

galleryoldham

October 2014 – March 2015

Free admission





Welcome to Gallery Oldham

Our extensive programme includes exhibitions, events, courses and talks, as well as popular family activities and schools workshops.

If you are visiting us by tram the nearest Metrolink stop at Oldham Central is just two minutes walk from the Gallery. Please see the map on the back page or visit www.metrolink.co.uk for details.

You can pick up a Gallery Trail leaflet highlighting objects of interest from the foyer.

In the Galleries

Gallery Oldham has four main exhibition spaces on the second floor. Oldham Stories is a permanent gallery space devoted to displaying our collections, while the Community Gallery features work by local artists and groups.

Around the Building

Several major pieces from our collection are on permanent display. These include John Collier's monumental painting of The Death of Cleopatra, Peter Philip's important Pop Art work Gravy for the Navy and a vintage Bradbury motorbike.

The Oldham Panorama is a unique large-scale photograph of the town in 1876. Explore the drawers beneath the picture to uncover objects from our collections.

On the first floor landings you'll find objects from our Social History and Natural History collections. Curated by staff and visitors the What's in Store displays include everyday objects from the past and taxidermy specimens.

Gallery Gardens

The Gardens around the Gallery encourage a variety of wildlife – from nectar-rich flowers to encourage insects, to a log pile to tempt other mini-beasts, and feeders for birds. Take the time to explore on your visit.



Last Chance to See...

Revolution in the Bedroom, War in the Playground: Video Gaming 1979–1989

Until 1 November

Explore the early years of the digital revolution, when gaming became accessible for the first time. There is original artwork by Oliver Frey who designed covers and posters for video games and the chance to see historic machines, including the classic ZX81 home computer!



Season Launch Days...

Our season launches celebrate our new exhibitions with a free day of talks and family friendly activities.

Saturday 15 November

Autumn/Winter launch 12noon – 4pm

Saturday 14 February

Spring/Summer launch 12noon – 4pm

Visit: www.galleryoldham.org.uk for more details.

Join our mailing list

Contact us at galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk if you would like to join our emailing list.

We also have special email lists for Family Friendly, Ceramics and Adult Creative Courses.

Room Hire

Our versatile Education Suite and galleries are available to hire for meetings and functions.

Email: galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk for more details or call 0161 770 2073.

Oldham Stories: Encounters with our Collections

A Permanent Gallery

We continue to refresh this permanent exhibition packed full of Oldham stories. This is your chance to see some of our most treasured artefacts alongside items that might just surprise you.

This display brings together objects from our Natural History, Social History and Fine Art collections to look again at Oldham's past and present. From birds and shells to a recreation of an Edwardian chemist's shop every object has a fascinating tale to tell.

The display features local figures such as suffragette Annie Kenney, pioneering natural history collector James Nield and the popular artist Helen Bradley. Artwork on show includes important British paintings from the Charles Lees Watercolours Collection. Oldham Stories also includes lots of family activities. Follow our Owl Trail, try on hats found in some of the paintings or make a badge as a souvenir of your visit.

