

## PROGRAMME

## SPEAKERS FOR THE DAY

## BOOK TICKETS ONLINE

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| 08:00        | <b>Doors open (stall holders only)</b>   |
| 09:00        | <b>Registration and Coffee</b>   |
| 09:30        | <b>Please take your seats</b>  |
| *09:40       | <b>Welcome</b><br><b>Launch of <i>Cheshire History</i></b>   |
| 10:00-10:45  | <b>Revealing Medieval Nantwich</b><br>Keith Lawrence   |
| 10:50-11:10  | <b>Comfort Break</b>   |
| *11:10-11:55 | <b>Munificence in Macclesfield:<br/>the long 19th century</b><br>Sarah Griffiths                       |
| 12:00-12:45  | <b>Birkenhead:<br/>a new town of the 19th century</b><br>Elizabeth Davey                               |
| 12:50-14:00  | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| *14:00-14:45 | <b>Urban planning and everyday<br/>experience:<br/>Runcorn new town, 1960s-1990s</b><br>Eve Pennington |
| 14:50-15:10  | <b>Comfort break</b>   |
| *15:10-15:55 | <b>Chester Steps into Modern Times</b><br>Paul Hyde  |
| 16:00        | <b>Close</b>   |

\* Please be seated by the start time

**Keith Lawrence** a former veterinary surgeon, ecologist and senior animal health manager, is also a historian. As well as being a specialist on the history of Cheshire's roads, Keith was a member of the coordinating group for the community archaeology project about medieval Nantwich.

**Sarah Griffiths** is the Managing Editor of the University of Chester Press and previously studied history over many years at the institution. Her PhD research explored the role of the Macclesfield silk manufacturers in the development of the town's voluntary institutions between 1750 and 1900.

**Elizabeth Davey** is a retired teacher and lecturer with a particular interest in the local history of Wirral. She is the author of 'Birkenhead - a History' published by Phillimore in 2009 and reissued by The History Press in 2013. More recently she has turned her attention to the history of parks and the life and work of the landscape architect, Edward Kemp (1817 - 1891).

**Eve Pennington** completed her PhD in History at the University of Manchester in 2025. She has since held posts as a Lecturer in History at the University of Manchester and as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Worcester. She specialises in modern British history, gender history and urban history.

**Paul Hyde** was born and schooled in Chester and is a geography graduate. He was the former Heritage Interpretation Officer at Chester City Council. Paul continues to be involved in explaining the city's rich heritage notably through Heritage Chester. He specialises in talks and walks that consider the 20<sup>th</sup> century's legacy, especially the impact of the 1960s and 70s. Paul also lectured on the 2021-22 course that trained the new cohort of Chester Green Badge Tourist Guides.

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/HistoryDay2026>

(There is no booking fee to pay)

Tickets are non-refundable

While CLHA will do all it can to present the advertised programme, circumstances sometimes arise (e.g. indisposition of a speaker) when it becomes necessary to change the speaker and his or her subject at short notice.

### CHESHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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We organise talks and visits, and publish an annual journal, *Cheshire History*.

Personal membership for an individual/couple living at the same address costs £15 p.a. This includes a complimentary copy of the journal. Membership for Societies is £25 p.a. and includes two complimentary copies of the journal.

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## HISTORY DAY 2026 POSTAL BOOKING FORM

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Are you a member of **CLHA** or an affiliated  
organisation? **YES / NO**

Ticket price **£16** per person.

Number of tickets required \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque (payable to CLHA) £ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

We also accept BACS payments to:

**Account Name:** Cheshire Local History Association

**Sort Code:** 60-08-30

**Account Number:** 24084514

Please use your surname and initials as the  
reference.

Tickets will be available on the door unless a s.a.e. is  
enclosed with your application.

## TARPORLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE



Our venue is situated in the village of Tarporley and is easily accessible by all major routes and public transport. The 84-bus route runs half-hourly between Crewe, Nantwich and Chester. It stops outside Tarporley Community Centre.

There is a free car park at the rear of the building, with dedicated parking for blue badge holders.

There is additional space for bookstalls and society displays.

Non-members pay a small charge for a stand/bookstall. Further details are available by contacting:

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[clhachair@outlook.com](mailto:clhachair@outlook.com)

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## REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

Coffee/tea will be available on arrival and during the lunch break.

Although there are no café facilities at this venue, there are a number of small cafés and other hosteleries in Tarporley where lunch can be purchased. Alternatively, delegates may bring a packed lunch to eat in the venue.



Cheshire Local  
History Association

## HISTORY DAY *Cheshire Towns and the March of Time*



*Sweet Briar Hall, Nantwich*

Tarporley Community Centre  
High Street, Tarporley CW6 0AY

Saturday 10 October 2026

09:00 – 16:00

Ticket price £16