



LEICESTER CIVIC SOCIETY 2020 Guided Walks

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Our knowledgeable, friendly guides are waiting to greet you at 10.30 am on the following Saturdays in 2020.

Saturday 25th April Stoneygate: A Very Desirable Address

Join us on a stroll along London Road and the adjoining streets to discover who lived in the grand houses of this very desirable Victorian suburb. We will find out who built the houses, who they were built for and what kind of lives the owners led. We will also pause to consider the wonderful buildings which have been lost. Led by Peter Jones and Leigh Picciano Moss

This is a circular walk which starts and finishes on London Road/Stanley Road corner.

Start: 10.30 am. Finish: 12.30 pm

Saturday 16th May Million Pound Street – Charles Street and the Renaissance of St. George's

Join us on a walk around Charles Street, the building of which was perhaps one of the most important events for our 20th century city. We will wander around St George's and see how many 19th century buildings have found new uses in the 21st century and how Leicester City Council's vision for a cultural quarter is gradually coming to fruition. Led by Peter Jones and Leigh Picciano Moss

This is a circular walk which starts and finishes at Humberstone Gate/Charles Street corner.

Start: 10.30 am. Finish: 12.30 pm

Saturday 20th June Braunstone: Home of the Winstanleys

We will walk around what once was an outlying village but developed during the 20th century to become a city suburb. Closely connected to the Winstanley family, we will take a closer look at the building that was their home, Braunstone Hall, recently renamed Winstanley House. Led by Peter Jones and Leigh Picciano Moss

Start: 10.30 am at Winstanley House, Braunstone Park. Finish 12.30 pm

Saturday 18th July Legal Leicester

The walk will look at courts old and new from the Middle Ages to the present day. We will also look at past "legal quarters" and you will learn how to recognise Chambers and what the brass plates mean. You will find out about cases old and new, including the Green Bicycle Story and the Hot Dog Murders but you won't be put in the dock! Led by Peter Kilty

Start: 10.30 am at the Combined Courts in Wellington Street. Finish: 12.30 pm at the Castle

Saturday 22nd August From Hamlet to Suburb, a History of Aylestone

Aylestone has buildings surviving from its time as a village as well as the better known post nineteenth century development. Come on a tour mapping its development over the last 1,000 years and discover a Roman canal; a window into Saxon times; a medieval packhorse bridge; one of the UK's busiest canals, a mainline railway and a tram service into Leicester and a once popular day out destination, with its boat house, lido and bingo hall. Led by Jim McCallum

Start 10.30 am at Aylestone Meadows Car park, Marsden Lane. Finish: 12.30 midday

Saturday 19th September South Highfields, a Victorian Suburb

Explore Leicester's first planned suburb. Discover the history of its development and who was responsible for its planning and creation. Learn about its architecture, the lives of some of its residents and the social changes that have affected the area. Look up above eye level to observe features we often miss as we meander through the streets of South Highfields. Led by Richard Warren

Start: 10.30 am at the Thomas Cook statue, near to London Road Railway station. Finish: 12.30 pm

Saturday 19th December

Our Annual Christmas Walk: Faith & Belief – Another side of Leicester's story

Come for a pre-Christmas stroll with us around Leicester's interesting and varied places of worship and learn a little about their history. Led by Peter Jones and Leigh Picciano Moss

Start: 10.30 am at St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas Circle. Finish: 12.30 pm

All walks cost £4.50 for LCS members and £5.00 for non-members.

Numbers are limited and advance booking is essential.

Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Pay direct to Leicester Civic Society Events at 30, Main Street, Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire, LE9 2AL.

Cheques payable to 'Leicester Civic Society'. Please provide a mobile phone number or email address for receipt of booking.

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