

# Calling all junior journalists, budding historians & young detectives...

Time portals have appeared across the city and people from the past are stepping through!

Travel to each time portal, uncover the facts and report back.

**What was Lincoln called in Roman times?**

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**What is the biggest Medieval building in Lincoln?**

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**What famous Norman built Lincoln Castle?**

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**What kind of houses did Vikings live in?**

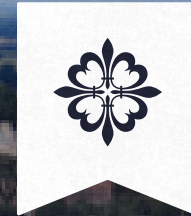
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Use this space for any notes or doodles!



Norman Shield Viking	Castle Portal Stone	Gate Roman Sword
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# LINCOLN FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

**2 - 4 MAY • 11AM - 5PM**

## FREE EVENT GUIDE





**Lincoln Visitor Information Centre**  
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 visitorinformation@lincoln.gov.uk

**ROMAN MARKET** **11AM - 5PM**

**CASTLE SQUARE**  
**LN1 3AA**

Explore a Roman encampment filled with traditional tents, costumed performers, and demonstrations of ancient crafts like blacksmithing.

**VIKING ARENA** **11AM - 5PM**

**CITY SQUARE**  
**LN5 7ET**

Explore an **immersive Viking settlement** filled with authentic crafts, skills, and in-character performers. Enjoy free activities like Viking coin minting!

**NORMAN CAMP** **11AM - 5PM**

**CORNHILL SQUARE**  
**LN5 7HE**

**New for 2026:** a lively Norman Camp with living-history tents, a full-sized siege engine, and arena displays led by costumed Norman reenactors.

**KNIGHT ACADEMY** **11AM - 5PM**

**ST PAUL IN THE BAIL**  
**LN1 3AA**



A **hands-on medieval activity zone** with costumed performers, weapon demonstrations, and family activities throughout the day.

**NEED SOMEWHERE TO PARK?**

- Broadgate Car Park **(LN2 5AP)**
- Westgate Car Park **(LN1 3BG)**
- The Lawn Car Park **(LN1 3BU)**
- Lucy Tower Street Car Park **(LN1 1XL)**
- Tentercroft Street Car Park **(LN5 7DB)**
- Lincoln Central Car Park **(LN5 7BP)**

The **Lincoln BIG Tour Bus** will be running throughout the weekend with an exclusive 2-for-1 ticket offer.

Scan the QR code to view the full timetable:

1

**Lincoln Castle (£) - LN1 3AA**

Discover The Castle of Curiosities inside the Victorian Prison—an immersive look at the eccentric world of the 19th century.

**Included with a Castle Day Ticket (£)  
Castle grounds are free to enter.**



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**Lincoln Cathedral - LN2 1PX**

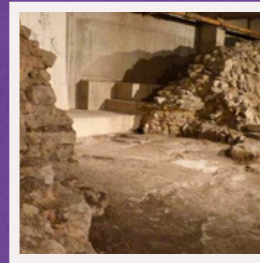
Watch the cathedral's stonemasons bring their craft to life with live stone-carving demonstrations outside Lincoln Cathedral. Fill out our events survey for a chance to win a bespoke carving!



3

**Church of St Mary Magdalene - LN1 3AR**

Discover an exhibition on the 1882 Restoration of St Mary Magdalene, plus daytime family art activities and evening tea with Victorian cakes.



4

**Roman Posterngate - LN2 1DP**

Posterngate, the ruins of a Roman gate, will be **open for exploration** throughout the event. No pre-booking required.

**Note:** No disabled access.



5

**Usher Gallery - Education Room - LN2 1NN**

Explore Portable Antiquities Scheme finds in the Clore Gallery, including Anglo-Saxon brooches from Cammeringham.

6

**St Mary's Guildhall - LN5 7SH**

A three-day pop-up exhibition on the 1986–87 Fulbeck protest, featuring digitised footage and original campaign materials, with a dedicated talk on Saturday afternoon

**Note:** No disabled access.



**Museum of Lincolnshire Life (£) - LN1 3LY**

Step back into Victorian Lincolnshire with living history, hands-on activities and demonstrations. See the printing press in action, watch the Robey winding engine run, and enjoy traditional music as the museum comes to life for all ages.

