

OPEN DAYS IN 2020

Museum open every Tuesday
And for Family Open Days / Special Events

Tuesday 18 Feb	Half Term (Junk Modelling) 11am-3pm
Sunday 29 Mar	First Sunday Open Day in 2020 **
Tuesday 7 Apr	Easter Holiday Fun **
Sunday 12 Apr	Stationary engine rally on forecourt
Monday 13 Apr	Historic Water Supplies - Leominster
Saturday 25 Apr	Steampunk market stalls & entertainment
Sunday 26 Apr	(11am-5pm Sat / 11am-4pm Sun)
Friday 8 May	WW2/Victory in Europe celebration
Sunday 10 May	National Mills Weekend
Sunday 24 May	Founders Weekend (inc Herefordshire
Monday 25 May	Water Board 60th anniversary)
Tuesday 26 May	Half term holiday fun **
Sunday 31 May	Museum open **
Sun 14 Jun	Blacksmithing Demonstration
Sunday 28 Jun	Museum open **
Sunday 12 Jul	Country crafts demo - the Cart Shed **
Tuesday 21 Jul	Summer holiday fun – Pond Dipping
Sunday 26 Jul	Annual Gala Day: historic vehicles, Hereford Concert Band, new exhibit to be opened
Sunday 9 Aug	Museum open **
Tuesday 18 Aug	Summer holiday fun – Teddy Bears' Picnic **
Sunday 30 Aug	Key water technologies –
Monday 31 Aug	History of the water wheel
Sunday 13 Sept	Heritage Open Day (free admission) **
Sunday 27 Sept	Fighting fires in times gone by **
Sunday 11 Oct	Stirling Engine Society Rally **
Sunday 25 Oct	Museum open **
Tuesday 27 Oct	Half term holiday fun **
Sunday 13 Dec	Victorian Christmas at the Waterworks (12-6pm) **

1. Heritage Water Park open for all open days (safety permitting)
2. Miniature Railway open days - see www.hsme.co.uk
3. Please see website for other possible attractions on days marked **
4. Steam roller 'Emma' will be 100 in 2020

Notes for events/open days in 2020

- The Museum is open every Tuesday from 11am - 4pm. New in 2020: Between April – October additional engines can be seen in operation (but not the steam engines).
- On a family open-day the Museum is open from 12-4pm, with all engines working from 1pm.
- FREE ADMISSION FOR: (i) Visitors under 16; (ii) Essential carers attending with a disabled visitor; (iii) Museum Members.
- New for 2020: Buy an Annual Adult Pass at Reception (£10) and gain 12 months' free admission from date of purchase
- The children's Heritage Water Park will normally be open between March and October 2020.
- Please monitor the Museum website and Facebook/Twitter for possible other special attractions on family open-days.

Tuesday 18 Feb	Half Term (Junk Modelling) 11am-3pm	This popular activity encourages children to use their imagination and creativity to build 'junk' models using recycled materials. Children will learn how to design and build a model from 'junk', which they can take home at the end of the day. Suitable for ages 5-11 (younger visitors with parental support). No booking required.
Sunday 29 Mar	First Sunday open day in in 2020	Keep an eye on the Museum website and Facebook for details of a special attraction to launch our 2020 visitor season.
Tuesday 7 Apr	'Junior Engineer' Easter Holiday Fun 11am - 3pm	New for 2020 are two ' Junior Engineer ' events for children interested in learning more about engineering and science. Through small practical design and build activities, children will develop an understanding of how simple machines work. Groups of up to 10 Young Engineers aged 7 to 11 (ages 5 or 6 with parental support) per hour-long session. Please book on arrival. Sessions start at 11.15am, 12.30pm and 2.00pm.
Sunday 12 Apr	Stationary engine rally on forecourt	Members of the Herefordshire & District Preservation Society and others will be showing their stationary engines in operation on the Museum forecourt on Easter Day.

Monday 13 Apr	Historic Water Supplies - Leominster	This year our historic water supplies exhibition focuses on Leominster and will tell the fascinating story of the history of water supply in Leominster. Its water pumping station was built in 1865 after a typhoid outbreak that killed 38 people. 30 years ago, the water pumping station was saved from demolition and rebuilt by volunteers at the Waterworks Museum (now known as our 'Tangye House').
Saturday 25 Apr Sunday 26 Apr	Steampunk market stalls & entertainment <i>Sat: 11am - 5pm</i> <i>Sun: 11am - 4pm</i> <i>Engines working from 12pm</i>	Back by popular demand is our Steampunk event, now in it's fourth year. It will be a weekend of vibrant sound and colour with some fantastic family entertainment from the popular entertainers Mr Alexander and Greg Chapman. Adding to the fun will be the chance to see a wide range of weird and wonderful costumes inspired by the science-fiction of the Victorian age of steam power, and stalls selling colourful Steampunk costume, period jewellery and collectables.
Friday 8 May	WW2/Victory in Europe celebration	Our celebration of VE Day will be one of a range of events on Bank Holiday Friday running alongside Hereford's River Carnival. Why not take advantage of <u>half price adult admission</u> to spend an hour or so at the Waterworks Museum, where there will be WW2 focused activities for children to enjoy with their family. Come dressed for the occasion. Optional WW2/1940's themed costumes welcome.
Sunday 10 May	National Mills Weekend <u>plus</u> Continuation of WW2/VE Day celebration	The Waterworks Museum has fine examples of an overshot waterwheel and wind and other powered turbines and is pleased to support the annual National Mills weekend. Remember: Come dressed for the occasion - optional WW2/1940's themed costumes welcome.
Sunday 24 May Monday 25 May	Founders Weekend (60 th anniversary of Herefordshire Water Board)	Our annual celebration of the achievement Museum volunteers. Learn how the idea for the Waterworks Museum was conceived when Herefordshire Water Board was set up and of the obstacles overcome by early volunteers.

