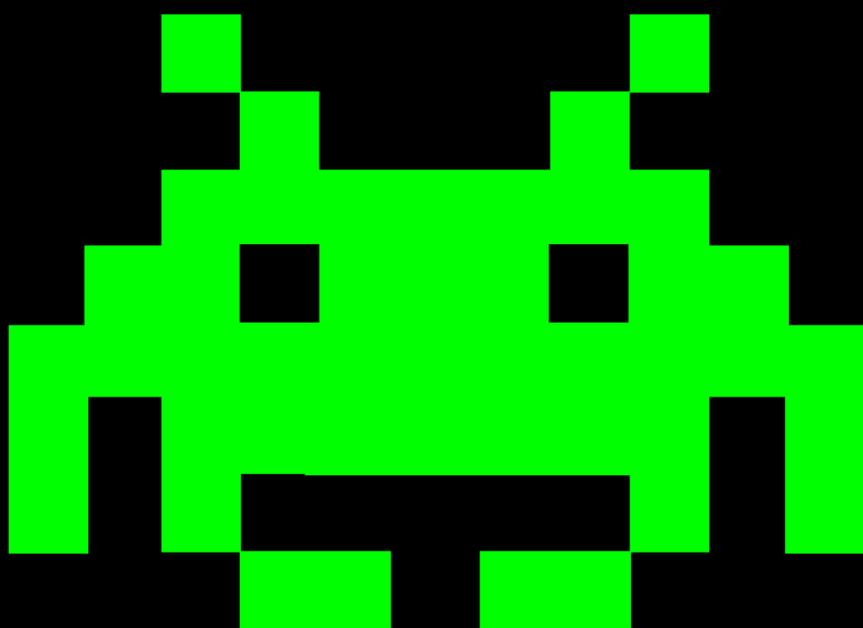


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April – September 2014

Free admission



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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 new Metrolink stop at Oldham Central is two minutes walk from the Gallery. Please see the map on the back page 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 Philips's important Pop Art work Gravy for the Navy and a vintage Bradbury motorbike.

The Oldham Panorama

This large-scale photograph is a unique record of the town in 1876. Explore the drawers beneath the picture to uncover objects from our collections and use the touch screen display to find out more.



Funded by Greater Manchester Museums Group

What's in Store?

These displays on the first floor landings are curated by staff and visitors. You'll find objects from our Social History and Natural History collections including everyday objects from the past and taxidermy specimens.

Image: Greater Spotted Woodpecker from our Natural History collection



Oldham Stories: Encounters with our Collections

A Permanent Gallery

After its first successful year we have refreshed our permanent gallery with some new objects and stories from our Natural History, Social History and Art collections. This is the place to see some of our most treasured artefacts alongside some surprising new items.

The display features local figures such as suffragette Annie Kenney and the pioneering natural history collector James Nield. Objects on show include birds, shells, banners, archaeology and a new selection of watercolours from the Charles Lees Collection.

Two of our most popular paintings are now on display after spending time on loan. The Procession by LS Lowry is back from Tate Britain and JW Waterhouse's Circe returns from a tour of China.

Oldham Stories also includes lots of family activities. Follow our Owl Trail, identify the smells in the Edwardian chemist's shop or make a badge as a souvenir of your visit.

Image: Circe Offering the Cup to Ulysses (detail) by John William Waterhouse



Designs on our Future

3 May onwards

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 will be on display.

The project was awarded development funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England in 2012. Since then we've been busy developing the concept with the aim of applying for further funding. Initial conversations have brought us a long way and now we'd like your ideas.

To get you started we'll be displaying the poster that advertised our first ever exhibition on 1 August 1883. Perhaps you'll be inspired to design a new poster telling us what visitors might see in our new spaces.

Image: View from the Old Gallery by Ian Beesley



Gone Fishing!

Until 14 June

You'll be amazed by how many fishy objects we have in our collection!

This exhibition explores marine and freshwater environments and the fish that live in them. It includes landscape paintings portraying rivers and maritime scenes, and images of people fishing, by artists such as William Stott, John Constable and local painter John Houghton Hague.

