

FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY
ANNUAL OUTING 2022 – ABINGDON
WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2022

TIMETABLE

This itinerary is based on the party travelling by coach.

10.00 DEPARTURE – READING STATION NORTH SIDE (BUS STAND FC)

11.00 Drop-off at Hales Meadow Car Park

Walk across bridge to:

11.15 ABINGDON ABBEY BUILDINGS – Lower Hall

Morning Coffee

Brief summary of history of Abbey

12.00 TOUR OF ABINGDON ABBEY BUILDINGS

Guided tour by Abingdon Abbey Buildings Trust.

Granary (Unicorn Theatre), Checker Hall, Long Gallery

Guildhall

St Nicolas Church

13.10 LUNCH (own arrangements)

The party will be in the Market Place, in the middle of Abingdon town centre.

The site of the Abbey Church is in Abbey Gardens, behind St Nicolas Church. Nothing remains.

14.10 Re-assemble under COUNTY HALL in Market place

Walk from Market Place down East St. Helen's Street

14.20 ST HELEN'S CHURCH

Visit to church

To see buildings in churchyard:

Christ's Hospital - Long Alley Almshouses (not open to public)

Walk back to:

15.15 COUNTY HALL

In centre of Abingdon Market Place. English Heritage. Home to Abingdon Town Museum.

16.00 COFFEE at Abbey Buildings

16.45 RETURN TO COACH

Walk back to Hales Meadow Car Park.

17.45 Approximate time of arrival at Reading Station

Cost: £35 per person if travelling by coach
£20 per person if travelling separately

NB – THE TOUR INVOLVES WALKING AND STEPS