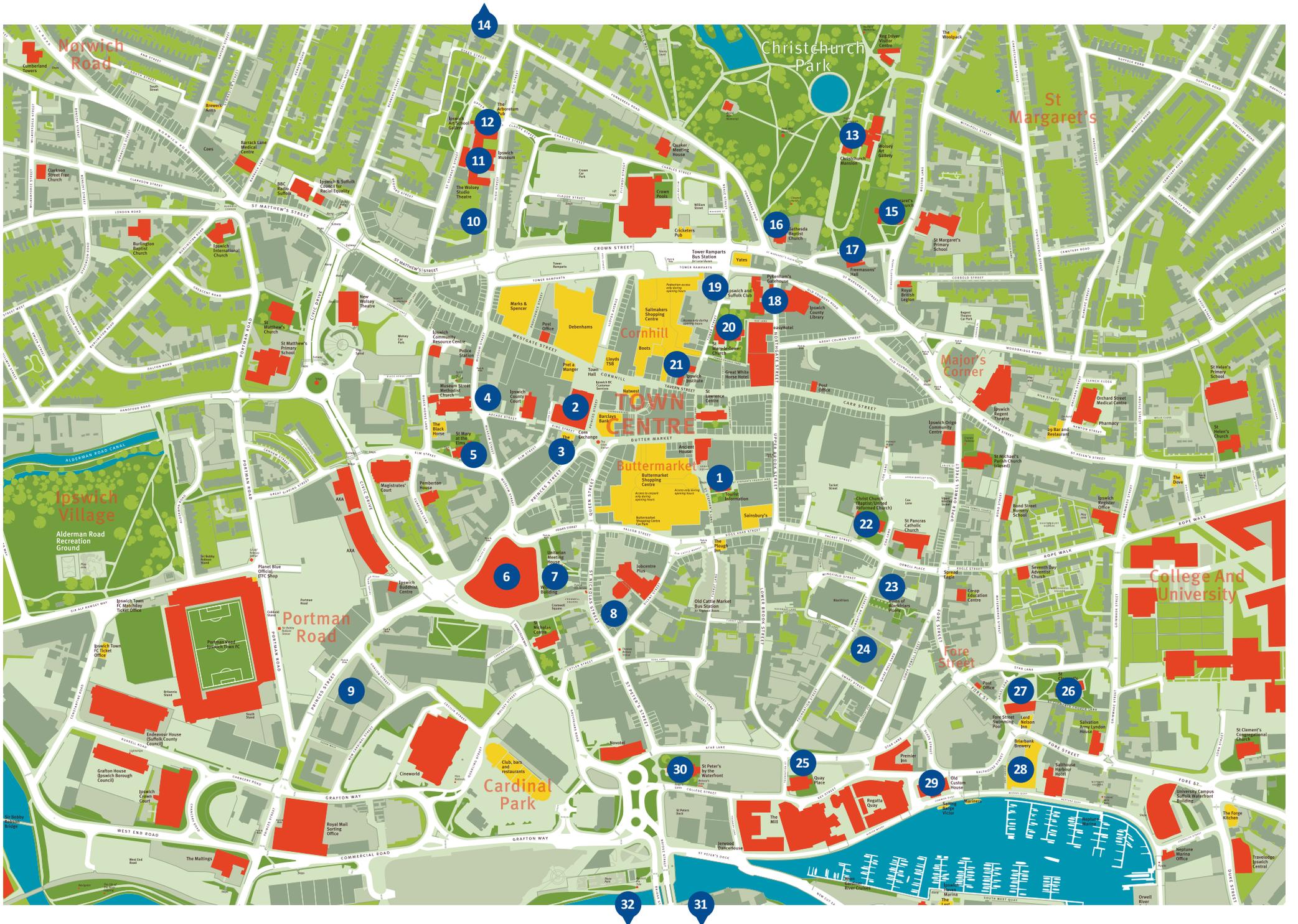
The great Victorian spire of St Mary-le-Tower rises above the shopping centre and may be the nearest thing the town will ever have to a cathedral. The fourth church to occupy the site, the first was recorded in the Domesday Book. Almost totally rebuilt between 1850 and 70, only the south chancel and nave arcades were retained, while a larger church was built around them. The rebuilt church has a unity of style in that of the Tractarians. There is a great deal of very high quality woodcarving and good stained glass, a highly decorated 15th Century font, the earliest known panorama of Ipswich on a memorial to William Smarte (d.1599), a 17th Century pulpit, wrought iron stands for the swords and maces of the borough, and some significant memorials to members of the Cobbold family.

