



The Ipswich Society

The Ipswich Society was founded in 1960 and campaigns to preserve the best of the town's old buildings and to ensure new building is of similar quality.

Society members enjoy a series of Winter lectures on subjects about, or affecting Ipswich and its environs, a programme of Summer outings and the occasional weekend and short break further afield. Members also receive a quarterly Newsletter.

The Society monitors planning applications and comments on those which will have a noticeable impact on the town. Members attend Ipswich Borough Council's Conservation and Design Panel and panels of the One-Ipswich Strategic Partnership. Comments are made on regional, county and local planning documents including the Development Plan. It also contributes to debates on local transport strategy and the balance between public transport and the alternatives.

The Society is for individuals, families and corporate organisations who care about the appearance, character and well being of Ipswich. If you would like to join please use the form below. For more information on The Ipswich Society visit www.ipswichsociety.org.uk

I/We* wish to join The Ipswich Society as an individual/family* member and enclose a cheque for £6/£10* as first annual subscription.

If you join during Heritage Open Days Weekend membership will continue until the end of 2014.

Name _____
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Address _____

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Signature _____

Date _____

*PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE

Cheques are payable to The Ipswich Society and should be sent, together with the form, to

The Membership Secretary, The Ipswich Society, 11 Dalton Road, Ipswich IP1 2HT



IPSWICH HERITAGE OPEN DAYS



14-15 September 2013

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS is the country's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event.

The Ipswich Society is once again pleased to organise access to many local buildings of historical interest with the co-operation of owners and occupiers.

English Heritage gives central co-ordination and a national voice to the event which last year attracted around one million visitors nationwide.

The Ipswich Society is grateful to all concerned for their participation in this European event. The buildings listed represent seven centuries in the history of Ipswich and will be open to the public during the weekend of September 14th and 15th, 2013, with additional opening days for some venues.

The Heritage Open Days event provides a chance to see inside historical buildings, many of which are not normally accessible to the general public. In this leaflet, descriptions of the buildings are necessarily brief but in most cases further information will be available at the site and/or guides will be on hand.

- Opening times are correct at time of going to press but may be subject to change.

FREE GUIDED WALKS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

A ninety minute walking tour of Ipswich's architectural and historical heritage.

Add an extra dimension to the Heritage Open Days weekend by joining one of the town centre walks, led by Ipswich Tourist Guides.

The walks leave from the Tourist Information Centre at St. Stephen's Church at 10.30am only on Saturday and on Sunday.

The routes will pass many of the buildings listed. Booking advisable but not essential.



Gillian Maddison



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1. ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, St Stephen's Church Lane

A 15th and 16th century church, converted into the Tourist Information Centre. The exterior is a patchwork of flint, stone and brick. Inside, the windows create a pleasant, light space. In the chancel is a splendid monument to Robert and Mary Leman who died on the same day in 1637 (Robert Leman was one time Lord Mayor of London).

**Saturday 9am-5pm;
Sunday 10am-2pm**

2. UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE, Friars Street

Built in 1699 and is one of the architectural gems of Ipswich. Original box pews, magnificent pulpit carved in the style of Grinling Gibbons, Dutch 17th century candelabra and a clock from an even earlier date. Fine entrance doors, one with a spy-hole for use against visits from opponents of nonconformist worshippers.

**Saturday 10am-5pm;
Sunday 12 noon-4pm**

3. TOWN HALL, Cornhill

Opened in 1868, good example of high Victorian civic architecture. External features of classical columns, statues and sculpted heads. Grand staircase has oak balustrade and cast iron work. The Mayor's Parlour will be open. Guided tours by Town Sergeant.

**Saturday. Guided tours only
10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm**

4. ARLINGTONS BRASSERIE, Museum Street

A substantial Grade II listed three storey building with an attractive façade including Doric columns, grand classical styled

staircase (1550 from the old Seckford Hall) and vaulted entrance hall. Purpose built in 1847 as a Museum, Darwin's tutor Henslow gave free lectures to the public here on subjects of natural history. Its large galleried central space on the first floor, now runs as a Brasserie, open every day from 8am-10pm.

Saturday/Sunday 8am-10pm

5. IPSWICH MUSEUM, High Street

Come and discover how the museum (and staff) used to look, using plans, photos and uniforms from the collection. Free "drop-in" event, Saturday 10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm.