Image: The Chadderton Taxidermist by John Haughton Hague



Designs on our Future

Ongoing exhibition

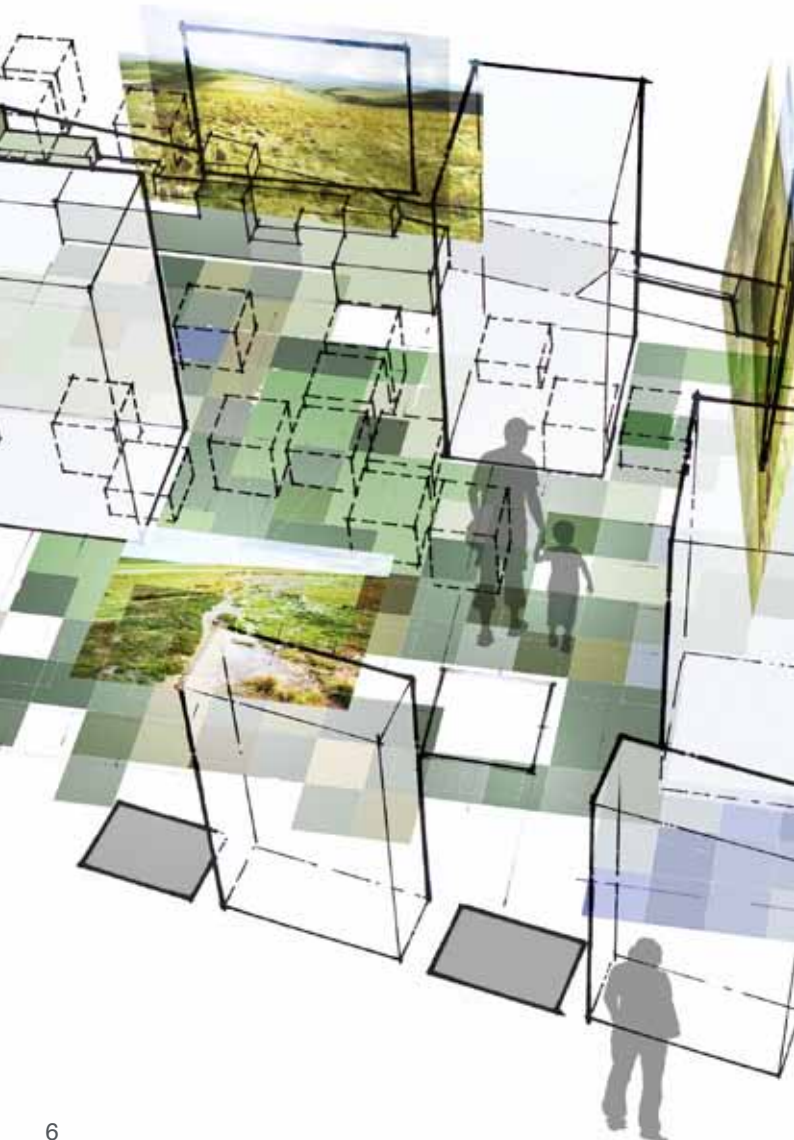
We're looking to the future with plans for a new Theatre and Heritage Centre in Oldham well underway. The scheme aims to bring the old library building back into use and develop surrounding land to create a vibrant cultural hub for Oldham.

This is your chance to keep up to date with our progress, see the architect's drawings and hear all about our plans. Photographer Ian Beesley and poet Ian McMillan have also been looking at this project and their creative responses are on display.

The project was awarded development funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England in 2012. Since then we've been developing the concept with the aim of applying for further funding.

Our initial conversations with a range of people - from architects to artists, quantity surveyors to local teenagers - have brought us a long way and now we'd like you to tell us what you think.

Image: Impression of one of the new exhibition spaces



Jerwood Makers Open

15 November 2014 – 1 March 2015

The annual Jerwood Makers Open is a major commission that gives early career artists £7,500 each to develop new work and take artistic risks.

Chosen from over 240 applications, the selected makers include two collaborative duos for the first time in the award's history. The artists offer a range of projects across different disciplinary backgrounds, from architecture and spatial design to more traditional craft-based skills in ceramics and glass.

This year the artists selected are ceramicists Hitomi Hosono and Matthew Raw, artists Revital Cohen and Tuur Van Balen, glass artist Shelley James and spatial storytellers FleaFollyArchitects. Between them they are experimenting with material, technical, conceptual and narrative concerns.

From a modern day Tower of Babel to a full sized pub front the result is a fascinating and varied exhibition by makers pushing the boundaries of their craft.

JERWOOD VISUAL ARTS

Image: The Modern Prometheus by FleaFollyArchitects (detail)



Black Sheep

14 February – 9 May 2015

Felt is the most ancient constructed textile in the world and has been used for everything from cosy winter garments to conceptual art. This exhibition is an exploration of the edgier side of this extraordinary and versatile material, looking at artists who create sometimes disturbing and bizarre oddities and technically brilliant objects.

It presents some of the exciting and sometimes surprising processes used by contemporary masters of the craft to produce innovative and inspiring work. Visitors will discover felt teddy bear skulls and mutated organisms by Stephanie Metz, seamless show-stopping garments by Horst Couture and sculptural natural forms by Marjolein Dallinga.

