

galleryoldham

April – October 2015

Free admission





# Welcome to Gallery Oldham

Our extensive programme includes exhibitions, events, courses and talks, as well as popular family activities and school 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](http://www.metrolink.co.uk) for details.

## 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 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.

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

## Gallery Gardens

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



Cover image: Beach Scene by John Craxton (see p8 for exhibition)



## Last Chance to See...

### Black Sheep

Until 7 May

Explore the darker side of felt with brilliant and bizarre objects created by this extraordinary and versatile material.

Discover felt teddy bear skulls, seamless show-stopping garments and sculptural natural forms by contemporary masters of the craft.



### Summer Season Launch

Saturday 20 June, 12noon-4pm

Come and celebrate our new exhibitions with a free day of talks and family friendly activities.

### 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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/yourpaintings) to uncover the nation's art collection.

### Join our mailing list

Contact us at [galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk) for more details or call 0161 770 2073.

## Oldham Stories: Encounters with our Collections

A Permanent Gallery

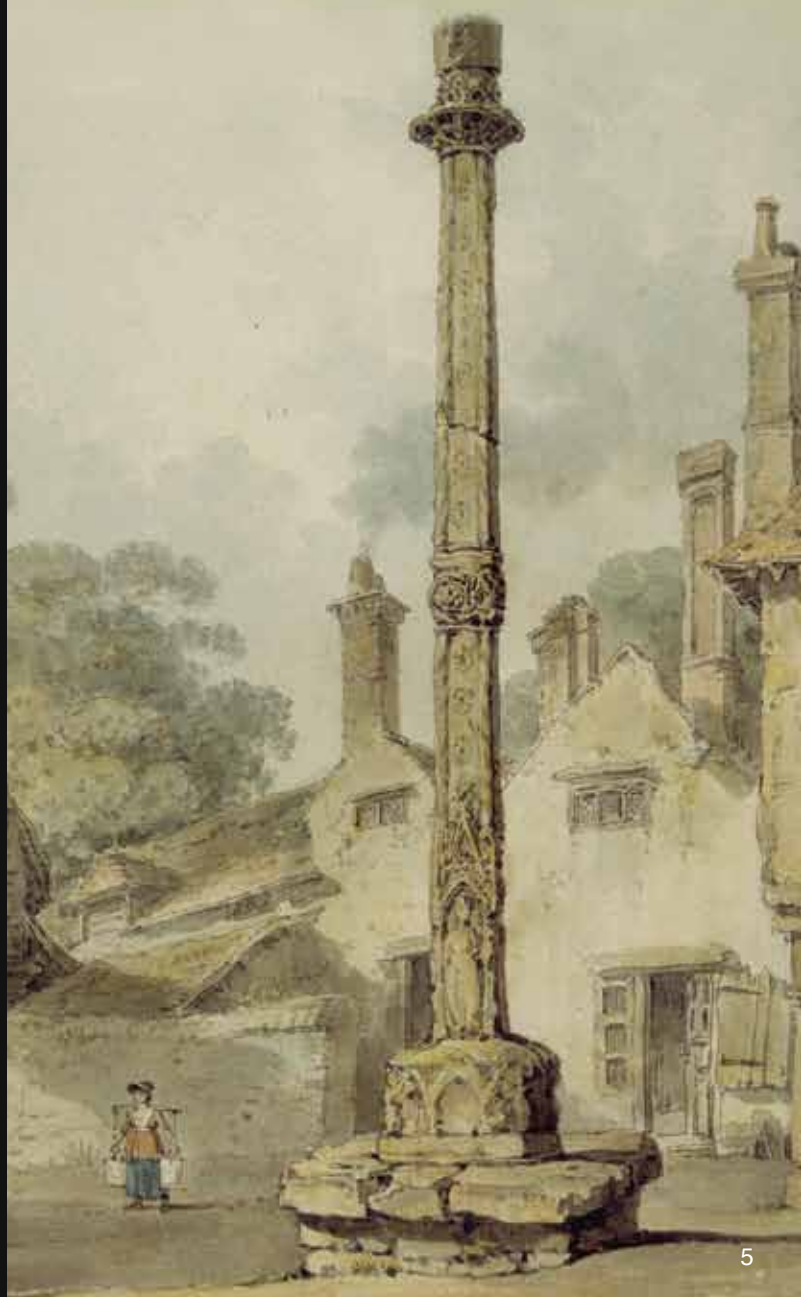
We continue to refresh this permanent exhibition packed full of Oldham stories. This is your chance to see some of our most treasured artefacts alongside items that might just surprise you.

