



The Chester Civic Trust

RUNCORN'S NEW BRIDGE: Mersey Gateway Project

Wednesday July 5th 2017

Runcorn's new bridge is now well on target for its opening later this year. The **Mersey Gateway Project** is creating a six lane bridge with a 9.2 kilometre road network to connect it to the main motorway network. The bridge will be a cable-stayed structure with three pylons. Seeing its development across the Mersey is quite awe inspiring.

We will meet at 10.30 am at the Catalyst Museum, Spike Island, Widnes (WA8 0DF). Take the first slip road marked to Widnes after crossing the Silver Jubilee Bridge. Keep left here and the Catalyst Museum is well sign-posted. There is a large car park, shared with the newly developed Spike Island.

We will have tea/coffee on arrival and then a talk on the project at 11.00 a.m. After the talk there will be an opportunity to look at the Gateway Project display in the foyer of the museum and to go up in small groups to the viewing area at the top of the building. Here are stunning panoramic views of both bridges.

You will then have time to use the café in the museum or have a picnic. There are no other cafes in the area. You may wish to explore Spike Island.

We will meet again at 2 p.m. at Wigg Island, Runcorn (WA7 1RR). This is where the bridge begins on the Runcorn side of the river and where it crosses the Manchester Ship Canal. We will follow the Environmental Trail, which gives more views and information. Overall this will be a walk of about two miles.

The cost of the visit (to include tea/coffee and talk) is £4. The journeys are by your own transport. Please indicate if you need or are prepared to give a lift. You will be notified of your place on the visit.

Chester Civic Trust Visit to Runcorn, July 5th 2017

To book please complete this slip and enclose a cheque payable to Chester Civic Trust. Please note: Tickets will not be issued but you will be notified by telephone or email.

Name(s) _____

Tel No _____ Email _____

I enclose cheque for £ for places at £4.00 each

I will need a lift / I can give a lift. Please circle if either apply.

I/we wish to have: tea(s) / coffee(s). Please give the number required

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