Objects from our Natural History Collection take centre stage, with ancient fossil fish, biologically accurate fish models and trophy mounts donated by Oldham Central Angling Club on display.

Look out for some unexpected objects too. As Oldham was the birthplace of fish and chips we are including our splendid 1930s Mallinson's fish & chip range. And we've plenty of family friendly fishing games for you to play too!

Image: A Breezy Day on The Meuse (detail) by Alfred Montague



Form: Modern Sculpture from our Collections

3 May – 5 July

Gallery Oldham's collection includes works by some of the best-known sculptors of the 20th century. This exhibition features key mid-century sculptors including Elisabeth Frink, Jacob Epstein and Bernard Meadows. It includes a number of pieces by Liverpool sculptor Arthur Dooley. He had no formal training, but learnt metalwork skills as a welding apprentice at the Birkenhead Shipyards. The show also includes Faruk Ahamad's series of wooden sculptures, Men and Women of Bangladesh.

Sculptors in the 20th century explored many materials beyond traditional wood, bronze and marble. Josephina de Vasconcellos's *Winter* was carved from perspex. New work acquired in the 1990s included a leaf sculpture by Andy Goldsworthy and Laura Ford's *Elephant Boy* made of knitted fabric. In recent years our collection has explored the development of ceramic sculpture by such artists as Gordon Baldwin and Halima Cassell.

Image: *Assemblage 1* by Loretta Braganza



200 Years on Union Street

28 June – 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 next door to The Lyceum for many years. You can see works by painters William Stott and contemporary artist Brian Clarke who all 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: Boxing Poster 1937

BOXING MAJESTIC HALL

UNION STREET OLDHAM.

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UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (CAV. F. TWEEDALE, J.P.)
OUTSTANDING MIDDLEWEIGHT MATCH. EXTRA SPECIAL TWELVE ROUNDS CONTEST

BUTCHER GASCOYNE

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THREE THRILLING EIGHT ROUND CONTESTS

JIM WOOLEY v. SAM TOPLIS

BILLY SLEIGH v. HARRY (KID) LEES

BOBBY LEWIS v. ERIC POWELL

GREAT SPECIAL TWELVE ROUNDS CONTEST

JACK LILLEY

FREDDIE HAMLETT

PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE MAYOR OF OLDHAM'S FUNDS

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

RINGSIDE 5/- | 3/- & 1/-

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

19 July – 1 November

Explore the early years of the digital revolution, when gaming became accessible for the first time, and play historic games in the Gallery!

This exhibition is the first of its kind to explore the early years of video gaming. Affordable computers enabled a new generation of young bedroom programmers who contributed to the industry and the creation of a new art form.

Video gaming has only recently been recognised for its importance in the creative industries and as a genuinely new form of aesthetics and storytelling.

The exhibition includes games to play on original hardware and iPads. There is also original artwork by Oliver Frey who designed covers and posters for video games. This exhibition is on loan from the National Centre for Craft and Design.

Image: Playing Through the Night by Oliver Frey



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 have an exhibition proposal contact Joy Thorpe on 0161 770 4663 or email joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk

We'll Show You Ours

15 March – 10 May

Hidden within Gallery Oldham is a talented community of artists. Take a look at this exhibition that includes photography, drawing, textiles, prints, painting and sculpture and find out what our staff get up to in their spare time.

For The Joy Of It!

17 May – 21 June

Fred Bottomley is a lifelong journalist, now in his 86th year, whose work ranges from miniature portraits to watercolours and oil paintings. For The Joy Of It is a celebration of the pleasure that art can bring to the lives of ordinary people who make their living elsewhere.



2014 End of Year Show

28 June – 9 August

Students of the BA Honours Games Art Course at University Campus Oldham showcase their final productions in creative Digital Painting, 3D modelling and Digital Sculpting. Students utilise the latest skills, techniques and technology and industry-standard software to present work from the next generation of digital creatives.

Clowns For The Common Man

16 August – 27 September

Charlie Saul offers a stark contrast to the buffoon-like qualities traditionally associated with the circus clown. His figures show a vulnerability and humility of a figure instantly recognised by young and old alike.

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.

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

Booking is essential on 0161 770 4742.