More details on the works and artists can be found on the blog www.blacksheepfelt.wordpress.com

The exhibition is a touring show from The National Centre for Craft and Design.



Image: Teddy Skulls by Stephanie Metz



Solar Flowers – Alexandre Dang

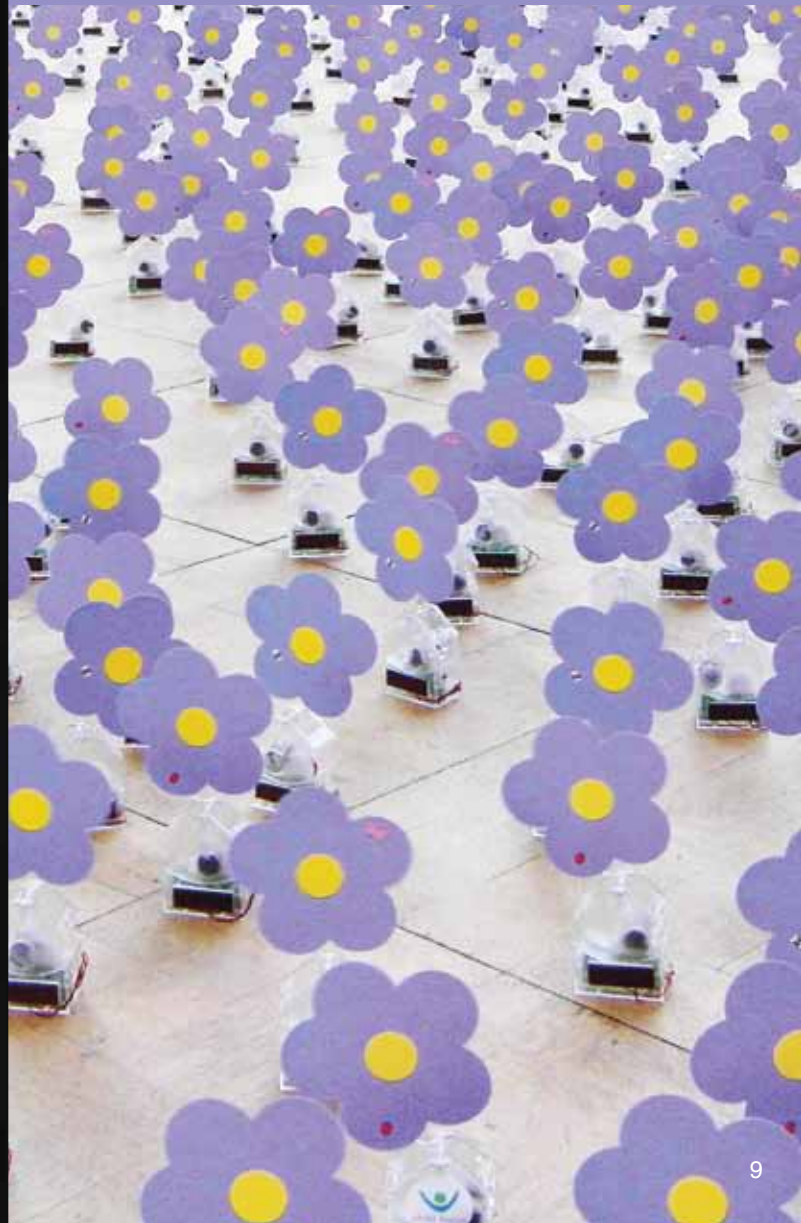
15 March – Summer 2015

Artist Alexandre Dang has displayed his dancing Solar Flowers around the world. They have become an iconic work testifying to his commitment to the power of renewable energy. The light, bright space of our central gallery will allow the flowers to be seen at their very best.

Alexandre Dang comes from a scientific background and uses solar energy to animate his kinetic art works whilst also raising awareness of the potential of environmentally friendly technologies. Though the sun provides 10,000 times more energy to the earth than humans need, more than 1.7 billion people still do not have access to electricity. Dang is a founder of Solar Solidarity International (a non-profit international association) to support solar electrification of schools in developing countries.

