Name of home owner Your name

Address of home owner Your address

Date

Dear …………………………….

Re: Heritage Open Days 2025, 12th -21st September

We are writing to invite you to take part in Heritage Open Days 2025, which this year will run across 10 consecutive days; 12-21 September.

What is Heritage Open Days?

Heritage Open Days is an annual festival of heritage and culture, with over 5,000 events created by local community groups, individuals and history societies. Our events highlight all the wonderful places and stories on our doorsteps – including those that are often overlooked, or rarely open to visitors. Last year, over 40,000 volunteers were involved in making the event happen and their efforts attracted over a million visitors. We would love you to be part of that community.

Why is it worth getting involved?

Many private homeowners across the country already take part and tell us that they enjoy the opportunity to:

* Meet and work with other people in the area to put the event together.
* Share their home with visitors, sometimes even discovering new stories and connections from them.
* Widen awareness of our local heritage and help people value its everyday presence.
* Use a national framework to fulfil their grant conditions.

Addressing your concerns

When opening up your own home, you may have two main issues of concern.

1. Security – You do not have to open your house without any restrictions. Indeed we advise (particularly for first-timers) that you consider operating a pre-booking system. This means you can limit the numbers, ask for contact details of all those visiting your property and can directly send them the address of the event rather than have it publicly visible.
2. Insurance – We can offer free public liability insurance, and advice on risk assessments to help you prevent accidents.

Find out more

You can learn more about Heritage Open Days in the enclosed ‘[Get Involved A5 Flyer](https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/resource/a5flyergetinvolvedpdf.html)’ leaflet. And there is lots more information, including interviews with other people who take part, on the website: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/get-involved.html>

We hope this has sparked your interest and would be delighted if you considered joining in. If you are interested or have any questions, then please do get in touch with us at……………..

Yours sincerely

(signature)