



## Mapping Medieval Chester

Saturday 29 August

# Mapping Medieval Chester Festival

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The Mapping Medieval Chester Project has been developed by Swansea University, Queen's University Belfast and King's College London and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. It explores how the landscape and urban layout produced a sense of identity for medieval inhabitants of the City, using literature, geography, archaeology and history. The project has produced a web-site featuring a multi-layered map of Chester at the end of the Middle Ages, linked to medieval texts which also map the city. To celebrate its launch there will be a series of events around Chester.

### Grosvenor Museum

**Lecture Theatre,  
2-3pm, Free**

Readings from medieval texts relating to Chester by researchers on the Mapping Medieval Chester project. A chance to hear perspectives on the medieval city from Lucian, Bradshaw and selected Welsh poets, and to see the project website in action.

### Lecture Theatre

Display of photographs of Medieval sites in Chester by local artist David Heke.

**Newstead Gallery,  
2-4pm, Free**

An opportunity to explore the Museum's Medieval collections with Museum

Keepers, and to see original documents illustrating Chester's Medieval past with staff from Cheshire Archives and Local Studies.

### St John's Church, Chester

**(next to the  
amphitheatre),  
11am-4pm, Free**

Meet some Medieval pilgrims and discover more about their life and travels. Pilgrims would have formed an important part of the population of Medieval Chester, as they travelled to see the Rood of Chester, a piece of the true cross housed in St John's Church.



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### **Chester Library Calligraphy workshop for adults, 10am-1pm £3.50 per person, reserve your place at Chester Library, 01244 977380**

Join in a calligraphy workshop with artist Sue Mallows and discover how to write gothic script and make your own alphabet sampler to take home. All materials provided.

### **Calligraphy workshop for children, 2-3pm Free, reserve your place at Chester Library, 01244 977380**

Join in a calligraphy workshop with artist Sue Mallows and use calligraphy to create your own unique Medieval inspired bookmark. All materials provided.

### **Local History Resources and Mapping Medieval Chester Web-site, 10.30am-1pm**

Get free access to the new Mapping Medieval Chester web-site and discover some of the local history resources that the Library holds.

### **Chester Cathedral Medieval Tours 11am & 3 pm £5 per person, £2 for Charisma Card holders, purchase a ticket at the Visitor Entrance**

Discover the Cathedral's rich and varied history on these special guided tours and see how the building developed over the centuries. The tour will unlock the history, architecture and significance of this great Cathedral as well as looking in detail at some of the contents, including the finest medieval woodwork in the country which is full of

hidden meanings and stories. Your guide will also point out some of the fascinating features that are so easy to miss without an expert on hand and of course, you can ask questions and find out about the building for yourself.

### **Water Tower, City Walls, 11am-4pm, Free**

Come and discover this Medieval Water Tower which once sat in the River Dee and was the hub of trade in the City.

### **City Centre Literary Tours 11am-12noon Free, book at the Museum Shop 01244 402005**

Take a Medieval tour of Chester with researchers on the Mapping Medieval Chester project and discover how the literature of the time paints a picture of the city and the people who lived here.