Visitors may be both charmed by the flowers and awed by the power of the sun. After the exhibition the flowers will be on sale from the Gallery shop.

Image: Solar Flowers at the Royal Greenhouses of Laeken



200 Years on Union Street

Until 31 January 2015

Union Street in Oldham was first laid out in the early 1800s. This quiet country lane was intended as a by-pass for travellers to avoid the steep route through the town centre. Now the new Metrolink route brings visitors along this busy street every day.

Using objects and paintings from our collections this exhibition charts the buildings and people that have shaped Union Street over the years. There's a wealth of material to explore - from the original doors of the Odeon Cinema to a World War I roll of honour recording the sacrifices of employees from the Prudential's offices.

Oldham Art School was based in The Lyceum for many years. You can see works by painters William Stott and contemporary artist Brian Clarke who each learnt their craft here.

As well as family friendly activities we also want your memories of Union Street. So if you learnt to swim in the town's first public baths or had your first pint at the Bath Hotel we'd love to hear your stories.

Image: Fire on Union Street by Helen Bradley (detail)



Community Gallery

The Community Gallery features work by groups or individuals who live or work in Oldham, or whose subject matter relates to Oldham. If you are interested in showing your work contact Joy Thorpe on 0161 770 4663 or email joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk for an information & proposal pack.

Kubatana Nematombo - Together With Stones

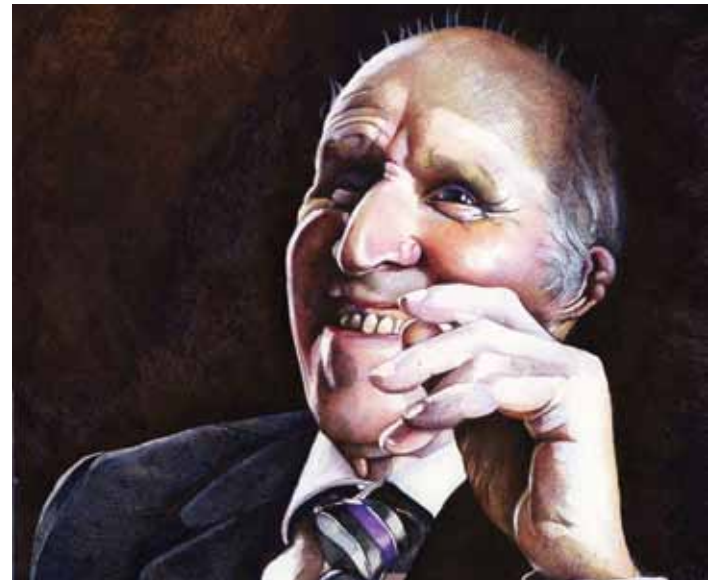
4 October – 15 November

Matombo Tombo is an Oldham based group of stone carvers of British and Zimbabwean heritage. This exhibition demonstrates what can happen when stone mined in Zimbabwe and Shona stone carving traditions and techniques are introduced into an Oldham setting.

Gordon Clegg: Face the World

22 November – 3 January

This exhibition is a collection of portraits of peoples from around the world. Wherever we live the face is our identity and our means of communication. In today's diverse communities, Gordon's work celebrates the one thing we all have in common, our face.



Claire Mather: Sketches in Stitches

10 January – 7 March

Claire's work is an exploration of drawing with stitch based on local landscapes and architecture. Using an individual approach to the traditional expectations of textile art, each piece has a sketched or drawn look with a modern twist that translates into truly unique art.

Abirdabode

14 March – 2 May

See some of the incredible Art Birdboxes created by people from across Oldham. Working with artists Richard Dawson and Jacqui Symons local groups were encouraged to explore urban and rural habitats using a variety of different art forms. For details visit: www.abirdabode.co.uk



Gallery Talks

Our monthly talks are free, informal and last around 40 minutes with time for discussion afterwards. There is no need to book.

If you are bringing a group of more than five please contact the Gallery on 0161 770 4742 beforehand.

Wednesday 22 October, 2pm

Take a final look at our Revolution in the Bedroom computer exhibition.

