

# Geograph Annual Meeting and AGM,

## Nottingham 2-4 June 2026: Provisional programme

Organiser: David Martin [dave.geog@gmail.com](mailto:dave.geog@gmail.com) (this email for meeting purposes only), with many thanks to Alan Murray-Rust for local knowledge.

### Tuesday 2 June – social events (opt in or out as you please)

Arrival and check-in to hotels (see “Getting there, staying and getting around” section below).

If you are in Nottingham by lunchtime there are numerous pubs and cafes in the city centre. One of the most famous (but busy) is Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, 1 Brewhouse Yard, NG1 6AD (SK 570 394) <https://www.greeneking.co.uk/pubs/nottinghamshire/ye-olde-trip-to-jerusalem> which claims to be Britain’s oldest surviving inn (other contenders are available, Geographers may discuss). If you are in Nottingham early enough you might want to witness the opening of the new Waterside foot/cycle bridge over the Trent between Trent Basin and Lady Bay (SK 588 387), with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12.00 (Google “opening of Waterside bridge Nottingham”).

**15.30** Meet outside Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem (see above) for an informal city centre walk led by David Martin lasting around 90 minutes. We will be mostly following <https://www.discoveringbritain.org/content/discoveringbritain/trail%20booklets/Nottingham%20trail%202016.pdf> “The Hole Story” and discovering a subterranean world under the streets of Nottingham, as well as some notable buildings along the way. Participants are free to drop out at any time as we will be staying in the central area. (For those interested, it would also be straightforward to extend this walk to visit the newly-opened Waterside bridge, with the option of walking (25 minutes) or taking bus 45 from Canal Street).

**19.00** A group evening meal reservation has been made at Fothergill’s (pub/bistro) <https://www.fothergillsnottingham.com/> 5-7 Castle Road, Nottingham NG1 6AA (SK 570 395) but due to the likely size of our group, you need to confirm attendance and pre-order. **See important note re. catering on final page below.**

### Wednesday 3 June - Annual General Meeting of Geograph Project Ltd

Please pre-register attendance, if possible, via the Events page on the Geograph website. An agenda and other papers will be issued in advance by the Company Secretary to all members, including details of how to vote by proxy if you cannot attend the AGM in person.

Venue: Nottingham Mechanics Institute <https://www.nmi1837.com/> 3 North Sherwood Street, Nottingham, NG1 4EZ (SK 571 404). We will be using the Dickens Suite.

**10.00** Registration and coffee

**10.30** Robert Mee, local historian, will present a talk about Nottinghamshire’s castles, including Q&A

**11.40** Comfort break

**11.50** Launch of new Geograph mobile app

**12.05** Open discussion of future meeting formats

**12.25** Formal AGM

**12.45** Lunch for those attending the AGM. **See important note re. catering on final page below.**

**13.30** Depart venue

## Wednesday afternoon visits

There is no single organized activity, but the following have been suggested/recommended. If you are staying on, you might also like to pick one of these for Thursday afternoon. If you wish to visit the paid attractions, you should book and pay independently: see the relevant websites. Feel free to use the “Annual meeting and AGM 2026” thread on the Geograph forum to coordinate with other attendees.

**Broadmarsh Caves** <https://www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/cityofcaves> In the city centre. Group sizes are limited so booking in advance is strongly recommended. Note that due to the historic nature of the caves, they are inaccessible for visitors who use wheelchairs or have limited mobility.

**Wollaton Park and Hall** <https://wollatonhall.org.uk/> About 3 miles from the centre, via a 15-minute bus ride (L2, 30, or 'The 2' from Victoria Centre), or 15-minute walk from the University Boulevard tram stop. Charged car parking. Free entry to park and hall. A walk around the park could finish at the Wollaton Pub on Lambourne Drive, NG8 1GR <https://www.thewollaton.co.uk/>

**Nottingham Industrial Museum** Also in Wollaton Park (NB only open **Thursdays**, Saturdays and Sundays) <https://nottinghamindustrialmuseum.org.uk/> Admission charge.

**Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery** <https://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/> In the city centre. Admission charge – payable online or on arrival. Optional caves tour.

If you have more time or are prepared to travel a little further, you might want to consider:

**Waterside Bridge** You could be one of the first to cross this new foot/cycle bridge over the Trent between (SK 588 387), due to open on 2 June. 25-minute walk from the station.

**Southwell Minster and Archbishop's Palace** <https://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/things-to-do/southwell-minster-and-archbishops-palace-p351791> (SK 701 538). There is a half-hourly bus service from the Victoria Centre (SK 574 401), journey time approximately 55 minutes.

