

# #RoyalCrescent250



*"preserving the historic character of Bath and its surroundings since 1934"*



Bath Preservation Trust was set up in 1934 to safeguard the historic city of Bath. Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the only complete city in the UK afforded World Heritage Status. The purposes of the Trust are:

- ~ to encourage and support the conservation, evolution and enhancement of Bath and its environs within a framework appropriate both to its historic setting and its sustainable future
- ~ to provide educational resources which focus on the architectural and historic importance of the City.

The Trust is a registered charity and receives no statutory funding. Donations, grants and membership subscriptions are our only form of income other than entrance charges. BPT is supported by around 1450 members who share a passion for the City and its environs.

### Become a member of Bath Preservation Trust

As a Trust member you can rest assured you are contributing to a worthy cause. The benefits of membership are many:

- ~ know you are playing a vital role in helping to preserve Bath's heritage
  - ~ put your views to the Trust at the Annual General Meeting
  - ~ seek advice from the Trust's various committees on points of policy or historic and architectural detail
  - ~ take part in a series of Trust Walks, Talks and Tours
  - ~ meet fellow members with similar interests
  - ~ visit all Trust museums free of charge throughout the season
  - ~ receive the Trust's annual publications and other communications.
- Single adult membership is just £20 per year. There are levels of double, family, corporate and life memberships, too.

Please visit the websites for more information and an application form.

Bath Preservation Trust is leading an exciting city-wide project throughout 2017, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Royal Crescent in Bath.

No other building better represents the architectural innovation, social identity and creative imagination of Georgian Britain than the Royal Crescent in Bath. The foundation stone for this masterpiece of eighteenth century design was laid on 19th May 1767 and since then it has become one of the most famous buildings in Britain. It stands as a doorway through which the history of the Georgian period can be discovered and the architecture of the future inspired.

This project includes exhibitions, debates, community events, guided walks and artworks exploring the enduring power of a single building. Primarily focused in and around the Trust's three city-centre museums, there are also activities in partnerships with Bath Festivals, RIBA South West and The Natural Theatre Company

Follow [#royalcrescent250](#) to find out more.

### #ROYALCRESCENT250 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PARTY IN THE CITY** FRI 19 MAY | FREE

No.1 Royal Crescent once again hosts performances as part of the city wide opening night of Bath Festival, this year on the anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Royal Crescent.



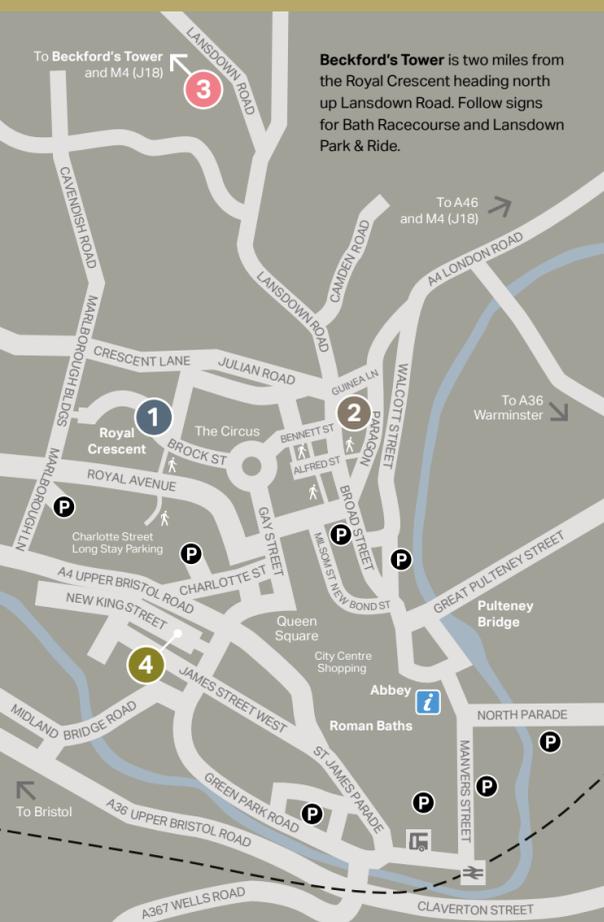
**FOUNDATION STONE FAMILY DAY** SUN 21 MAY | FREE

A free outdoor event to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of the Royal Crescent 250 years ago. The Natural Theatre Company will create one of their celebrated street theatre performances by taking a piece of Bath Stone from Combe Down where it would have been mined, across the River Avon and through the city centre to lay it at the Royal Crescent, collecting people on the way to create a procession.