Across the road, you can visit Tower House a Grade II Listed building steeped in history and heritage. Additions between the 16th and 20th century simply add to its charm. Come and see one of the finest examples of a 17th century Parquetted vaulted ceiling, magnificent Georgian Marble Fireplaces and a magnificent feat of engineering in the Victorian Stone Cantilevered Staircase. You will be guided around the house and learn much more about its history. The building was in a very bad state of repair when purchased in 2014 and still requires significant work. Tower House is a live heritage project and home to several charities providing programs and support to the community. The vision is to provide a space valued and used daily by the wider community.

Saturday 14th 9am-5pm

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Norwich Road

Christchurch Park

St Margaret's

Norwich Village

Cornhill

Town Centre

Buttermarket

Cardinal Park

Major's Corner

College And University

Portman Road

Fore Street

Club, bars and restaurants

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21**Ipswich Institute and Library, Tavern Street IP1 3AA**

Founded in 1824 by Dr George Birkbeck, The Ipswich Mechanic's Institution moved into the former chemist shop at 15 Tavern Street in 1834. This hidden jewel of cultural and architectural heritage houses a popular independent library and reading room in a light airy barrel-vaulted hall, dating from 1876. Behind the library is a café (open for refreshments).

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 10am-4pm

**22****Christ Church United Reformed/Baptist Church, Tacket Street IP4 1AU**

Designed in 1856 by local architect Frederick Barnes in the Gothic Revival style the church was built in Kentish Ragstone with Caen stone quoins. The interior has a large gallery, cast iron work and a stained-glass east window.

Saturday 14th 10am-5pm



*Left: Tooley's Court
Below: Ipswich Institute*

24**Tooley's Court, Foundation St IP4 1BE**

'Let gentle Smart sleep on in pious trust, Behold his Charity, respect his dust'
Behold his Charity indeed, for it is the Foundation of these almshouses that William Smart, together with a legacy from Henry Tooley and other Tudor merchants left to the town. Tooley died in 1550 and the almshouses were begun, aided by Smart's bequest in 1598.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 10am-4pm

23**Blackfriars, Foundation St IP4 1BN**

Walk in the footsteps of Dominican Friars between their remaining low walls of septarian stone. Find the marine worm borings (geologists will be there to help) that give clues to where this 'Harwich Stone' was obtained.

Sunday 15th 10am-4pm

H.J. LESLIE BAREFOOT GC AT THE WALK

H.J. Leslie Barefoot GC was the architect of the pedestrian shopping streets in the centre of Ipswich known as Thoroughfare and The Walk, the latter of which is the site of his plaque. Born in Dulwich he served with distinction in WW1. In 1920 he came to Ipswich and designed buildings throughout East Anglia, becoming president of the Suffolk Association of Architects. Re-joining the army in 1939 with the Royal Engineers he volunteered to form a new unexploded bombs unit. The 1941 citation for the George Cross states: "for most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner." He was the first Army officer to receive the award and is commemorated, with other GC recipients, by a plaque in Westminster Abbey.



25**Quay Place, St-Mary- at-the-Quay IP4 1BZ**

Discover Quay Place and meet the people who made and saved this 600-year-old medieval church. We have an exhibition highlighting parts of this magnificent church and telling the stories of people who were involved in its construction and its restoration. Closed as a church in 1949 and reopened as Quay Place, Heritage and Wellbeing Centre in 2016.