Wednesday 19 November, 2pm

Find out more about the Jerwood Makers.

Image: Elemental Symmetries by Shelley James from Jerwood Makers Open



Wednesday 21 January, 2pm

Discover some of the Natural History on display in Oldham Stories.

Wednesday 18 February, 2pm

Take a close look at the Black Sheep exhibition.

Wednesday 18 March, 2pm

Wander through the Solar Flowers display.

Behind the Scenes

While many of our exhibitions contain objects from the collections it is not possible to show everything permanently. We run special tours of our stores to look at objects that are not currently on view.

Wednesday 15 October, 2pm: Natural History Collections to celebrate Earth Science Week

Tuesday 9 December, 2pm: Art Collections

Tuesday 10 February, 2pm: Social History Collections

Sessions are free but please consider a donation to support the work of the Gallery.

Booking is essential on 0161 770 4742.

Adult Art and Craft Courses

Crafty Mondays @ Naked Bean Café

Mondays 3, 10, 17 and 24 November, 2–3.30pm

Try your hand at some new and unusual techniques in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Explore your creative side and make some wonderful gifts for Christmas. Free, all materials provided. Just buy a drink or something sweet from Naked Bean and join in!

Silk Painting

Tuesdays 7, 14 and 21 October, 6–8.30pm

Produce your very own piece of art over three evenings. Aimed at beginners and experienced silk painters. Call 0161 770 2073 to book.

Cost: £30 for three workshops including all materials.

Collagraph Printing

Tuesdays 3, 10 and 17 March, 6–8.30pm

Use a range of mixed media to create a range of interesting surface prints. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced. Call 0161 770 2073 to book.

Cost: £30 for three workshops including all materials.

Groups

Gallery Oldham provides a range of hands-on activities here and off-site at a venue convenient for you. Arts, crafts and heritage workshops are available based on our collections for a range of community and voluntary groups for all ages and abilities.

Call 0161 770 4744 or email:

glenys.walsh@oldham.gov.uk for more details.



Image: Ichthyosaur from our Natural History collections

Oldham Cultural Forum

The forum is a meeting place for creative people to gain advice and network with other professionals working in the creative industries.

Information sessions take place at the Gallery on:

Monday 8 December, 6–8pm

Monday 9 March, 6–8pm

Oldham Arts Development also offers support to artists and community groups on an informal basis throughout the year.

To book a place at the forum or for more advice call 0161 770 3959 or email:

michelle.temperley@oldham.gov.uk

Children and Families



Gallery Oldham is full of fun activities and events for families and children of all ages.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all family sessions. If you are bringing a group of 10 or more please book in advance on 0161 770 4742.

Arts and crafts at each session are most suitable for children aged 4–10 years.

Holiday fun at Gallery Oldham

Free family activities take place in the school holidays. Sessions are linked to our exhibitions so please take a look around the galleries before you come along.

Half-term: Mon 27, Tue 28 and Wed 29 October

Christmas: Sat 13 December

Half-term: Mon 16, Tue 17 and Wed 18 February

Free – no need to book, just drop in from 1–4pm

Face painting £2 per child.

Super Saturdays

Be inspired by our exhibitions! We've artist led craft activities, painting, drawing and creative fun for all the family on the first Saturday of the month.

Sat 4 October, Sat 1 November, Sat 6 December,

Sat 3 January, Sat 7 February and Sat 7 March

Free – no need to book, just drop in from 12noon–4pm

Activities are most suitable for children aged 4–10 years.

Go Baby!

Our popular creative sessions for babies aged 0–2 now last a little longer! You now have a full hour to explore textures, noises and objects related to our current exhibitions and displays.

Every Thursday (term-time only)

10.30–11.30am: Non walkers

11.30am–12.30pm: Walkers

Free – no need to book, just drop in



The Small Cinema



Bringing cinema back to Oldham

Every month The Small Cinema hosts a classic family film here at Gallery Oldham.

Sat 25 October, 2pm: Monsters University (U)

Mike and Sully return in this hilarious prequel.



Sat 15 November, 2pm: Muppets Most Wanted (U)
Kermit and the gang head out on a world tour.