Stone carving and carpentry demonstrations, walking tours and other hands-on activities will be taking place throughout the day.

To find out more visit our website [no1royalcrescent.org.uk](#)

WHAT'S ON  
MAY - AUGUST 2017  
NO.1 ROYAL CRESCENT  
MUSEUM OF BATH ARCHITECTURE  
BECKFORD'S TOWER & MUSEUM  
HERSCHEL MUSEUM OF ASTRONOMY



Beckford's Tower is two miles from the Royal Crescent heading north up Lansdown Road. Follow signs for Bath Racecourse and Lansdown Park & Ride.

- 1 NO.1 ROYAL CRESCENT**  
Bath BA1 2LR
- 2 MUSEUM OF BATH ARCHITECTURE**  
The Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, The Vineyards, Paragon, Bath BA1 5NA
- 3 BECKFORD'S TOWER & MUSEUM**  
Lansdown, Bath BA1 9BH
- 4 HERSCHEL MUSEUM OF ASTRONOMY**  
19 New King Street, Bath BA1 2BL



### Education and community engagement – bringing history to life!

All our museums provide exciting educational experiences for schools, higher and adult education groups and families. We also offer specially tailored events for community groups. Engaging and creative talks and workshops are available for all learning levels, supported by handling collections and period costumes.

Family events are listed here:

[no1royalcrescent.org.uk/events](#)

Schools and colleges should visit:

[no1royalcrescent.org.uk/education](#)

For further information, including on community projects, contact **Polly Andrews, Education Officer**, on **01225 333 895** or [pandrews@bptrust.org.uk](#).

### Popular Primary school workshops

(Teachers and accompanying adults are free)

**NO. 1 ROYAL CRESCENT** 2½ HOURS | £5.25 PER STUDENT

#### PREPARING FOR A PARTY

Learn about the extravagances of Georgian dining, dress up as elegant aristocrats and use a quill.



**HERSCHEL MUSEUM OF ASTRONOMY & NO. 1 ROYAL CRESCENT** 3 HOURS | £5.25 PER STUDENT

#### AMAZING ASTRONOMY

Watch a film, hear a talk about the Herschels' remarkable lives and make an orrery (a model of the solar system).

### Group visits to our museums

We are delighted to welcome groups at No. 1 Royal Crescent, The Museum of Bath Architecture, Beckford's Tower and the Herschel Museum of Astronomy and we offer a discounted rate for groups.

We also provide special tours at each of the museums, including private evening visits with a glass of wine and a talk on various aspects of life and architecture in Georgian Bath. To link visits to the museums we offer a number of themed itineraries including:

#### 1 At home with the Georgians

Explore life in a Georgian house from one of the grandest addresses in Bath to a more modest home for the 'middling sort'.

#### 2 Bath's Georgian heyday

No museums illustrate the growth of Bath during the 18th century better than No. 1 Royal Crescent and 19 New King Street (Herschel Museum of Astronomy), while the Museum of Bath Architecture explains how and why Bath's elegant crescents and terraces were built.

#### 3 Bath and the Enlightenment

The ideas and practices of the Enlightenment touched Bath in many ways, through science, philosophy and culture. Visits to the Herschel Museum of Astronomy and Beckford's Tower will provide an insight into two fascinating men and their part in the Enlightenment in Bath.