Saturday 10am - 5pm

6. IPSWICH SCHOOL, Henley Road

(meet in reception at main pedestrian entrance, Henley Road) Built 1851/2 in Elizabethan style. Porch and tower reflect in style the gateway to Wolsey's College in St Peter's Street and Tom Tower at Wolsey's foundation, Christ Church, Oxford. Library with stained glass by John Piper.

**Saturday. Guided tours only
9am, 10am, 11am**

7. CHRISTCHURCH MANSION, Christchurch Park

16th Century mansion in an historic park setting. Rooms furnished in various styles from Tudor to Victorian periods.

Saturday/Sunday 10am-5pm

● **Special Heritage Open Day event!**
CONSTABLE: Wine and Talk
Thursday 12 September 6.30-8pm,
Wolsey Art Gallery at
Christchurch Mansion

Art Curator Emma Roodhouse will reveal

some of the stories behind the paintings and objects displayed in the new Constable exhibition at Christchurch Mansion. Experience the gallery after closing and find out more about this internationally important local artist.

£8 per person includes a glass of wine, booking essential 01473 433691. (Suitable for adults and young people accompanied by an adult).

8. FREEMASONS HALL, 8-10 Soane Street

The hall was completed in 1870 and updated in 1911 by architect George Henry Bertram Gould. Later extended to incorporate adjoining dwelling house. The temple, dining room and foyer contain many items of masonic interest.

Saturday only 10.30am-4pm

9. BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH, St Margaret's Plain

A classical style building by the architect F G Fauch. Opened in 1913, seats 800, has a splendid gallery on three sides providing the best view of the interior.

(Pictured above)

Saturday 10am-3pm

10. PYKENHAM GATEHOUSE, Northgate Street

Built about 1471 for William Pykenham, Archdeacon of Suffolk, as the entrance to his residence on the site now occupied by the Ipswich & Suffolk Club. Timber-framed with interesting internal and external architectural features. Restored 1982/3 by Ipswich Building Preservation Trust.

(Pictured above, left)

Saturday 10am-4pm

11. ADMIRAL'S HOUSE, Tower Street

Probably built during the reign of Charles II (1660-1685), with the later addition of a fine Georgian front. The interior is a mix of architectural styles. Once the home of Admiral Benjamin Page, visited by the Duke of Wellington in 1820, it houses the Ipswich Institute's members restaurant, coffee lounge (refreshments available) and lecture rooms.

Saturday/Sunday 10am-4pm

12. IPSWICH INSTITUTE and LIBRARY, Tavern Street

Founded in 1824 by Dr. George Birkbeck, the Ipswich Mechanic's Institution moved into a former chemist's shop at 15 Tavern Street in 1834. The present layout housing a popular independent library in a light and airy barrel-vaulted hall, dates from 1876. A hidden gem of Ipswich's cultural and architectural heritage.

Saturday/Sunday 10am-4pm

13. CHRIST CHURCH (United Reformed/Baptist), Tacket St

Built in 1857 as Congregational church by John Wight to the design of local architect F J Barnes. Gothic style in Kentish rag-stone, ashlar dressing. Interior has large gallery, cast iron work and stained glass east window.

Saturday 10am-5pm

14. ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, St Clement's Church Lane

Built mainly in the 14th and early 15th centuries, this handsome church was

known as the "sailors' church". The walls and the elegant tower reveal the attractions of dark knapped flintwork.

(Pictured above - extreme right)

Saturday 9am-5pm

15. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Back Hamlet/Bishops Hill

A rare Suffolk Georgian church and one of Ipswich's "best kept secrets" with a surprising and harmonious interior that includes a remarkable stained glass window commemorating the fallen of the parish in World War I amongst its treasures. Holy Trinity, the nearest active church to the University and Waterfront

For news of events visit
www.churches@ipswichevents.co.uk

**Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm;
Service 11am Sunday**

16. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUFFOLK

Iconic Waterfront building opened to students in September 2007. Constructed to high sustainability standards and awarded 'Excellent' BREEAM rating. Designed to conserve energy in the summer, cool air is used to chill the structure for the next day. The sedum roof acts to insulate, retain rainwater, encourage biodiversity and absorb some CO2.

**Foyer open Saturday/Sunday
10am-4pm.**

Guided tours 10.30am, 1.30pm



17. ISAAC LORD (machine room and micro brewery) Wherry Quay

The Isaac Lord site comprises of a number of Grade I, Grade II* and Grade II listed buildings. It is perhaps the finest example in the region of a late 15th - early 16th century merchant's house and warehouse complex. Now a popular waterside bar and coffee tavern. The maltings is a rare example of an 18th century hand malting concern. The machine room has been restored to full working order and the recently opened brewery is an excellent example of local craftsmanship.