Sat 13 December, 12noon and 2pm: Saving Santa (U)
Festive film fun with a time-travelling elf.

Sat 24 January, 2pm: The House of Magic (U)
Heart-warming tale following Thunder the lost kitten.

Sat 14 February, 2pm: Beauty and the Beast (U)
Disney's classic romantic musical for Valentine's Day.

Sat 21 March, 2pm: The Boxtrolls (PG)
Funny and inventive stop-motion animation.

Tickets cost £3 and include a goodie bag for kids. Advance booking is recommended – see Gallery staff or call 0161 770 4742.

Get creative

Have fun with film-related arts and crafts before each movie from 12noon–2pm in the Gallery foyer.
www.thsmallcinema.com for film listings and details.

Activities for Young People

Arts Award

Arts Award inspires young people to grow their arts and leadership talents. Gallery Oldham is now an Arts Award centre, able to deliver Discover, Explore, Bronze and Silver awards for groups or individuals.



Explore!

Saturdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 November, 11.30am–1.30pm

Be inspired by our exhibitions and collections. Develop your artistic skills and complete your Explore Arts Award over four creative sessions. Most suitable for 11–16 year olds. Free – only 10 places available so advance booking is essential. Email evad.ouldokojie@oldham.gov.uk for more details.

Active Citizens

In partnership with Voluntary Action Oldham, Gallery Oldham are now delivering this British Council funded project. Free – for 18–25 years. Oldham residents only.

Active Citizens links young people, aged 18 – 25 with fantastic art opportunities, developing leadership skills, running workshops and working with the community.

This is an accredited project with each Active Citizen gaining an Arts Award, an Oldham youth volunteering certificate and a British Council certificate.

Visit www.vaoldham.org.uk/activecitizens for details

Our Connected History

This new online project brings together artworks from Gallery Oldham and seven other Greater Manchester museums and galleries.



The website includes photographs, 3D images and videos of artists, historians and curators to provide a behind the scenes insight into the collections.

Visit www.gmmg.org.uk to explore some of the 400 objects that tell the story of our shared heritage.

Your Paintings

You can now browse all of our oil paintings online with the BBC and the Public Catalogue Foundation.

Visit: www.bbc.co.uk/yourpaintings to uncover the nation's art collection.

Identification Service

Our curators provide a free identification and advice service but we are unable to give valuations. Please make an appointment in advance.

Art and Craft

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Natural History

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Social and Local History

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Learning for all at the Gallery

Schools and Higher Education

We deliver a comprehensive educational programme for learners of all ages. Central to the Gallery's work is an innovative and engaging cross-curricular programme for schools and higher education. Workshops cover all areas of the curriculum and focus on our Art, Craft, Social and Natural History collections.

Artist-led sessions for schools

Our fantastic new range of artist-led sessions have been very popular with schools and we have created a range of inspiring new workshops for the autumn winter term.

The wide range of workshops cover all ages and areas of the new curriculum, drawing inspiration from our diverse range of collections and exhibitions. All artist-led workshops are two hours long and charged at £100 for classes of up to 35 pupils.



Self-guided workshops

We also welcome self-guided visits to the Gallery and can arrange resources for your visit. Choose from one of our KS1 based Natural History explorer sacks – Garden Wildlife, Owls and Shape and Pattern – which are available free of charge when booked in advance.

Museum on the Move

Gallery Oldham and its collections can come to your KS1 and KS2 classrooms. Choose from a range of themes, from WWII to Toys of the Past, that bring history to life using real museum artefacts.

All workshops are two hours long and charged at £100 for classes of up to 35 pupils.

Bookings

Due to the popularity of the programme, please get in touch with a range of possible dates. To book a workshop, or for more information, please contact Laura Ferguson on 0161 770 4643 or laura.ferguson@oldham.gov.uk

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

Discover the fascinating history of the Oldham area and its people. Our collections include items that complement Gallery Oldham's work including artists' letters and local photographs.

Local History

Oldham Historical Research Group meet on the third Wednesday of each month, 7pm for anyone interested in local history.

