

Conservation Stations

Raising awareness and understanding of the work of conservators.

Following the popularity of programmes like The Repair Shop / Secrets of the Museum, and past 'meet the expert' events, we want to set up some 'Conservation Stations' over Heritage Open Days. Working with the excellent Icon we're looking to partner up sites and conservators to create a programme of events across the country.

What is Icon?

Icon is the Institute of Conservation, providing national support to a network of conservation professionals. It has over 1,800 members spread across the UK and would like to offer the opportunity for HODs organisers to connect with them to deliver interesting and engaging conservation-focused events.

- Find out more.... [Introducing Icon – the expert care & repair shop](#)

What is a 'conservation station'?

Whether or not you've previously worked with a conservator, or know of conservation work at a local site, there are ways to be involved. Here are some ideas, but we're also open to your suggestions.

- **Pop-up Shop** – Set up a temporary conservation studio in a heritage space
- **Conservation in Action** – Undertake a conservation project on an item in your collection, a piece of furniture or a decorative feature during the festival
- **Show & Tell** – Invite a conservator who worked on your collection / site to give a talk about what they did
- **Expert Talk** – Host a talk led by a conservator, e.g.: "how to care for your personal treasures" / "looking after the family silver"

How to get involved

A. Already got all the tools/contacts you need to make this happen?

Great! [Plan and register your event as usual](#) + drop the team a note* flagging your plans to ensure we collate all the events together to maximise promotion for everyone.

B. Interested but need some help?

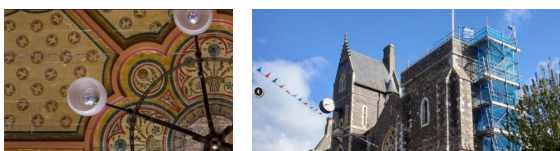
That's what we're here for! Get in touch with the team and we can explore options.

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Some inspiration

Dover's Repair Shop

Maison Dieu, Dover Town Hall, Kent
See conservators from Bainbridge Conservation at work as they clean and repair historic oil paintings and neo-Gothic furniture by acclaimed Victorian designer William Burges. Free drop-in event. No need to book. Including creative activities for all ages.



Exploring Sunderland's Heritage Action Zone

Join us for a guided walk to discover more about the buildings at the heart of Old Sunderland in the historic east end, and find out how the Heritage Action Zone is supporting conservation work in the area. Learn more about the traditional skills used to repair and maintain these buildings that tell us so much about the people who built Sunderland and how communities lived, worked and played.