Open for tours Saturday and Sunday 10am-12 noon.

Meet in the Briarbank Brewery Car Park (limited numbers per tour)

18. OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, Key Street (entrance below the main staircase)

Built 1844/5 by architect John Medland Clark using an impressive polychromic technique of red brick with white stone quoins. The ground floor formerly included a bonded warehouse which has been converted into the Waterfront Conference Centre. This Centre is open and staffed by Ipswich Maritime Trust who will present an exhibition reflecting the maritime history of Ipswich. (Picture above)

Saturday/Sunday 10am-4pm

19. SAILING BARGE "VICTOR"

The Victor was built in 1895 in Ipswich, and is one of the oldest remaining Thames sailing barges still working. Originally commissioned for the linseed trade the barge Victor worked in general cargo from the 1930s. During WWII she survived a bomb blast and since the war has had a varied career including use as a strip club and a houseboat. Now restored to her traditional 19th century rig but with modern safety equipment and quality accommodation Victor provides guests with



20. ST PETER'S CHURCH, College Street

St Peter's by the Waterfront has displays about the history of St. Peter's Church from the 12th century to the present day. The building contains a great number of artefacts including the 800 year old rare Tournai Marble font, the magnificent East Window and the many architectural features by Cardinal Thomas Wolsey when St. Peter's was the chapel for his short lived Cardinal College in the 16th Century.

On display are the Ipswich Charter Hangings, made to commemorate the 800 years since the granting of the Royal Charter to Ipswich and to mark the beginning of the new millennium. They depict Ipswich through the ages on eight separate but linked panels. Additional displays from the Over Stoke History Group, refreshments available throughout the weekend.

Visit www.stpetersbythewaterfront.com for full details.

Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday 10am-3.30pm

21. ST MARY-AT-STOKE, Stoke Street

A medieval Grade I listed Anglican church, and the only one to have benefitted from the "Midas touch" of William Butterfield, the genius Victorian Gothic Revival architect who enlarged it in 1870/1. The Christian site has origins which pre-date the Saxon era during which time Stoke (Saxon for stockade) was a fortified hill, cut off from the rest of the town by water and marshes.

Saturday 9am-4pm; Sunday 12-4pm

22. GIPESWYK HALL, Birkfield Drive

Grade II* listed building dating back to the



early 17th century but with later re-developments, and as such is a treasure chest for any architectural enthusiast or history buff. Home to an innovative and independent not-for-profit organisation, the Red Rose Chain who are a big part of the thriving local arts scene. Their spectacular outdoor theatre is now based at Jimmy's Farm at Wherstead. The company also works with overlooked or hard-to-reach groups to create original and insightful films and plays. The building is currently being renovated, backed by the Heritage Lottery Fund, to redevelop part of the existing building into a purpose-built theatre and arts venue. (Picture above)

Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday 11am-4pm. Cream teas available

23. BROOMHILL SWIMMING POOL, Sherrington Road

Broomhill Open Air Swimming Pool is just one of thirteen Grade II listed lidos left in the UK. It is the only Olympic plus length lido in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex and the only Modernist style public building left in Ipswich. The lido operated for 64 years before closure in 2002. It is anticipated that the scheme will be subject to a Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

Saturday/Sunday 10am-5pm

24. WESTBOURNE LIBRARY

The library was awarded a Grade II listing by English Heritage in November 2012 which stresses the unique group value of the 'Broomhill' twins and further strengthens the seventy year bond between the library (built 1942) and the adjacent Broomhill Pool (built 1938). Both facilities were designed by County Borough of Ipswich engineer, E. McLauchlan. The library was originally built as a WW2 bomb proof decontamination unit and public shelter. It was converted for a more peaceful purpose in 1948 and has served as a public library ever since. The buildings



are located in beautiful Broomhill Park, a natural woodland purchased (from the illustrious Sherrington family) by the Country Borough of Ipswich in 1925.

