

OTHER HERITAGE SITES AND HISTORIC GARDENS

Heritage Panels

Across the city a series of themed heritage panels celebrate the story of Leicester from Roman times to the present day. Look out for these on campus celebrating the industrial history of the city. Others, relating to King Richard III's Medieval Leicester, are linked by a walking trail which can be downloaded from the King Richard III Visitor Centre website krili.com.

Castle Motte

In 1068, just after the Norman Conquest of 1066, Leicester Castle would have consisted of an earth mound (or motte) with a timber tower (or keep) on top. Climb to the top of the motte for views over Castle Yard, The Newarke and Castle Gardens.

St Mary de Castro Church

Open just for Christian worship on Sundays, this historic church was founded as a chapel to serve the medieval castle. Henry IV was knighted here as a boy and Chaucer married here in the 1360s. Although much altered since medieval times, the church still retains many of its early features.

St Nicholas' Church and Roman Leicester

St. Nicholas', Leicester's oldest church. Guided tours from 11-3. Refreshments available. Take a stroll in the Roman town or visit the Bath Site with the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum. April-September only.



St Nicholas' Church



Trinity House Herb Garden

Turret Gateway

Built in 1423, the Turret Gateway separated the Newarke religious precinct from Leicester Castle. Locally it is also known as Ruperts Gateway as Prince Rupert and King Charles I commanded the royalist army that captured Leicester Castle in 1645 during the English Civil War.

Newarke Houses Garden

The herb garden at Newarke Houses Museum is one of the oldest gardens in Leicester. Together with a later Regency style garden, they provide a beautiful haven for rare plants and wildlife. The Newarke wall can be seen in the garden, complete with gun loops used to defend the area during the English Civil War.

Trinity House Herb Garden

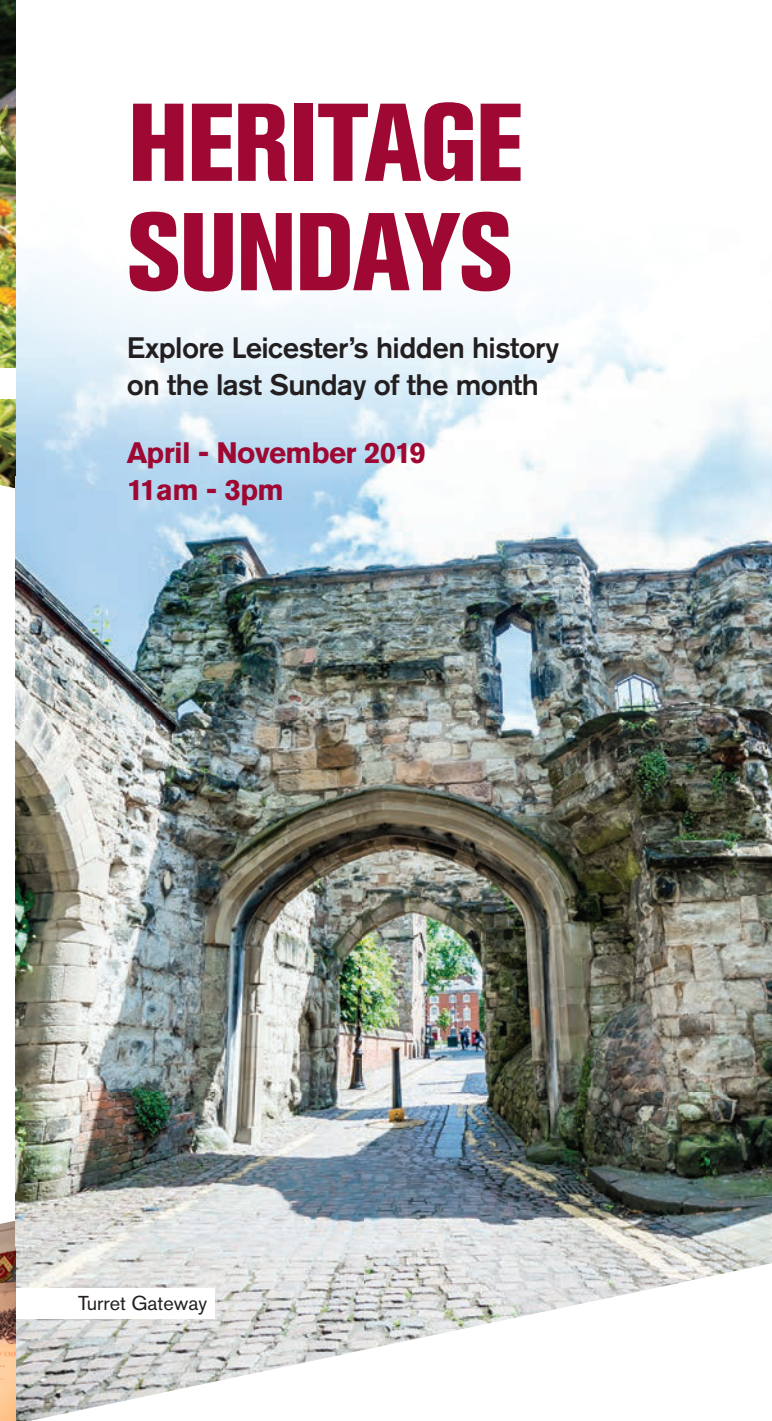
Recently refurbished to resemble an Elizabethan style garden, this tranquil space was once used to grow medicinal herbs for patients at Trinity Hospital. The DMU Green Futures project regenerated the colourful garden to improve biodiversity, provide cooking herbs and attract wildlife to campus. Entrance off Castle View.