So we can ensure that your party makes the most of their visit we ask group organisers to book in advance. For specific information or to make a booking at our museums, please contact:

- NO.1 ROYAL CRESCENT**  
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- MUSEUM OF BATH ARCHITECTURE**  
Please call **01225 333 895** or email [jhunter@bptrust.org.uk](#)
- BECKFORD'S TOWER & MUSEUM**  
Please call **01225 460 705** or email [tower@bptrust.org.uk](#)
- HERSCHEL MUSEUM OF ASTRONOMY**  
Please call **01225 446 865** or email [herschelbpt@btconnect.com](#)

"The best address in Bath"

The Times

# No. 1 ONE ROYAL CRESCENT

The foundation stone of No. 1 Royal Crescent – the first house to be built in this world famous crescent – was laid on 19 May 1767. Throughout 2017 we are celebrating 250 years since the creation of this icon. The house has been a museum since 1970, with a recent refurbishment which has resulted in many awards for showing what life was like in the eighteenth century. Come inside to experience it yourself – both upstairs and downstairs.

## EXHIBITION BROWNSWORD GALLERY | UNTIL SUN 4 JUN | FREE\*

### FROM ROME TO THE ROYAL CRESCENT

15 architectural models of classical buildings tell the story of Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio's influence on British and American architecture. Highlights include The Pantheon (pictured), The Villa Rotunda, Monticello and No. 1 Royal Crescent.



## EXHIBITION SAT 24 JUN – SUN 19 NOV | FREE\*

### A VIEW FROM THE CRESCENT

An exhibition celebrating the Royal Crescent through the eyes of prominent artists and examining its role in the development of the city and in people. Looking at paintings, prints and photographs we observe how they have responded to the beauty of the building and its setting. Views by artists from the 18th century to the present day – including Thomas Malton's Views from the Royal Crescent, on loan from the Victoria Art Gallery (pictured) – will teach us about the history of this iconic building.



## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE FRI 5 MAY & SAT 13 MAY | 11:00-13:00 | FREE\*

### BEVERLEY FERGUSON

Artist Beverley Ferguson will be at work in the Servants' Hall developing her textile pieces inspired by the objects on display at No. 1. She describes her work as "blending formal elements such as line, design and composition with self-expression, using the inspiration of No.1 which is so rich in stories and visual opportunities". Come and see her at work and chat to her about her art.

## FAMILY FRIDAYS WORKSHOPS FAMILIES AGES 5+ | FREE\*

### NEW VIEWS OF THE CRESCENT

What is your view through the sash windows of No. 1? A Georgian sedan chair, a pastoral scene or perhaps a contemporary take such as families on a picnic or tourists on a bus?

At our Family Friday workshops, families can create their unique views on a fabric square with the help of Beverley Ferguson, our Artist in Residence, using a range of art resources. The work produced will be joined together to form a vibrant hanging similar to this one and it will feature in an exhibition at No. 1 at the end of 2017.



## FRI 11 AUG | 11:00-15:00

**Focus on printmaking and sewing** – use paint, stamps and thread to create your piece.

## FRI 25 AUG | 11:00-15:00

**Try the skills of Appliqué and Collage** – combine materials and paper on your fabric square.

\*free with normal admission

4 Feb – 17 Dec 2017  
Tue-Sun 10:30-17:30 | Mon 12:00-17:30 (last entry 16.30)  
Adult £10.00 | Child £4.00 | Family £22.00  
Concessions, students, Discovery Card holders and group rates available

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"No visitor to Bath should miss it"

The Spectator

# MUSEUM OF BATH ARCHITECTURE

Here you will discover the story behind the elegant architecture of Bath. Maps, models, building tools, films, cross-sections and photographs will help you understand how this World Heritage City was created. Located in the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, this is the only museum that explains how a small walled town has grown into the beautiful and elaborate city you see today.

## EXHIBITION UNTIL SUN 4 JUN | FREE\*

### THE ROYAL CRESCENT DECONSTRUCTED / RECONSTRUCTED

Through an exciting new installation No. 1 Royal Crescent is broken into pieces. As fragments are linked to objects at the museum the building is then reformed, revealing the design and craftsmanship that came together to construct the Royal Crescent 250 years ago.



