



Broxtowe
Borough
COUNCIL

D.H. LAWRENCE FESTIVAL 2025



1 August - 14 September 2025
At venues in Eastwood and surrounding areas



The D.H. Lawrence
Society
Founded 1971



Co-produced by the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, D.H. Lawrence Society, Haggs Farm Preservation Society, Broxtowe Women's Project, Eastwood Town Council, Hill Top Community Church and Ben Mark Smith of the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival.

www.broxtowe.gov.uk

What's On

2025 CALENDAR

August

Date	Time		Event
01	3.00pm	f	Festival Launch
02	11.00am	h	Breach House Open Day
05	10.00am	h	Wellbeing Walk
05	12.00pm	f	Pop-up Museum Chilwell Play Day
07	12.00pm	f	Pop-up Museum Eastwood Play Day
11	12.00pm	f	Pop-up Museum Stapleford Play Day
16	12.00pm	f	Pop-up Museum Beeston Summer Fete
21	1.00pm	f	Cream Tea with BWP
27	1.00pm	f	D.H. Lawrence Festival Walk
28	10.00am	v	I Am A Reader exhibition launch

September

02	10.00am	f	Wellbeing Walk
05	2.00pm	l	Talk on Jessie Chambers
06	11.00am	h	Breach House Open Day
06	11.30am	m	Family Music Trail
06	12.00pm	m	Music Festival
12	7.00pm	l	Reading Group
13	10.00am	l	Lawrence/Leavis Day
13	tbc	l	Mr Lawrence Returns to Nottingham
13	10.00am	h	Museum Heritage Open Day
13	11.00am	h	Breach House Heritage Open Day
14	10.00am	h	Museum Heritage Open Day
14	10.30am	l	D.H. Lawrence Birthday Lecture

f Family and Community

h Heritage

l Literature

m Music

v Visual Arts

HERITAGE

Breach House Open Days

Saturday 2 August, Saturday 6 September and Saturday 13 September 11.00am – 3.00pm

A chance to visit and have a guided tour of The Breach House, a typical miner's cottage from the 1880s, D.H. Lawrence's childhood home and the setting for The Bottoms in his novel *Sons and Lovers*.

FREE admission, donations welcome.

Venue: The Breach House, 28 Garden Road, Eastwood, NG16 3FW

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Step back in time with costumed guides demonstrating the Victorian wash house and describing family life in Lawrence's first home – all completely free as part of the National Heritage Open Days.

FREE ADMISSION

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW.

Wellbeing Walk

Tuesday 5 August 10.00am

A free guided walk of the D.H. Lawrence Trail through Eastwood. The walk offers gentle exercise and a historical insight into the places that Lawrence knew so well.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Meet at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

POP-UP MUSEUM



Visit our Pop Up museum for object handling, vintage crafts, activities, gifts and more.

Nuthall Play Day - 30 July,
Basil Russell Playing Fields, NG16 1DT
Chilwell Play Day - 5 August,
Inham Nook Recreation Ground, NG9 4GY
Eastwood Play Day - 7 August,
Coronation Park, NG16 3LQ
Stapleford Play Day - 11 August,
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, NG9 8JL
Beeston Summer Fete - 16 August,
Broadgate Park, High Rd, Beeston (NG9 2LN)

Festival Launch

Friday 1 August 3.00pm

The official launch of the D.H. Lawrence Festival 2025. Come along to meet participants, raise a glass (or mug), and pick up your festival brochure.

A FREE event with refreshments provided.

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

Cream Tea with BWP

Thursday 21 August
12.00pm - 2.30pm

Cream tea in the museum's lovely walled garden with Broxtowe Women's Project. This is a bookable event, please go to <http://bit.ly/4kWiHSy> to book. Cost is £5 each, with all profits going to the BWP charity.

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW

Festival Walk

Wednesday 27 August 1.00pm

A free guided walk from Collier's Wood to Moorgreen reservoir (3 miles, circular).