Family History

A family history advisor is available to help with your research every Monday and Wednesday, 2–4pm.

World War I

A display of postcards, photographs, medals and other memorabilia from the collection of David Harrop will be on display during October and November.

On the Trail of the Oldham Pals

On the 5 November 1914 Oldham held a major recruitment meeting for the Oldham Comrades – the town's Pals Battalion. Thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund we can now share the stories of the men from this local Battalion.

Visit the exhibition at Oldham Local Studies and Archives between 5 Nov and Apr 2015 or pick up a printed trail highlighting stories of the Pals across the borough. Look out too for Oldham Theatre Workshop's production that will bring these stories to life.



Oldham Local Studies and Archives
84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN
0161 770 4654 archives@oldham.gov.uk

Opening Hours

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| Monday and Thursday | 10am–7pm |
| Tuesday | 10am–2pm |
| Wednesday and Friday | 10am–5pm |
| Saturday | 10am–4pm |

Naked Bean at Gallery Oldham



Our café is the perfect place to meet friends or colleagues for a bite to eat or enjoy a fresh coffee.

Naked Bean offers breakfast, snacks and main meals alongside tempting homemade muffins. The seasonal menu makes full use of fresh produce from the patio garden. The cafe also teams up with local suppliers. Try cream tea and cakes with fruit grown by the Jim Jam Girls here in Alt, Oldham.



Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 8am–4.30pm
Saturday: 8am–4pm

Please note that access from 8–10am is through the side entrance, off Southgate Street. Look out for great meal deals and take advantage of our loyalty card scheme. Stuart and the team look forward to welcoming you to Naked Bean at Gallery Oldham.

Gallery shop

Looking for a special gift or a treat for yourself? Visit our shop in the foyer for a range of crafts, cards, children's toys and Oldham souvenirs to suit all pockets.

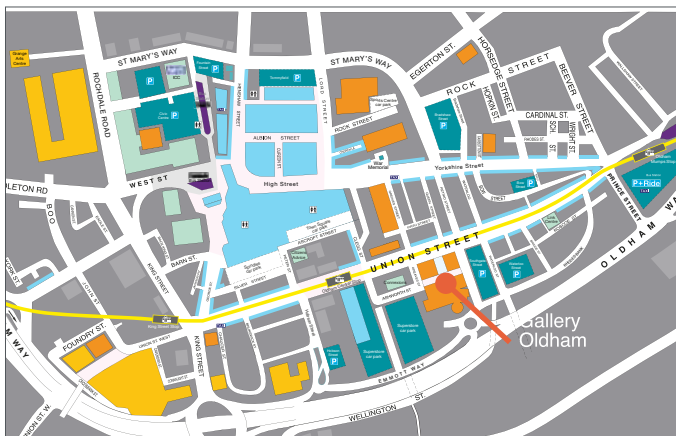
Keep us in mind for your Christmas shopping as we also stock a selection of textiles, ceramics and handcrafted jewellery created by local artists and craftspeople. The shop also sells current and past exhibition catalogues and books covering the Gallery's collections.

We welcome approaches from local artists and craftspeople interested in selling small items in our shop. Please contact Margaret Cooper on 0161 770 2073 to discuss our terms and conditions.



Where are we?

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham OL1 1AL. Gallery Oldham is part of the Library and Lifelong Learning building.



How do I get in touch?

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www.galleryoldham.org.uk



Opening times

Monday to Saturday: 10am–5pm
(last admission 4.45pm)

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Transport

Gallery Oldham is situated on Greaves Street in Oldham town centre, next to Sainsbury's. The new Metrolink tram runs from Manchester to Rochdale, through Oldham town centre. The nearest tram stop to the Gallery is Oldham Central on Union Street. Please check www.oldham.gov.uk/metrolink for travel updates or contact the Gallery for advice.

The main bus station is a 10 minute walk away and there are regular buses from Greenfield Railway Station. The nearest car park is Southgate Street.

Gallery access



There are two disabled car parking spaces on Greaves Street, next to the Gallery, and several spaces on the Southgate Street car park. Please contact the Gallery for more details.

The building has large lifts, accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. There is a baby feeding room in the library.



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