

## ROMAN & MEDIEVAL LEICESTER

Visit our oldest church, St Nicholas, and experience Roman and Medieval Leicester; **open until 3.30pm**. Walk around this ancient building on your own or with a guide and talk to members of the Church. Join **Friends of Jewry Wall Museum** for hands on heritage activities and hear about the progress of our new museum. Children and adults can also enjoy craft activities and light refreshments. Pick up a free map with a self-guided tour of the streets of Roman Leicester and learn about our ancient town. For any enquiries please email: [jewrywallfriends@outlook.com](mailto:jewrywallfriends@outlook.com).

**The church will be open the last Sunday in September.**

## CASTLE MOTTE

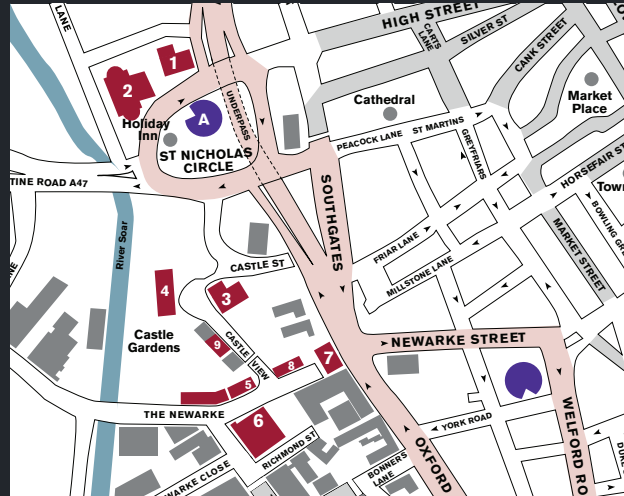
In 1068, just after the Norman Conquest of 1066, Leicester Castle would have consisted of an earth mound (or motte) with a timber tower (or keep) on top. Climb to the top of the motte for views over Castle Yard, The Newarke and Castle Gardens.

## TURRET GATEWAY

Built in 1423, the Turret Gateway separated the Newarke religious precinct from Leicester Castle. Locally it has become known as Rupert's Gateway, named after the nephew of King Charles I, Prince Rupert, who led the Siege of Leicester in 1645 during the English Civil War. However, this particular building that stood on Bonners Lane, was demolished in 1935.



## HOW TO FIND US?



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| 1. St Nicholas'      | 4. Castle Great Hall | 7. The Magazine   |
| 2. Jewry Wall        | 5. Trinity Chapel    | 8. Newarke Houses |
| 3. St Mary De Castro | 6. DMU Museum        | 9. Pub & Deli     |

## BLUE BADGE GUIDED TOURS

The following guided tours from local history experts are available (excluding September).

11:00am - The Magazine

12:30pm - Leicester Castle Great Hall

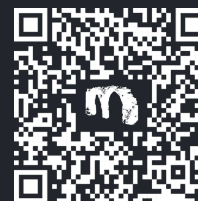
2:00pm - St Mary de Castro Church

Tickets £6 adults, £5 concessions (over 60s, students/children)

The duration of each tour is one hour. Online tickets available at [Whats On – Leicester Museums](#) or in person at Newarke Houses Museum.

Advance booking is recommended as unsold tickets may not be available on the day.

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# HERITAGE SUNDAYS

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

**May - October (excl. Sep)**

**11am - 3pm**



  
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City Council

  
Story of  
Leicester  
[www.storyofleicester.info](http://www.storyofleicester.info)





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 Roman origins to its manufacturing heyday.**

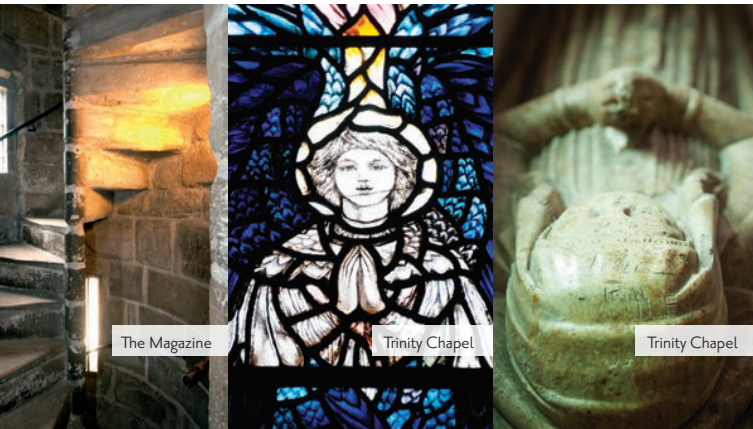
On the last Sunday of month, May-Oct (**excl. Sept**), explore these historic places **free of charge**.

Discover lovely outdoor spaces, including Castle Gardens Park and the tranquility of some of the city's beautiful secret gardens.

Learn even more about these fascinating buildings and book on to the tours of the Magazine, Castle Great Hall and St Mary de Castro Church, led by local tour guide experts for a small fee. Turn over for pricing.

For more information about themed events visit: [dmu.ac.uk/museum](http://dmu.ac.uk/museum) or call 0116 207 8729.

The season will pause in September for **Heritage Open Days Festival**, for more information please visit [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk).



The Magazine

Trinity Chapel

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### LEICESTER CASTLE GREAT HALL

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

**Expert local guide tour available - £6**

### DMU MUSEUM

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

**Please visit [dmu.ac.uk/museum](http://dmu.ac.uk/museum)** for more information.

### 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.

### TRINITY 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 on Castle View.

### ST MARY DE CASTRO (12pm - 3pm)

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.

**Expert local guide tour available - £6**

### THE CASTLE PUB / HAND & BOWL DELI

Enjoy refreshments in the recently converted Grade II-listed cottages that date back to the 1700s and had been in use for various small businesses until the 1990s. There has been a pub on Castle View since 1771 when the Roundhead Inn opened next door to Turret Gateway, changing name to The Olde Castle Inn.



Leicester Castle Great Hall

### THE MAGAZINE

Originally a 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> century.

**Expert local guide tour available - £6**

### NEWARKE HOUSES MUSEUM

Created from two historic houses that date from the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 opening times go to [visitleicester.info](http://visitleicester.info)**

### 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 Herb Garden