## EXHIBITION MON 24 JUN – SUN 26 NOV | FREE\*

### PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE: BATH AND THE SMITHSONS

200 years after the Royal Crescent was built, Alison and Peter Smithson, England's most influential post-war architects, looked to the historic city to inspire their modern designs. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the Royal Crescent this exhibition explores the extraordinary connection between old and new in the Smithsons work, and the buildings they designed for Bath.

## PARTY IN THE CITY FRI 19 MAY | 18:30-20:45 | FREE\*

Free music in the Chapel as part of the opening night of Bath Festival. Bar available.

## 18:30-19:00 | BISHOPSTON WIND QUINTET

## 19:20-20:00 | MONKTON JAZZ BAND

## 20:20-20:45 | JANE LILLEY SINGERS

## SUMMER CONCERTS TICKETS ON DOOR | £10 INCL GLASS OF WINE

### TEMPLE ENSEMBLE FRI 9 JUN | 18:30-19:30



**Vivaldi** | Concerto for Bassoon and Strings  
**Weber** | Clarinet Quintet  
**Beethoven** | Sextet  
London-based, the Temple Ensemble was formed by clarinettist Poppy Beddoe at the Royal Academy of Music. They perform throughout the UK and in SW France.

## MONTEVERDI & HIS MILIEU: A VENETIAN ADVENTURE FRI 7 JUL | 18:30-19:30

**Music in the Ayre:** Jane Hunt and Maria Danishvar, sopranos and Din Ghani, archlute/baroque guitar

A happy hour of gorgeous music (both sacred and secular) from early 17th century Venice by Claudio Monteverdi and some of his contemporaries. Although he was born in Cremona 450 years ago, Venice was where Monteverdi found fulfilment and job satisfaction when he became choirmaster at St Mark's Basilica, and where many of his masterpieces were written.



## FOLK NIGHT THU 17 AUG | 18:30-19:30

The wonderful Chapel acoustics have attracted a performance during the Bath Folk Festival 2017. [www.bathfolkfestival.org](http://www.bathfolkfestival.org)

\*free with normal admission

11 Feb – 26 Nov 2017  
Tue-Fri 14:00-17:00 | Sat-Sun 10:30-17:00  
Adult £6.00 | Child £2.50 | Family £14.00  
Joint ticket discount with No. 1 Royal Crescent  
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"I am growing rich, and mean to build towers"

William Beckford

# BECKFORD'S TOWER AND MUSEUM

The elegant, golden-topped neo-classical tower on Lansdown Hill was built in 1827 as a retreat for the brilliant writer and eccentric William Beckford. Born to great wealth and endowed with precocious talent Beckford created magnificent buildings in which to store his extraordinary art, furniture and book collections. Today the tower houses a museum dedicated to Beckford.

## THE BECKFORD BOOK GROUP QUARTERLY



Join us at the Tower for our quarterly book group exploring writings (loosely) related to the work of William Beckford. You don't need to have read the book, just be interested in enjoying an evening of talks from experts, interesting discussions, tea, coffee (maybe wine).

## THE BECKFORD BOOK GROUP THU 8 JUN | 19:00 | £5 ON DOOR

### THE RIVALS BY RICHARD SHERIDAN

To coincide with this year's Royal Crescent at 250 anniversary and in the spirit of the Herschel Museum of Astronomy's Jubilate exhibition we will be reading 'The Rivals' by Richard Sheridan. Sheridan famously eloped with his wife, Elizabeth Linley, from the Royal Crescent in 1772. This will be the Book Group's first play, and hopefully an evening of amateur theatrics as we read through scenes!



As usual, you can expect drinks, nibbles, and the now-traditional themed book group cupcakes!