Cafe

Tea and coffee may be available at Newarke Houses Museum. Donations welcome.



Newarke Houses Museum



Turret Gateway

HERITAGE SUNDAYS

Explore Leicester's hidden history on the last Sunday of the month

April - November 2019
11am - 3pm



St Mary de Castro Church

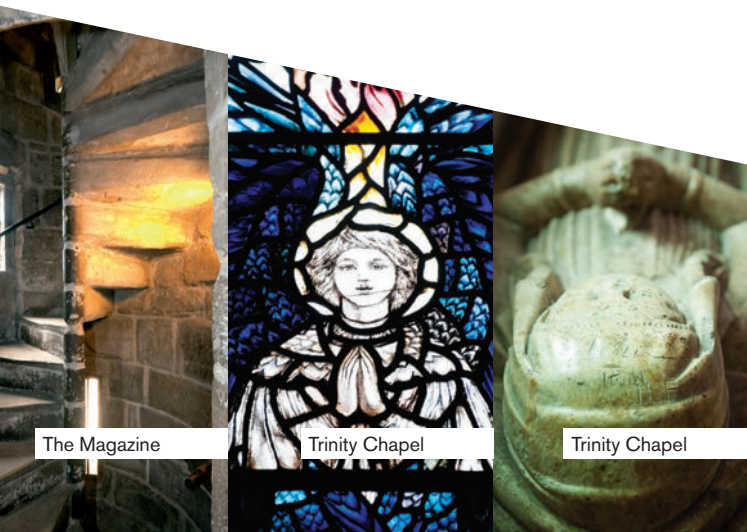
Clustered around The Newarke and De Montfort University campus, just minutes from the city centre, are remarkable buildings that tell the story of Leicester from its medieval origins to its manufacturing heyday.

During the last Sunday of the month visitors can explore some of these historic places free of charge.

The area also has lovely outdoor spaces to discover including Castle Gardens Park and the tranquility of some of the city's beautiful secret gardens.

Blue Badge guided tours of the Magazine, Trinity Chapel, Castle Great Hall and the Church of the Annunciation ruins can also be booked for a small fee.

For more information and maps go to visitleicester.info/whats-on/heritage-sundays



The Magazine

Trinity Chapel

Trinity Chapel

WHAT CAN I VISIT?

The Magazine

Originally a 15th century gateway into the former Newarke religious precinct, this striking stone building was later used as a munitions store during the English Civil War. Interesting features of this three storey building include graffiti dating back to the 16th century.

Pre-booked guided tour available.

Leicester Castle Great Hall

Built in the 12th century, the timber-framed Great Hall has hosted many illustrious visitors including Richard III and other kings. It hosted Parliament in the 14th and 15th centuries and today features an original Victorian criminal courtroom.

Follow themed audio trails about the castle using your mobile device by visiting leicestercastle.co.uk while on site. Pre-booked guided tour available.

Trinity Hospital Chapel

Inside the university's Trinity House building can be found a stone chapel that originally served the medieval Trinity Hospital, founded in 1330 to care for the poor and infirm.

DMU Heritage Centre

Showcasing the only remaining ruins of the medieval Church of Annunciation, the university's Heritage centre also hosts temporary exhibitions featuring DMU art and archive collections as well as themes of local history.

Please visit dmu.ac.uk/heritagecentre for our exhibition schedule.

Newarke Houses Museum

Created from two historic houses that date from the 16th century, this museum tells the story of Leicester. Discover how we used to live in the recreated street and find out about the industries that made Leicester wealthy. The museum incorporates the Royal Leicestershire Regimental Museum.

For information on regular opening times go to visitleicester.info



DMU Heritage Centre

GUIDED TOURS

Blue Badge guided tours of The Magazine; Castle Great Hall; Trinity Chapel and ruins of Church of the Annunciation are available (Trinity and the ruins of the Church of the Annunciation are a combined tour).

Each tour lasts one hour. Book through Visit Leicester by ringing **0116 299 4444** or visit **51 Gallowtree Gate, Leicester, LE1 5AD.**

Booking essential. One building **£3**, two buildings **£5** or all sites for **£8**.

Tour times:

11am, The Magazine

12:30pm, Leicester Castle Great Hall

2pm, Trinity Chapel and the ruins of the Church of the Annunciation (DMU Heritage Centre)



Leicester Castle Great Hall