

**FRIENDS OF CHELMSFORD MUSEUMS VISIT TO GALLEYWOOD COMMON
ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026**



Galleywood Heritage Centre Photo: John Turkentine

Our trip to Galleywood Common on 14th July will begin at the enterprising Galleywood Heritage Centre at 1.00 p.m. but you can arrive say half an hour earlier if you wish to tour the centre which describes itself as “the heart of the community” with its hireable rooms, exhibitions and activities such as patchwork and quilting, a ukelele group and a Zumba class. It houses local history archives: artefacts, photographs, maps and documents supervised by an active Archive Group. The Common, a local nature reserve owned and managed by Chelmsford City Council, comprises 44.6 hectares of heathland, woodland, scrub, grassland and ponds. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, amongst other things it has the remains of a racecourse in use from 1759 to 1935, the Victorian St. Michael’s Church and signs of very considerable earthworks raised c. 1803 against the possibility of invasion by Napoleon. Many thousands of men would have been encamped in the area or billeted in Chelmsford. Our group will be led by Susan Wilson who reminds us that, whilst there is shade, the sun can be hot in July. The tour, which takes between 1½ to two hours, is over variable ground so appropriate footwear is advisable. The cost is £3.00 per person. Refreshments can be obtained in the tea room at extra cost, if members wish to partake. There is parking on site but this can be busy. There is public parking too off Margaretting Road and the site is served by several ‘buses: I believe these are 300, 14, 15 and 48 but please check with the ‘bus company. Please return the below form to David Jones, (93 Hillside Grove, Chelmsford. CM2 9DB Tel: 01245 281899, david_jones@btinternet.com) enclosing a cheque payable to The Friends of Chelmsford Museums or by credit transfer to Metro Bank, sort code 23-05-80, account: The Friends of Chelmsford Museums, a/c no. 43165984. Whichever payment method is used, please ensure the form is sent to David Jones either by post or e mail. The event is subject to The Friends’ Booking terms and conditions (copy available or see our website).

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No. attending: Members

Non-Members

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Names of participants

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