

Pre-Conference Optional Visits – Friday 21st April 2023

The Conference Organisers are offering two optional visits on the Friday afternoon, before Conference starts, which are a 5 minute walk apart so it is possible to do both visits. There are 2 tours booked at each venue at 1pm and 2.30pm. Each guided tour lasts about 1 hour.

78 Derngate

Designed and remodelled by Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1916, 78 Derngate has been meticulously restored. It was the architect's final major commission; his visionary patron, Northampton model engineer, W J Bassett-Lowke. It is the only place in the world where Mackintosh's mature architectural and interior style can be seen in their original setting.

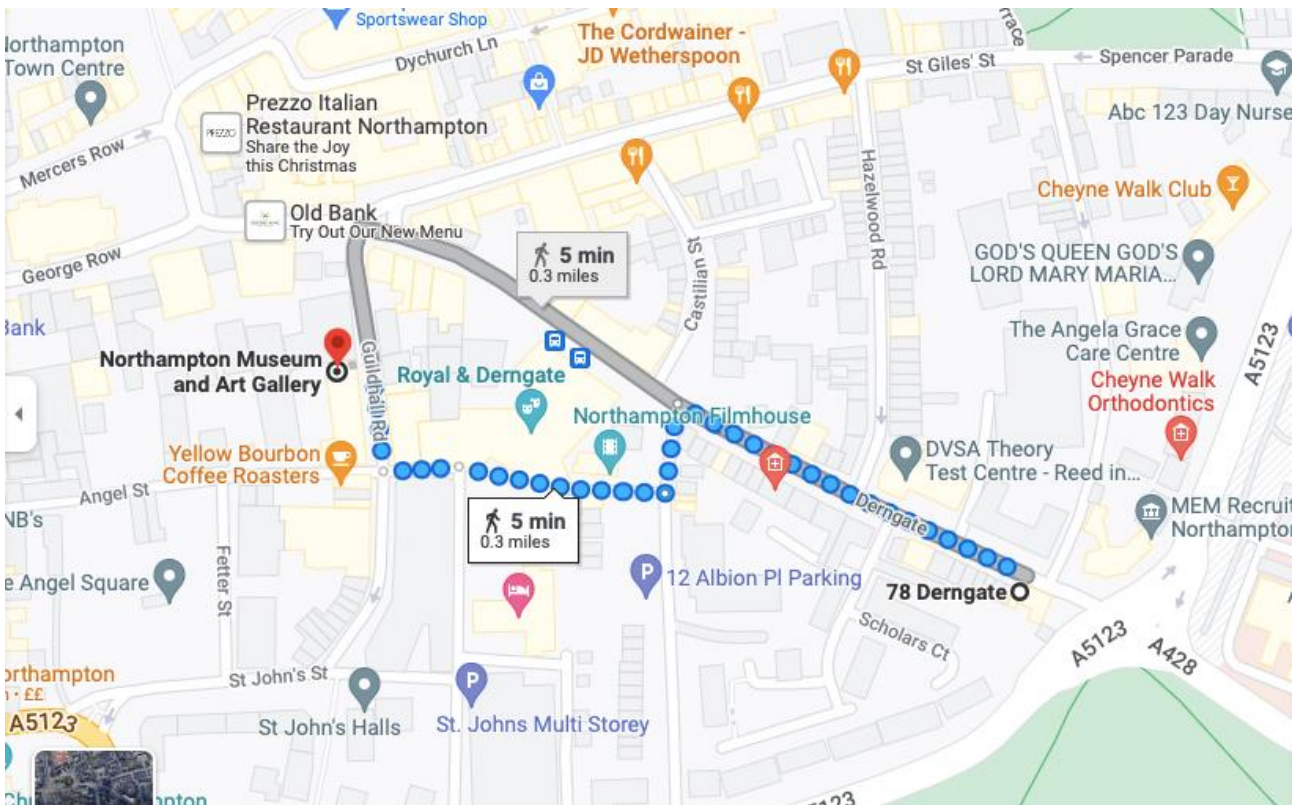
Shoe Gallery, Northampton Museum and Art Gallery

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery is home to one of the largest collections of shoes and shoe heritage in the world. Arts Council England designates the collection as being of local, national and international importance.

The collection's strength lies in its very broad range, from ancient Egypt to the latest fashions, from workwear to high-end designer creations and from Northamptonshire-made shoes to footwear from around the world. Our shoes are defined by the people that wear them. We tell these footwear stories.

The museum entrance is located on Guildhall Road. It has level access and automatic doors.

Map of route from 78 Derngate to Museum



Parking

There are a limited number of on street pay and display parking bays on Guildhall Road. Parking is payable for two hours, no return within one hour. The nearest car parks are located at Albion Place, St John's and Mayorhold. The nearest car park to Derngate is Hazelwood Road, postcode NN1 1LG - 5 mins walk.

If travelling from the East - A45 - the Midsummer Meadow car park: [NN1 5NX] avoids having to enter the town's one way system; 10 mins walk across the park to 78 Derngate. Two other nearby multi storey car parks are St Johns [NN1 1HA] and St Michael's [NN1 3HR] - both 10 mins walk. Free parking is available at certain times - current car park charge information can be found on the Northampton Borough Council website.

Public transport

Northampton Railway Station, Black Lion Hill, Northampton, NN1 1SP offers direct services from London Euston, Milton Keynes and Birmingham to Northampton. This location is a twenty-minute walk, via gentle upward inclines, to 78 Derngate.

Taxis are available at the station: ask for "The Charles Rennie Mackintosh House - 78 Derngate, on the corner of Derngate and Victoria Promenade by Becket's Park".

Northgate Bus Station, Bradshaw Street, NN1 3B2

Buses into Northampton stop here or on-street in The Drapery (adjacent). This location is a fifteen minute walk to 78 Derngate. Gentle downhill slopes en-route.

Other attractions

There are many historic houses to visit throughout the county. Information can be found here:

<https://www.northamptonshireheritageforum.co.uk>

Please note that Althorpe House, the home of Princess Diana, is only open in the summer months.