**19.00** A group evening meal reservation has been made at Shanghai Shanghai (Chinese) <https://www.shanghai-shanghai.co.uk/> 15 Goose Gate, Nottingham, NG1 1FE (SK 576 399). Due to the likely size of our group you need to confirm attendance. **See important note re. catering on final page below.**

## Thursday 4 June – social events (opt in or out as you please)

**10.00** Meet outside the Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, NG1 5ND (SK 571 400) for a 4.1 mile walk via the Nottingham and Beeston Canal, Trent Bridge and River Trent to Wilford Village led by Alan Murray-Rust. Mostly paved and modest gradients, ending up with...

**12.30** Lunch at the Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AA (SK 567 378)

<https://www.chefandbrewer.com/pubs/nottinghamshire/ferry-inn> You are welcome to join us for lunch even if not walking with us in the morning (no group booking, just turn up).

The nearest tram stop is Wilford Village, which is 3 stops from the railway station (not within a short hop zone) and then 1 minute walk to/from the pub, or it is a 1 mile walk from the railway station.

**Afternoon** Depending on your travel plans, you may wish to take a walk or a tram back into the city, and/or choose another of the options listed under Wednesday afternoon.

## Getting there, staying and getting around

**Train** Nottingham station has direct services to London St Pancras (approx. 1h 40m), Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Derby, Leicester, and Sheffield with many regional connections. The station is 0.8 miles from the AGM venue, Nottingham Mechanics Institute.

If you want to use the tram to go direct to the AGM venue, use the intermediate station footbridge and follow signs. Trams into city use the far platform. The exit is ticket-barrier free. For the venue alight at Nottingham Trent University (this is a short hop ride).

If you intend to catch a bus and/or need to use the lift, you will need to use the main exit at the west end of platforms. Bus stops into town are across the road and a little to the right as you exit. Simplest is to catch any Green Line bus (services 5-8,10,11) from the first of the two stops; alight at the Elite stop, cross the road and walk along South Sherwood Street to the venue.

**Tram** Nottingham has a tram network <https://www.thetram.net/> There is a tram stop at the railway station (see Train arrival instructions above). There are ticket machines at every stop. A standard single ticket is £3.40 or a journey within a short hop zone is £2.00 if you buy a ticket, or £1.50 if you use a contactless payment card. For contactless, tap in before boarding, and also tap out if travelling within a short hop zone). See Nottingham contactless <https://nottinghamcontactless.co.uk/> which will also automatically cap at a day fare, as shown on the web page. The tram only accepts concessionary passes for Nottinghamshire residents.

**Bus** Most long-distance buses arrive at Broad Marsh Bus Station, which is just to the north of the railway station <https://www.transportnottingham.com/article/bus-stations/> For travel in and around Nottingham, see Nottingham City Transport <https://www.nctx.co.uk/>

**Robin Hood tickets** are available as a day ticket on all bus operators AND the tram <https://robinhoodnetwork.co.uk/on-the-bus-tram-tickets/>

**Car** As usual, city centres aren't great places to bring a car. If you are staying at one of the city centre hotels, check what deals are available through your hotel (see below). Large public car parks near the AGM venue are the Victoria Centre (2 car parks, 2500 spaces <https://victoria-centre.com/your-visit/#tab-parking>) or Trinity Square Car Park (Nottingham City Council, 440 spaces, <https://parking.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/>)

**Hotels** If staying overnight and travelling by car, both the Mercure Nottingham Sherwood Hotel and the Best Western Plus Nottingham Westminster Hotel have on-site parking. Both are on Mansfield Road within reasonable walking distance of the venue, but there is a high frequency of Nottingham City Transport buses (Brown, lime and purple lines from the stop near the roundabout) into the city centre (Victoria Centre stop) which is 2-3 mins walk from venue. Budget options include the Premier Inn on Goldsmith Street (5 mins walk from venue, 2 mins walk from tram stop giving easy access from the station) or Ibis on Fletcher Gate (close to the station, with tram stop outside giving easy access to venue - 3 stops).

### Important note on catering

If you wish to join us for the evening meals on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, please email David on [dave.geog@gmail.com](mailto:dave.geog@gmail.com) as soon as possible and no later than **18 May** so that the restaurants can be advised of final numbers. The chosen eating places all offer vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. Fothergill's (Tuesday evening) need to receive pre-orders by 28 May latest: when you confirm, you will be sent a link to make your menu choices.

Lunch on Wednesday will only be provided for those who are attending the AGM (see above). Please advise David of any dietary requirements, again no later than **18 May**.