Tuesday 20 May, 2pm: Social History Collections

Tuesday 2 September, 2pm: Natural History Collections

Tuesday 23 September, 2pm: Art Collections

We also offer tours of our studio ceramics collection, including opportunities to handle objects. Please call Dinah Winch on 0161 770 4632 to make a booking.

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/arts/yourpaintings to uncover the nation's art collection.

Our Connected History

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

The website includes high quality 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.



Identification Service

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

Social and Local History

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Natural History

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Art and Craft

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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 14 May, 2pm

Join our Natural History Curator Patricia Francis for a tour of Gone Fishing!

Wednesday 11 June, 2pm

Explore the sculpture collections with our Art Curator Dinah Winch.

Wednesday 16 July, 2pm

Discover the experiences of Oldhamers in World War I with Sean Baggaley.

Wednesday 10 September, 2pm

Dinah Winch looks at the paintings in 200 Years on Union Street.

Saturday Talks

Saturday 7 June, 2pm

The Art of the Potter

Come and explore the ceramics collection, discover new acquisitions and handle some of the pots from our changing selection of works.

Saturday 19 July, 2pm

A Walk Along The Oldham Panorama

A tour of the famous 1876 photograph of Oldham and accompanying displays from our Social History Collection.



Heritage Open Day

Thursday 11 September, 12noon and 6pm

A Walk up Union Street

Join our curator Sean Baggaley for two special walks along Union Street.

Image: Model of The Lyceum Building on Union Street



Adult Art and Craft Courses

Introduction to Screen Printing

Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20 May, 6–8.30pm

Find out more about this easy technique that is suitable for both paper and fabric.

Cost: £30 for three workshops including all materials.

Silk Painting

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

Book early on this course for both beginners and experienced silk painters. Over the three evenings you will produce your very own piece of art.

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 of all ages and abilities.

For more details call 0161 770 4744 or email glenys.walsh@oldham.gov.uk

Making Memories

We deliver creative reminiscence sessions for older people in partnership with artists Arthur+Martha. If you work with a group of older people, in a care setting or in the community, call 0161 770 4663 or email joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk to find out more.



The Baring Foundation



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 9 June, 6–8pm

Monday 8 September, 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 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 4653.

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.

Easter: Mon 14, Tue 15, Wed 16 and Thu 17 April

Half-term: Tue 27, Wed 28 and Thu 29 May

Summer: Mon 21, Wed 23, Mon 28 and Wed 30 July
Mon 4, Wed 6, Mon 11 and Wed 13 August

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

Face painting £2 per child.

Super Saturdays

Craft activities, painting, drawing and creative fun for all the family on the first Saturday of the month.

Sat 5 April, Sat 3 May, Sat 7 June,
Sat 5 July, Sat 2 Aug and Sat 6 Sept

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

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

Go! Baby

Our fun creative sessions for babies aged 0–2 are back! Explore textures, noises and objects related to our current exhibitions and displays.

Every Thursday (term-time only)

10.30–11.15am: Non walkers

11.30am–12.15pm: 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 in The Performance Space.

Sat 12 April, 2pm: The Iron Giant (U)

Make friends with a giant robot from outer space.

Sat 24 May, 2pm: Finding Nemo (U)

Catch this stunning aquatic adventure.

Sat 21 June, 2pm: Frozen (U)

A beautifully animated Disney fairytale.

Sat 19 July, 2pm: Tron (PG)

Groundbreaking film from the videogames era.



Sat 16 August, 2pm: The Lego Movie (U)

Colourful and imaginative all-Lego adventure.

Sat 13 September, 2pm: Fantastic Mr Fox (PG)

Come and celebrate Roald Dahl Day with us.

Tickets cost £3 and include a goodie bag for kids.

Advance booking is recommended – you can reserve tickets at the Welcome Desk 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.thesmallcinema.com for film listings and details.

Activities for Young People

Second Look

If you're aged 14-25 and interested in art, craft and history then Gallery Oldham is the place for you! We've designed a range of activities that will make you take a second look at your surroundings.

So bring along your pencils, charcoals and pastels for a unique sketching experience. You can pick up this free resource pack within the gallery spaces.