**Adult £3 • Child £1.50 • Concession £2  
Family (2 adults + up to 3 children) £6**



**International Bomber Command Centre - LN4 2HQ**

Enjoy free outdoor activities and hands-on challenges as they celebrate Lincolnshire's rich aviation heritage.

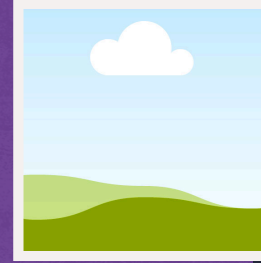
**Easily accessible via the Lincoln BIG Bus Route.**



**Southside - LN5 8DW**

St Gilbert, founder of the medieval priory of St Katherine on today's South Common and one of Lincoln's most influential figures, is commemorated in the former St Katherine's Church, now the Southside Grassroots venue.

**Enjoy onsite history videos about St Gilbert and an immersive medieval soundscape!**



**Lincoln County Assembly Rooms (£) - LN1 3AR**

Enjoy tea in a grade II\* listed Georgian building. Open all weekend, with staff happy to show people around. Perfect for your Bridgerton era!



**Threshold Digital Trails - Various Locations**

Reimagining Lincolnshire is launching a series of free digital trails across the city from May 2026. **Visit the Festival Info Stand at Cornhill Market** to find out how to get started!



Discover our full line-up of tours and talks by **scanning the QR code for the complete festival programme:**

## ARCHAEOLOGY ZONE

**BARBICAN  
CREATIVE  
HUB  
LN5 7ET**

Explore **the Archaeology Zone**, where visitors can dive into Lincoln's rich past through a vibrant display of **discoveries, stories and real archaeological finds**.

### Local Landscapes and Hidden Histories

Explore fascinating insights from the recent community excavation on Lincoln's South Common. Interpretation boards and a selection of real finds from the Local Landscapes and Hidden Histories project reveal the story of the long-lost Malandry Leper Hospital, uncovered last summer by local volunteers working alongside professional archaeologists.

LOCAL  
LANDSCAPES  
& HIDDEN  
HISTORIES



### Lincolnshire County Council

Visitors can get hands-on with history in the Archaeology Zone, where a selection of Roman, Early Medieval and Medieval loan kits are on display. Packed with real and replica artefacts, these kits offer a glimpse into everyday life across the centuries

Visitors can also discover additional insights from **Allen Archaeology** and **PCAS Archaeology**, who bring further expertise and discoveries and to the Archaeology Zone.



## Looking for a bite to eat?

Lincoln is full of independent shops, cafés and eateries, each offering something unique to the city.

While you're here for the event, take some time to explore and support our local businesses.

Find out more on [visitlincoln.com](http://visitlincoln.com)



## ENTERTAINMENT

SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMINGS

1

### Makers & Antiques Market

Browse handmade crafts and vintage finds in the Castle Hill Car Park throughout the Festival of History.



2

### Travelling Historical Market

Discover traditional crafts and goods from costumed traders, with an armour display and owls to meet!



3

### Lincoln Long Wool Sheep

Meet a breed of sheep native to Lincoln dating back to the Roman period, brought to Lincoln Cathedral.

### Beatrix the Bubble Jester - Downhill

Beatrix the Bubble Jester will be popping up along the High Street and in the Cornhill Quarter, filling the area with giant bubbles, colour and playful fun.



### Stilt Walking Medieval Knight - Bailgate

A stilt-walking medieval knight will be roaming the Bailgate - clearly lost after wandering away from the Knight Academy!



### The Ridiculous Romans - Steep Hill

Wild, wacky walkabout characters keeping everyone entertained and encouraging visitors to keep exploring as they go.

## Let us know what you think...

Scan the QR code and fill in our event survey for the chance to take home a **hand-carved stone fleur-de-lis**, crafted by Lincoln Cathedral's own stonemasons!

Go to [@eventsinlincoln](https://twitter.com/eventsinlincoln) to see the piece in action.