Saturday 14th 11am-3pm**27****Fore Street Pool, Fore Street IP4 1JZ**

An elegant Victorian design with a clearstory glass roof. Officially opened in 1894 by the mayor of Ipswich Samuel Anness. The first year saw over 42,000 people use the facility and the population of Ipswich was only 57,000 at the time. Fore Street currently ranks within the top 20 of historic operational pools in the country and celebrated its 125th birthday in March this year.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 10am-4pm**26****St Clement's Church, St Clement's Church Lane IP4 1JN**

Built mainly in the 14th and early 15th centuries, this church has been known as the sailors' church. The font dates from the 15th century and mounted on the wall at the west end of the Nave is a carved and painted Royal coat of arms dating from 1661. The church is cared for by the Ipswich Historic Churches Trust who are working to bring the building back into regular use. The Vestey Ring, a mobile demonstration ring of church bells will be held in the church during the day.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 11am-3pm

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Isaac Lord (Machine Room tours), Wherry Quay IP4 1AS

A series of grade I and grade II* listed buildings, a late 15th - 16th century merchant's house with warehouses, Isaacs is now a waterside bar, restaurant and wedding venue. The malt kiln is a rare example of an 18th century hand malting concern. During the tour, guests will learn more about the history of the building and visit the fully restored corn-dressing machinery room and see it in action.

Sunday 15th
Tours: 11am & 12pm
Meet at Isaacs griddle area

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY ANNUAL FAIR

UNIVERSITY OF SUFFOLK
WATERFRONT BUILDING,
NEPTUNE QUAY, IP4 1QL
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019
10am - 4pm

Come and learn how to trace your family history

There will be talks on how to start researching your family history.

How to preserve your research for the future.

How to get more from the 1939 Register and much more.

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Old Custom House, Key Street IP4 1BZ

Built in 1845, designed by John Medlan Clark. Built from red and white brick and stone. An interesting feature of the facade is the working of the brick to imitate stone. The ground floor has recently been renovated for use as a conference centre. Only the ground floor will be open where there will be an exhibition reflecting aspects of Ipswich's maritime heritage.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 11am-4pm

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St Peter's by The Waterfront, College Street IP4 1BF

With historical displays about the Church from the 12th century to the present day and home to the Ipswich Charter Hangings, depicting Ipswich through the ages. St Peter's also houses a rare Tournai marble font, a magnificent East Window and many architectural features. Information about the building, parish and town will be on display with additional information provided by the Over Stoke History Group. Whilst visiting St Peter's you should also have a look at Wolsey's Gate in College Street. This is the sole remaining part of his dream for a college in Ipswich.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 10am-4pm



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**R Gwinnell & Sons,
The Old Bell,
Stoke Street IP2 8BX**

Probably the oldest hostelry in Ipswich and said to have sold beers for at least 500 years. It ceased trading as a pub in about 2006 and lay derelict for 10 years. The property was bought at auction by its present owner who sympathetically renovated much of the building. Now a Funeral Directors there are reception rooms, chapel of rest and mortuary on the ground floor. Rooms still untouched on the first floor will be renovated at some point in the future.

Saturday 14th 10am-3pm



The Old Bell



St Mary-at-Stoke Church

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St Mary-at-Stoke Church, Stoke Street IP2 8DA

Parts of this lovely medieval Ipswich church date from the 14th century, which, until the railway arrived in 1846, served the small hamlet of Stoke, with its single aisle and box pews offering 100 seats. With the increase in the parish population an extension was designed by William Butterfield, an internationally acclaimed architect of the Victorian era. He designed hundreds of notable buildings, St Mary's was the only one in Ipswich to receive his Midas touch. In April 2004, the church was re-classified as a grade 1 listed Building. One of just two such churches in Ipswich. This places St Mary's alongside Christchurch Mansion, Wolsey's Gateway and The Ancient House. Guides will be on hand and guide booklets are available.

Saturday 8th 9am-4pm and Sunday 9th 12-4pm

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WHY NOT VENTURE FURTHER AFIELD AND VISIT OUR VENUES OUTSIDE THE TOWN CENTRE

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Gippeswyk Hall, (Red Rose Chain) The Avenue Theatre IP2 9AF

The National Lottery Heritage Fund supported Red Rose Chain in their quest for a new venue behind the grade II* listed Tudor Gippeswyk Hall. You are invited to step into this leading arts and heritage venue for an immersive theatrical experience which combines exciting moments of real local history with a guided tour of the building. You will be taken back in time to the Zeppelin bombings of WWI, a bustling Tudor Tavern and the Witch trials of Matthew Hopkins - all led by the company's own youth theatre. Tea and cake is available from the café.