Saturday/Sunday 10am-5pm

25. FRESTON TOWER, Freston

Enigmatic Elizabethan six-storey tower overlooking the River Orwell. Built in 1578 by Ipswich merchant Thomas Gooding. Restored by the Landmark Trust and available for holiday accommodation. From Ipswich, take the Wherstead Road to Bourne Bridge and turn left onto the B1456 towards Shotley. Take footpath opposite Freston Boot PH.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday 10am-4pm

26. THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL, HOLBROOK

The school moved from Greenwich in 1931 to Holbrook and celebrated its tercentenary in 2012. The purpose-built 200 acre campus enjoys outstanding views of the River Stour. The 1200 seat Chapel has the second largest manual organ in Western Europe and a magnificent mosaic created by Italian artisans. A new Heritage Centre has been built to display important artefacts and will be used as a state of the art educational resource for the school and wider community. The Grade II listed clock tower chimes every 15 minutes and in the splendid dining hall, unchanged since 1933 hang wonderful paintings.

(Picture above)

Saturday. Guided tours only 9am, 10am, 11am and 12 noon

27. HOSPITAL RADIO IPSWICH Heath Road

Situated at the northern end of Ipswich Hospital. Visitors will have a chance to have a look around the two studios and record library and meet some of the volunteers that keep this service running. Refreshments available.

Follow signs from the north entrance (Headway House).

Sunday 11am-4pm

28. MARTLESHAM HEATH CONTROL TOWER MUSEUM

Special annual open day

The Control Tower museum tells the history of one of the country's most important airfields between 1917 and 1969.

On Sunday 15th there will be lots of extra attractions, many special displays together with a Spitfire and Hurricane giving a flying display.

The museum is located at the rear of Parkers Place, off Eagle Way, Martlesham Heath IP5 3UX to the east of Ipswich. www.mhas.org.uk

Sunday 11am-4pm

IPSWICH TRANSPORT MUSEUM BUS TRIPS (Saturday only)

Take a free trip back in time by travelling between destinations on an Ipswich Transport Museum veteran bus accompanied by a Tour Guide.

Timings approximate - Saturday service only. Every effort will be made to maintain the timetable below but please remember that we are using buses over 40 years old!



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| Waterfront Old Custom House | 1030 | 1130 | 1230 | 1330 | 1430 | 1530 |
| Bolton Lane Christchurch Mansion/ Freemasons Hall | 1036 | 1136 | 1236 | 1336 | 1436 | 1536 |
| Henley Road Ipswich School | 1040 | 1140 | 1240 | 1340 | 1440 | 1540 |
| High Street Ipswich Museum | 1044 | 1144 | 1244 | 1344 | 1444 | 1544 |
| Civic Drive/Wolsey Theatre | 1046 | 1146 | 1246 | 1346 | 1446 | 1546 |
| Queen Street for Cornhill/TIC | 1049 | 1149 | 1249 | 1349 | 1449 | 1549 |
| Friars Street (opp Willis) layby | 1052 | 1152 | 1252 | 1352 | 1452 | 1552 |
| New Cut Waterfront viewpoint | 1057 | 1157 | 1257 | 1357 | 1457 | 1557 |
| Rail Station | 1107 | 1207 | 1307 | 1407 | 1507 | 1607 |
| Waterfront Old Custom House | 1115 | 1215 | 1315 | 1415 | 1515 | 1615 |