Tuesday 26 May	Half term holiday fun 11am - 3pm	Activities for children in the Heritage Water Park: suitable for ages 5-11 (younger visitors with parental support). If raining on the day, alternative indoor activities will be available.
Sunday 31 May	Museum open – all engines working	Please monitor the Museum website and Facebook/Twitter for possible special attraction.
Sun 14 Jun	Demonstration of Blacksmithing; <u>plus</u> Historic cycles from the National Cycle Museum	This is a unique opportunity to see and talk to skilled local Blacksmiths and to find out more about their functional, decorative and sculptural products, artefacts and skills. Also a first visit to the Waterworks Museum from a Museum that is just over the border in Wales and another hidden gem the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells.
Sunday 28 Jun	Museum open – all engines working	Please monitor the Museum website and Facebook/Twitter for possible special attraction.
Sunday 12 Jul	Country crafts demonstration - The Cart Shed	The Waterworks Museum is delighted to provide a new venue to showcase the work of The Cart Shed, a Herefordshire charity that offers opportunities to try something new and improve well-being, to find friendships, a sense of belonging and calm. Other local Rural Crafters are also welcome to demonstrate their products and skills: please contact info@waterworksmuseum.org.uk
Tuesday 21 Jul	Summer holiday fun – Pond Dipping 11am - 3pm	This is one of the Museum’s most popular children’s events. A chance to identify pond ‘mini-beasts’ under a microscope. Also attending will be Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.
Sunday 26 Jul	Annual Gala Day	Each year the Major of Hereford attends Gala Day to open a new exhibit and Hereford Concert Band and a rally of historic vehicles entertain our visitors. See Facebook and website for details in due course.
Sunday 9 Aug	Museum open – all engines working	Please monitor the Museum website and Facebook/Twitter for possible special attraction.

Tuesday 18 Aug	Summer holiday fun: Teddy Bears' Picnic 11am - 3pm	Our younger visitors are invited to bring a teddy bear and a picnic. In 2020, this popular annual event will include entertainment for the wider family to enjoy (see Facebook and website for detail in due course).
Sunday 30 Aug Monday 31 Aug	Key water technologies – History of the water wheel	Following past events - which looked at the Pelton Wheel and James Watt, in 2020 we focus on the Waterwheel and its importance for historic supply of water for human consumption across the ages.
Sunday 13 Sept	Heritage Open Day FREE ADMISSION	Museum open with all engines working and free admission courtesy of the Museum trustees. Please monitor the Museum website and Facebook/Twitter for possible special attraction.
Sunday 27 Sept	Fighting fires in times gone by	The ability to better fight fires was an indirect benefit of a more reliable supply of water from Victorian times and is one of the less well-known stories we tell at the Waterworks Museum (with stories relating to Hereford & Ross on Wye in particular). This exhibit allows the visitor to compare local history, with the firefighting of today.
Sunday 11 Oct	Stirling Engine Society Rally	The showing by members of the Stirling Engine Society of model hot air engines is always popular with visitors. This year there will be opportunity for up to 8 young people aged 11-16 to try their hand at building a model hot air engine. This will be charged only at the cost of the kit - prior booking essential (details to follow).
Sunday 25 Oct	Museum open – all engines working	End of season, final Sunday Open-Day in 2020. Please monitor the Museum website and Facebook/Twitter for possible special attraction.
Tuesday 27 Oct	'Junior Engineer' autumn holiday fun 11am - 3pm	Our 2 nd Junior Engineer event of 2020 will be indoors in the Visitor Centre. 'Engineers' will be challenged to investigate mechanisms, structures and waterwheels before designing and building a simple machine that utilises moving water. Groups of up to 10 Young Engineers aged 7 to 11 (ages 5 or 6 with parental support) per hour-long session. Please book on arrival. Sessions start at 11.15am, 12.30pm and 2.00pm.

Sunday 13 Dec	Victorian Christmas at the Waterworks <i>12-6pm: engines working 1pm</i>	Celebrating with a Victorian Christmas will be another first for the Waterworks Museum in 2020 – with extended opening hours in-steam after darkness falls. Join us for minced pies and mulled wine. Optional Victorian themed costumes welcome. Check on the Museum website and Facebook for more details closer to the event.
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