On both days you will be able to see Em, a Tudor player and experience music, song and dance as you may have heard it in 16th century Ipswich.

**Saturday 14th and
Sunday 15th 10am-4pm**



Gippeswyk Hall

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Royal Hospital School, Holbrook IP9 2RX

Created by Royal Charter in 1694, the Royal Hospital School moved from Queens House, Greenwich (now the National Maritime Museum) in 1933 to a newly built campus in Holbrook. With views of the River Stour and set in 200 acres, it is now a successful day and boarding school for 11 to 18-year olds. The tour will include the Dining Hall and the Chapel which houses one of the largest organs in Western Europe. There's a lot to see so please come and take a tour.

Saturday 14th Tours 9am, 10am & 11am



Royal Hospital School

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Broomhill Library, Sherrington Road IP1 4HT

Awarded a grade II listing in 2012. There is a 70-year bond between the library (built 1942) and Broomhill pool (built 1938). Both designed by County Borough of Ipswich engineer, E. Mclauchlan. Built as a WW2 bombproof decontamination unit and public shelter, it was converted for a more peaceful purpose in 1948 and has served as public library ever since. located in beautiful Broomhill Park purchased by the County Borough in 1925.

Saturday 14th 9.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday 15th 10am - 5pm

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Broomhill Swimming Pool, Sherrington Road IP1 4HT

One of 17 grade II listed lidos in Britain, Broomhill Pool operated for 64 years before closing in 2002. The pool has the last known Wicksteed diving stage in the country. Fusion lifestyle's Heritage Lottery Fund bid for its renovation was successful in securing a full grant of £3.4 million. The project plan includes a full restoration, reinstating the iconic clock tower, plus new fitness suite, terrace café and heritage rooms; and indicates a Spring 2021 reopening.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 10am-4pm

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Castle Hill Community Centre, Highfield Road IP1 6DG

Originally an eight-bedroom gentleman's residence, built in 1893 by Henry Orford on the site of a roman villa. The house was gifted to East Suffolk County Council in 1947 by the farmer George Jennings who had bought the property in 1911 from the Orford's estate. The house has been many things to many people over the years including a doctor's surgery and a school. Today the Building is managed by Castle Hill Community Centre IMG a Community based organisation.

Saturday 14th 9am-5pm

Sunday 15th 9am-4pm

Broomhill Swimming Pool



Suffolk energy-from-waste facility, Great Blakenham IP6 0JE

Since 2014, this award-winning energy-from-waste facility has been putting Suffolk's household waste left after recycling to good use, generating enough electricity to power 39,000 houses. Run in partnership by SUEZ and Suffolk County Council, this facility plays a big part in the sustainable management of waste in the county. The facility processes 269,000 tonnes of waste each year, generating electricity for the national grid and bottom ash for the construction industry. Join us for a guided tour of the facility which will explain the energy-from-waste process from start to finish. You will also be able to visit our control room and purpose-built visitors centre. There will be waste and recycling themed activities available for children and refreshments will be provided.

*10 spaces on each tour,
booking is preferred.
suffolkefw.uk@suez.com*

**Saturday 14th 10am-2pm
Tours at 10:15, 11:15am,
12:15 & 13:15pm**

Suffolk energy-from-waste facility



Ipswich Cemeteries, Cemetery Road IP4 2TQ

Ipswich Cemetery opened in 1855 and will be offering historic tours taking in the history of some of the headstones and families buried in the Old and New Cemeteries. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and give advice on family research. The Crematorium which opened in 1928 will also be available for the public to tour.