A cream tea is on offer after the walk at Greasley Church Hall (£8 cash only). Please pre-book the refreshments by phoning 01773 436776 or 07905 161420

Venue: Meet at Collier's Wood, NG16 3QU

Wellbeing Walk

Tuesday 2 September
10.00am

Join us for this free guided walk in the local countryside, where we explore music and Lawrence. In partnership with Broxtowe Women's Project.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Meet at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



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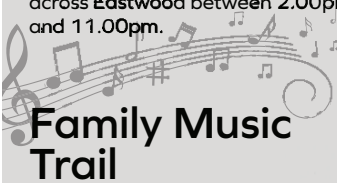
MUSIC

D.H. Lawrence Music Festival

Saturday 6 September, from 12.00pm

For its 10th anniversary the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival will be showcasing 15 stages at 14 Eastwood venues showcasing FREE live music from 160+ talented local artists, something for everyone! More information about stages and artists, available at facebook.com/DHLawrenceMusicFestival or search for the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival playlist on Spotify for a taste of what is to come.

Venue: Opening in the garden at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum at 12.00pm until 4.00pm and at pubs across Eastwood between 2.00pm and 11.00pm.



Family Music Trail

Saturday 6 September, 11.30am

In partnership with Broxtowe Women's Project join this musical procession through Eastwood to the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, to celebrate the opening of the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival.

A FREE fun event for all ages! (instruments provided).

Venue: Meet outside Eastwood Library, Wellington Place, Eastwood, Nottingham NG16 3GB.

LITERATURE

Reading group – 'Tickets Please'

Friday 12 September, 7.00pm

A reading group with Dr Andrew Harrison, Director of the D.H. Lawrence Research Centre. Looking at Lawrence's short story 'Tickets Please', an Eastwood tale which offers a fascinating glimpse of the seismic changes in gender roles, and gender relations, during the Great War.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



Lawrence/Leavis Conference

Saturday 13 August, 10.00am - 4.00pm

A series of talks exploring literary critic F.R. Leavis' understanding of Lawrence. A free event, no need to book.

Venue: Zoom (more information available at www.dhlawrencesociety.com)



Mr Lawrence Returns to Nottingham

POSTPONED

See <https://bit.ly/4lzJqnL> for more details exploring Lawrence's connection with Nottingham City. See this link for more details <https://bit.ly/4lzJqnL>

Venue: Meet at Nottingham Central Library, 1 Carrington Street, Nottingham NG1 7FH



Talk on Jessie Chambers

"Of course, it will be you who will write my epitaph."

Friday 5 September, 2.00pm

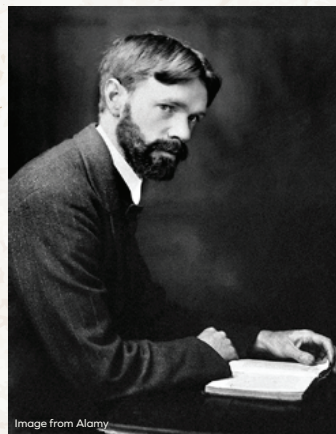


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Kate Foster, from the Hags Farm Preservation Society explores Jessie Chambers' memoir, *A Personal Record*; a vital and illuminating account of D.H. Lawrence's early development as a writer, and depiction of life in Eastwood at the turn of the twentieth century.

A FREE event, but please book your place here <http://bit.ly/44hpnU9>

Venue: D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



D.H. Lawrence Birthday Lecture

"Taking 'the imaginative line' in *Etruscan Places* and *Lady Chatterley's Lover*"

Sunday 14 September, 10.30am

Lawrence scholar Paul Eggert's lecture asks the question, "Why was the famous third version of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* so different from the first two?", and explores the influence of Lawrence's visit to ancient Etruscan sites and his return visit to his Midlands homeland.

A FREE event, no need to book.

Venue: Zoom (more information available at www.dhlawrencesociety.com)

VISUAL ARTS

Exhibition

Broxtowe: A Journey Through History and Custom (1945 to the Present)

Until Saturday 23 August (free to visit during the museum's regular opening hours)

An exhibition that explores the rich and evolving story of this vibrant borough from 1945 to the present day. Through a curated collection of photographs, this exhibition highlights the milestones that have defined Broxtowe's past – social, industrial and cultural.

Venue: The Gallery Space at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



Exhibition

I Am A Reader

From Thursday 28 August until Saturday 8 November (free to visit during the museum's regular opening hours)

From a project by Inspire and featuring the beautiful artwork of Carol Adlam, this exhibition is inspired by the words and thoughts of real readers. It reflects and celebrates everything that happens when we open a book.

Venue: The Gallery Space at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, 8a Victoria Street, Eastwood, NG16 3AW



*I like to know the story is taking me somewhere – but not in a straight line.
I like to meander down a path.*