Museums at Night

Thursday 15 May, 5–8pm



Join us for a special late night party full of art, music, laughter and mood lighting. We've lots of creative activities for all the family to enjoy and some special after hours talks. Call 0161 770 4741 for details.

Festival Oldham

Saturday 24 May, 12noon–4pm

Get set for an afternoon of free art and entertainment. Look out for street theatre and performances in the Gallery gardens, with celebrations in Oldham Town Centre too. Call 0161 770 3070 for more details.



A Greener Gallery

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. This year we hope to install more bird boxes and a bat box. Take the time to explore on your next visit.

Join our mailing list

Please contact us at galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk if you would like to join our mailing 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. Call 0161 770 2073 or email galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk for more details.

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 are creating some inspiring new workshops for the spring/summer term. The wide range of workshops cover all ages and areas of the curriculum and draw inspiration from our diverse range of collections and exhibitions.

We also welcome self-guided visits to the Gallery and can arrange resources for your visit when booked in advance. All workshops are two hours long and free of charge (subject to availability).

Due to the popularity of the programme, please get in touch with a range of dates as early as possible.



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 the cotton industry, to bring history to life using real museum artefacts.

Get in touch

To find out more about our range of workshops, how to book and order an education pack, please contact our Education Development Officer, 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.

Don't forget Oldham's Heritage Open Days which run from 8–21 September with talks, walks and tours of historic buildings right across the Borough.

Family History

A family history advisor is available to help with your research every Monday and Wednesday, 2–4pm. We also run special sessions on a range of topics:

Sat 24 May: Getting Started at Family History

Sat 7 June: Births, Marriages and Deaths

Sat 21 June: Using the Census

Sat 5 July: Before Civil Registration

Sat 19 July: Recording Your Family Tree

All sessions are free and start at 10.30am. Please book.

World War I

What did your ancestors do in the First World War? Compile the history of a soldier with our free workshops:

Sat 5 April, Wed 30 April, Wed 7 May and Sat 17 May

Sessions run from 2–3pm. Please book in advance.



Oldham Local Studies and Archives

84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

0161 770 4654 archives@oldham.gov.uk

Opening Hours

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 cakes and muffins. The seasonal menu makes full use of fresh produce and herbs from the patio garden. If you're looking for a treat why not take a seat on the sun terrace and try Tea for Two in the afternoon from 2pm.



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.

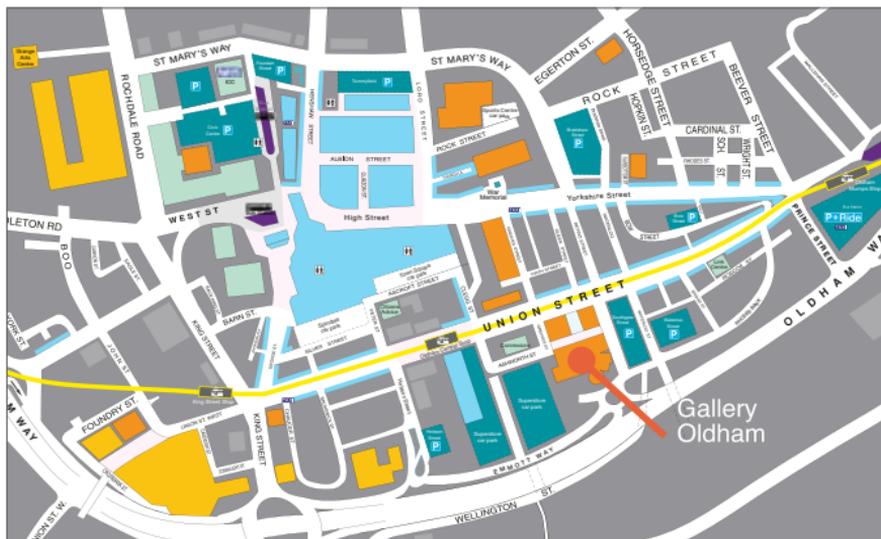
We also stock a selection of textiles, ceramics and handcrafted jewellery created by local artists and craftspeople (pictured below). The shop also sells current and past exhibition catalogues and books covering the Gallery's collections.

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.



For a large print copy of this brochure please contact T: 0161 770 4742
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