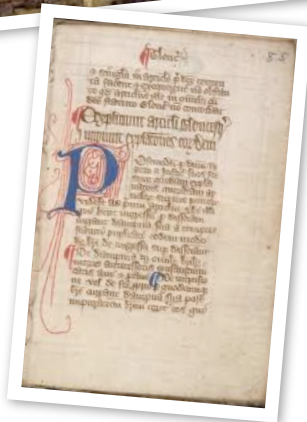


800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta

Celebrate 800 years of democracy

The 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta will be a commemoration of national and international significance. See the towns where the story unfolded....



Canterbury, London & Runnymede

Learn about the events that took place in the City of London on Sunday 17th May 1215, how Canterbury lay in the eye of the storm which began with the accession of Stephen Langton as Archbishop in 1207, and visit Runnymede where it is believed King Alfred held meetings in ancient times.



Salisbury, Oxford & Hereford

See the best preserved of the surviving four examples of the Magna Carta in the Chapter House of Salisbury Cathedral. Visit Oxford's Bodleian, one of the oldest libraries in Europe, which holds three of the surviving manuscripts of the 1217 charters, and Hereford Cathedral, which boasts a modified version, a third edition of the 1215 Magna Carta, dating from 1217.

St. Albans & Bury St. Edmunds

St. Albans earns its place as a Charter Town as on 4 August 1213 Barons and Clergy met at St. Albans Abbey. It was here that the King's Justiciar agreed to pay compensation for past grievances. Bury St. Edmunds has a pivotal role in the history of the Magna Carta.

Lincoln & Durham

Visit Lincoln Cathedral, which has been home to its 1215 Magna Carta, for the whole of the last eight centuries, surviving the ravages of the English Civil war. Durham Cathedral hold three editions of Magna Carta dated 1216, 1217 and 1225, which show the evolution of the original.