**Saturday 14th 9.30am - 1.30pm
Tours 10am and 12pm**

Ipswich Crematorium



IPSWICH TRANSPORT MUSEUM BUS

SATURDAY 14TH ONLY

1 Custom House, Waterfront	10.30	11.30	12.30	13.30	14.30	15.30
2 Bolton Lane	10.35	11.35	12.35	13.35	14.35	15.35
3 Sherrington Road, Broomhill Pool	10.47	11.47	12.47	13.47	14.47	15.47
4 Henley Road, Ipswich School	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00
5 High Street	11.02	12.02	13.02	14.02	15.05	16.02
6 Museum Street	11.04	12.04	13.04	14.04	15.04	16.04
7 Princes Street	11.05	12.05	13.05	14.05	15.05	16.05
8 Return to Custom House	11.15	12.15	13.15	14.15	15.15	16.15

Take a free trip back in time by travelling between destinations on an Ipswich Transport Museum veteran bus accompanied by a tour guide. The Heritage bus will depart from the Custom House every 60 minutes. Timings are approximate - Saturday service only. Every effort will be made to maintain the timetable but please remember that we are using one of our historic buses.

NOTE: The service will be provided by a heritage vehicle from the Ipswich Transport Museum. It may not be possible to accommodate mobility impaired passengers. Wheelchairs, buggies etc. must be folded and stowed in the luggage compartment. Please signal the bus clearly at any recognised bus stop en route.



For further information on Ipswich Transport Museum visit www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

If you enjoyed Britain's oldest continuously inhabited town today, its heritage and its architecture, why not return for a guided tour, a river trip or to explore our parks, museums and historic waterfront.

The Tourist Information Centre in St Stephen's Church has plenty of ideas for a grand day out in and around Ipswich.

Contact them on 01473 258 070 or tourist@ipswich.gov.uk



The Ipswich Society

THE IPSWICH SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To: The Membership Secretary, 32 Cowper Street, Ipswich IP4 5JB

Name(s)

Address

Postcode

Email

Telephone

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES Individual £10, Family £15,
Non-profit organisation £25, Commercial organisation £50**

If you join during the Heritage Open Days weekend, your membership will run until December 2020

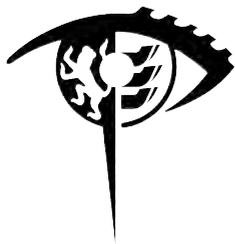
I enclose £ _____ cheque/cash to cover the first year's subscription

I have made a direct payment of £ _____ ref: _____

to The Ipswich Society account at Barclays Bank, 1 Princes Street, Ipswich IP1 1PB.
a/c number: 80489018 Sort code: 204451

Please consider setting up a Standing Order which will be much simpler in the future for both you and the Society.

If you would like to receive a form to set up a Standing Order, please tick the box



THE IPSWICH SOCIETY

The Ipswich Society was founded in 1960 and comprises of individuals, families and corporate organisations who care about the appearance, character and well-being of the town, its past and its future.

The Society seeks to preserve the best of the town's old buildings and to ensure that new building is of a high quality. The Ipswich Society is affiliated to the Civic Voice. From the start we have had close links with Ipswich Borough Council and our President is always the Worshipful the Mayor of Ipswich, who presides at our AGM and other important occasions.

Our three main events are the AGM where the activities and achievements of the year are discussed, the Awards Evening where certificates are presented for particularly good examples of new development and the annual Heritage Open Days event in the town. Both the AGM and Awards Evening events conclude with refreshments and general socialising.

In addition, Society members can enjoy a series of winter lectures on subjects about, or affecting Ipswich and its environs and a programme of Summer outings. Members also receive a quarterly newsletter.

If you would like to join please use the form opposite, we would love to welcome you aboard.

**www.ipswichsociety.org.uk [facebook/ipswichsociety](https://facebook.com/ipswichsociety)
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BLUE PLAQUES

**Did you find the Blue Plaques shown in this book?
Maybe you discovered a few more about the town.**

The Ipswich Society has installed over twenty blue plaques in the town, our version of the English Heritage Blue Plaques seen originally in London. What started at the turn of the century continues to be an important and relevant tribute to some of the most distinguished people who were born in the town or subsequently made Ipswich their home.

To find out more, visit our website at www.ipswichsociety.org.uk





The Ipswich Society

The Ipswich Society Annual Exhibition 2019

Celebrating Two Centuries of
Transport and Manufacturing in Ipswich

An exhibition by

IPSWICH TRANSPORT MUSEUM

preserving Ipswich's transport and engineering heritage for 50 years

At the University of Suffolk, Waterfront Building
21 - 31 October 2019

