

Thousands enjoy a Roman invasion at Bath World Heritage Day!

Over 3,500 visitors enjoyed activities in the sunshine on the Royal Crescent lawn on Sunday 22 April at this year's World Heritage Day celebration.



This is the 10th year the event has been held in Bath. Organised by Bath & North East Somerset Council in association with local heritage partners, the day promotes Bath's UNESCO 'World Heritage Site' status and enables people to explore and enjoy Bath's heritage and history.

Entertainment was provided by the Roman soldiers of the re-enactment group, The Ermine Street Guard, who set up their military camp and delighted the crowds with demonstrations of marching, authentic battle formations and Roman weapons.



The Mayor's Guides took over 100 people out on guided tours – both around the Georgian architecture in Bath's 'upper town' and for information-packed strolls along the Royal Crescent.

There was plenty for all ages to see and do with displays and activities provided by Bath Preservation Trust, the Roman Baths, the National Trust, Cleveland Pools Trust, the Herschel Museum, the Archway project, Bath Abbey Footprint project and Minerva's Owls of Bath.



Visitors were able to see real owls, dress up as Georgians, handle real Roman objects and view the sun using solar telescopes.

Lots of people took advantage of the fine weather to picnic on the grass and soak up the festival atmosphere.

Many local residents took advantage of free entry at No. 1 Royal Crescent to see how the Georgians lived, and visited the Assembly Rooms nearby to see how the Georgians socialised!



The Mayor of Bath, Councillor Ian Gilchrist, inspected the Guard and talked to stall-holders about their projects and heritage sites.



Bath World Heritage Day again proved to be a real attraction for local people and visitors to the city.