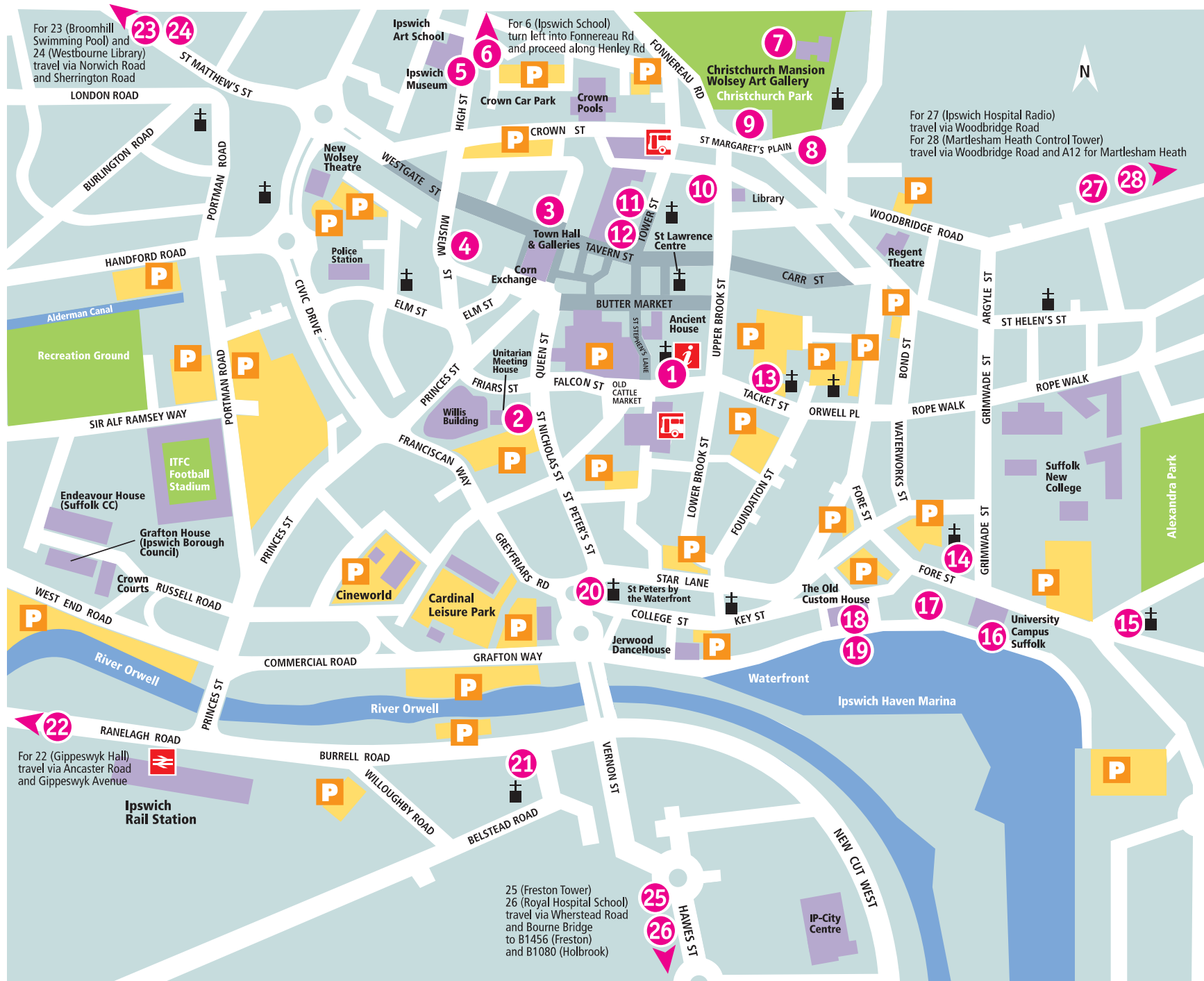
NOTE The service will be provided by a heritage vehicle from the Ipswich Transport Museum. It may not be possible to accommodate mobility impaired passengers. Wheelchairs, buggies etc must be folded and stowed in the luggage compartment. Please signal the bus clearly at any recognised bus stop en route. We cannot serve Museum Street or the Old Cattle Market this year due to roadworks - nearest stop for Museum Street is Queen Street. Nearest stop for TIC is Queen Street or Friars Street

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON IPSWICH TRANSPORT MUSEUM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE BELOW.

www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

Location of buildings Ipswich town centre

1. ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
2. UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE
3. TOWN HALL
4. ARLINGTONS
5. IPSWICH MUSEUM
6. IPSWICH SCHOOL
7. CHRISTCHURCH MANSION
8. FREEMASONS HALL
9. BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH
10. PYKENHAM GATEHOUSE
11. ADMIRAL'S HOUSE
12. IPSWICH INSTITUTE & LIBRARY
13. CHRIST CHURCH
14. ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH
15. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
16. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUFFOLK (UCS)
17. ISAAC LORD
18. OLD CUSTOM HOUSE
19. SAILING BARGE 'VICTOR'
20. ST PETER'S CHURCH
21. ST MARY-AT-STOKE CHURCH
22. GIPPESWYK HALL
23. BROOMHILL SWIMMING POOL
24. WESTBOURNE LIBRARY
25. FRESTON TOWER
26. ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL, HOLBROOK
27. IPSWICH HOSPITAL RADIO
28. MARTLESHAM HEATH CONTROL TOWER



For 22 (Gippeswyk Hall) travel via Ancaster Road and Gippeswyk Avenue

Ipswich Rail Station

25 (Freston Tower)
26 (Royal Hospital School) travel via Wherstead Road and Bourne Bridge to B1456 (Freston) and B1080 (Holbrook)



Access for people with disabilities is a problem in some of the buildings, particularly Pykenham Gatehouse (10).