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Lives in Stone: Witney's Everyday Histories

Tower Hill Cemetery Chapel, Tower Hill, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 5ES

Multiple dates available | In person | Pre-booking not required | Site opening

Discover Witney's past through the lives and occupations of those buried at Tower Hill Cemetery. Explore graves, burial records and historic directories, uncover stories of local workers, and enjoy a rare opportunity to visit the historic chapel.

The 2026 Heritage Open Days theme, "Everyday Histories", celebrates the lives, work and stories of ordinary people who helped shape their communities. Tower Hill Cemetery provides a unique opportunity to uncover Witney's rich social history through the lives of those laid to rest there.

Visitors are invited to explore selected graves and burial records that reveal how occupations and working lives changed over the decades. From local tradespeople and craftsmen to business owners and factory workers, these stories offer a fascinating glimpse into Witney's social and economic development.

Visitors will also be able to browse burial records and historic trade directories, enjoy refreshments, and take advantage of the rare opportunity to step inside the cemetery chapel - one of Witney's secrets!

Timings

Friday 11 September

15:00-20:00

Saturday 12 September

09:00- 1300

Location & directions

Tower Hill Cemetery Chapel, Tower Hill, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 5ES

Directions:

The easiest way to find us is on foot from any of the entrances on Tower Hill, Curbridge Road or the gate in the alley from Windrush Valley Estate.

Contact on day:

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