Visit the Beckford Book Group website [beckfordstower.org.uk/whats-on/beckford-book-group](http://beckfordstower.org.uk/whats-on/beckford-book-group)

## EVENT SAT 8 JUL – SUN 9 JUL | 10:00-16:00 | FREE

### LANDMARK TRUST OPEN DAYS AT BECKFORD'S TOWER



The Landmark Trust apartment at Beckford's Tower will be open for visitors to see the interiors designed to capture the spirit of Beckford's original rooms.

## WALKING TOUR WED 19 JUL | 18:30-19:30 | £5

### CRESCENT vs CRESCENT

Walking tour with Dr Amy Frost from the Royal Crescent to Lansdown Crescent, via Camden Crescent and Cavendish Crescent, exploring the influence the Royal Crescent had on the others that followed. What makes it superior (or inferior in Beckford's eyes) and how did Bath, its architectural heritage and social history change during the period between the two buildings being constructed.



4 Mar – 29 Oct 2017  
Sat-Sun/Bank Holiday Mondays 10:30-17:00  
Adult £5.00 | Child £2.00 | Family £11.50  
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## FAMILY EVENT SAT 29 JULY | FREE

### A day in the life of the Royal Crescent Picnic in the park

A summer celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Crescent where everyone is invited to bring a picnic to the lower lawn of the Royal Crescent and enjoy the **view without any cars**. The Natural Theatre Company will be entertaining visitors with performances along the Royal Crescent based on the stories of people who have lived in this world famous building.



# The Royal Crescent 250 Anniversary Weekend



## PARTY IN THE CITY FRI 19 MAY | FREE

### WORDS ON STONE 20:00-22:00

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Royal Crescent on 19 May 1767 the elevation of No. 1 Royal Crescent will be illuminated with poetry as part of Party in the City, the opening night of Bath Festival.

## ECHOES AND EDGES 19:00-21:30 | SERVANTS' HALL

Echoes and Edges is a collective of poets and musicians, working together on ideas that incorporate and merge spoken word with improvised and composed pieces of music.

## OUTDOOR EVENT SUN 21 MAY | 11:00-15:00 | FREE

### Royal Crescent Foundation Stone Family Day

## 11:00 Natural Theatre Company actors embark on the Foundation Stone Procession to No. 1 from Widcombe.

**11:00-15:00 How the Royal Crescent was built.** Demonstrations of the crafts used to build the Royal Crescent including joinery, stonemasonry and ironwork.

**11:00, 11:45, 13:30** (Dementia Friendly tour) and **14:30** (includes British Sign Language) **If Walls Could Talk** walking tours of the Royal Crescent with students from Bath Spa University exploring the stories behind the façade.

**12:30-13:15 Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony.** The foundation stone arrives with the Natural Theatre Company at the Royal Crescent.

Throughout the day there will be family activities and costumed interpretation inside No. 1 Royal Crescent.



19 New King Street is a delightful and unique example of a fully restored modest Georgian townhouse. It was home to the astronomer and musician William Herschel and his comet-discovering sister Caroline.

## EXHIBITION WED 19 APR-SUN 10 DEC | FREE\*

### JUBILATE: MUSIC AND SCIENCE IN 18TH CENTURY BATH

Links **#RoyalCrescent250** celebrations with the 250th anniversary of William Herschel being appointed Director of Music in Bath. Herschel went on to make major astronomical achievements including the discovery of the planet Uranus in 1781, but his passion for music continued throughout his life. He was a prolific composer, musician and teacher. We explore the vibrant musical scene in the City during the period of the Enlightenment and its importance to the social makeup and cultural life of Bath when it was at its most fashionable and vibrant.

## EVENT SAT 13 MAY | 11:00-13:00 | FREE\*

### MUSICAL ENCOUNTERS

Students on the Bath Spa University Drama BA course will welcome visitors dressed as singer Mary Linley and the Herschels. Find out more from them about the musical world of Georgian Bath brought to life in the Jubilate exhibition

\*free with normal admission

16 Jan – 10 Dec 2017  
Mon-Fri 13:00-17:00 | Sat-Sun/Bank Holiday Mondays 11:00-17:00  
Adult £6.50 | Child £3.00 | Family £15.50  
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