



Heritage Open Days 6–15 September 2024

Each September thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture, all for free. The HOD theme for 2024 is “Routes–Networks–Connections. Search for events taking part in this year's festival on the online event directory at <https://heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on.html>

Walkley Heritage Open Day, Saturday 7th September 2024.

Instead of holding our own RVCG HOD event beside the Rivelin café this year, we decided to take up the offer to join forces with other groups in Walkley. The event is being held at three venues, Walkley Community Centre, St Mary's Church and Walkley Carnegie Library.

Walkley Community Centre, 7A Fir Street (Off South Road), S6 3TG. Open from 12.30 to 16.00

The RVCG stall will be in the Ruskin Hall. Find out about the heritage, wildlife and pathways of the Rivelin Valley. Pick up some trail maps, look at old photos, drawings, current and old maps of the area, and. Numerous footpaths criss-cross the valley but the 3-mile nature and heritage trail along the river is one of the most popular routes, as described by the book 'Walking the Rivelin', which will be on sale. Children's activities include a nature corner with creepy crawlies, drawing, making dragonflies and an 'animal tracks' game where children can try to match the spoor to the animal. Come and see the 3D model of part of the valley, and a working model of a waterwheel and grinding workshop.

The Community Centre is the former Walkley New Reform Club which has retained many original features in what the Pevsner Guide describes as “minimal art nouveau style”. The event will include tours of the building by the Walkley Historians, visiting the Ruskin Hall with its sprung dance floor and stage, the original Snooker Hall, the WW1 memorial window and the Appleyard Room named after founder Councillor Walter Appleyard. The historians will also display a selection of local photos, maps, census material, books and merchandise.

Local Transport Historian Paul Fox has information on the 31/ 95 bus routes and a collection of photographs and memorabilia of trams on South Road.

Information will be available on the Walkley Victorian History/Mystery Tour and the Long Lost Loos from Walkley to the Town Hall.

Walkley Carnegie Library, South Road, S6 3TD. Open 10.00 to 16.00.

Walkley Library is the only Carnegie Library in Sheffield and is a Grade II Listed Building, in the Tudor Revival style. There will be various activities, including learning about the links to John Ruskin, Andrew Carnegie and the local community. Trace your family or share your stories with the volunteers helped by local maps and charts. Browse through local books or extensive photo archives and view an amazing model of the shops on South Road over 50 years ago. There will also be craft activities for children and other surprises in the junior library

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/walkley-carnegie-library-opens-its-doors-and-its-history-showing-the-connections-to-the-walkley-community.html>

St Mary's Church, Howard Road, S6 3RX. Open 10.00 to 16.00.

Open Day with exhibitions of the history of St Mary's and other Walkley churches & cemeteries. Celebrate the beautiful artisan craftsmanship within the building including the Victorian & 21st century stained glass windows. Exhibitions about past and current places of Worship and Walkley cemeteries. Visit the bell tower to meet the bellringers

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A Taste of the Rivelin Sunday 08 September: Tours: 1100, 1300 & 1500

The day after the Walkley HOD, Siobhan (Shony's Mushrooms) and Calvin (Hidden Sheffield Walks), we will be leading walks in Rivelin exploring edible fungi and flora alongside the remnants of water-powered industry. Rivelin Park Cafe, Rivelin Park Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S6 5FE

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