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, the 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: County Cross (detail) by J. M. W. Turner



## Designs on our Future

Until 3 October

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 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 too.

We've been busy since 2012 developing the concept with the aim of applying for further funding. 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.

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 in a few years time.

Image: Impression of the new building from Union Street



## Solar Flowers – Alexandre Dang

Until 13 June

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. However we can never guarantee the availability of sunshine in Oldham!





## Season's Best

23 May – 31 October

It is sometimes said that Oldham's weather allows you to experience all four seasons in one day. This display will do the same thing – using our spectacular collections of Art, Natural History and Social History.

So come with us on a journey from spring through to winter as we celebrate the rhythms of the year. You might want to wrap up warm for our selection of snowy paintings. Or learn about the cuckoo that is so strongly associated with spring.

Find out more about Wakes Weeks and the Holidays at Home movement of summers long gone by. Or stroll amongst the autumn woodlands depicted by artists such as James Watts and Alfred East.

Younger visitors will also enjoy exploring the wealth of our collections through a range of fun Family Friendly activities.

Cuckoo from our Natural History collections



## Botanical Invasion

20 June – 3 October

Flowers of gigantic proportions are taking over Gallery Oldham! The invaders are six oversized exotic species of plant life and inflatable flowers made by visual artists Spacecadets.

Spacecadets Air Design are inventors and designers of the unexpected, creating temporary inflatable sculptures from the undiscovered parts of the imagination.

Co-directors Jamima Latimer and Louise Miller have been making inflatable art, transforming landscapes and opening minds for over a decade.

Designed to inspire family audiences these interactive and contemporary sculptures are animated in a fun and playful way. Visitors of all ages will be enthralled by this artwork and inspired to view the world differently.

Image: Courtesy of [www.spacecadets.com](http://www.spacecadets.com)



# The Oldham Open 2015

17 October – 5 December

The Oldham Open is back! This show is held every two years to showcase work by artists living or working in the borough of Oldham.

From drawing, painting and photography to ceramics, jewellery and sculpture, the exhibition features a wide range of artists with a huge array of styles.

Work is for sale, so it's the ideal opportunity to pick up some early Christmas presents for the art lovers in your life.

There is a £5 non-refundable charge for each entry. See our website for information on how to enter, or please call 0161 770 4653 or alternatively email: [galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk) for details.

There will also be a number of opportunities to meet and learn from some of the talented people exhibiting in this show. See our Adult Art and Craft Courses section in this leaflet for more details.



# 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](mailto:joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk)

## Abirdabode

Until 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 creatively explore urban and rural habitats using a variety of different art forms. Visit [www.abirdabode.co.uk](http://www.abirdabode.co.uk) for more details.

## Rainy City Roller Girls: Hit Like A Girl!

9 May – 4 July

Oldham's Rainy City Roller Girls are one of the top roller derby teams in the UK and Europe. This exhibition illustrates the strength and athleticism behind one of the biggest female sports movement in the world – photo by Darren Crompton.



## Rod Kippen: Surface

11 July – 5 September

The city environment incorporates lives lived, multiple experiences and varying material uses which all leave their mark on its surfaces. Rod's work demonstrates how the city reflects these human experiences, affected by weather, time and wear, in its patina.



## Diana Terry: On The Edge

12 September – 7 November

Experience the feelings of height and space found in places on the edge with the panic of vertigo and tinnitus. Diana Terry's dramatic artwork shows breathtaking, yet sometimes uncomfortable views.



## 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 15 April, 2pm

Wander through the Solar Flowers display.

### Wednesday 13 May, 2pm

Uncover extraordinary tales of the First World War in Oldham Stories.



Image: A Summer Idyll by E.A. Hornel

### Wednesday 17 June, 2pm

Examine the art in our Season's Best exhibition.

### Wednesday 15 July, 2pm

Tour the strange inflatables in Botanical Invasion.

### Wednesday 12 August, 2pm

Unearth the Natural History within Oldham Stories.

### Wednesday 16 September, 2pm

Take a walk along the Oldham Panorama display.

### Wednesday 14 October, 2pm

Discover some of the Natural History on display in Season's Best.

## 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.

**Tuesday 9 June, 2pm:** Social History Collections

**Tuesday 7 July, 2pm:** Art Collections

**Tuesday 8 September, 2pm:** Natural 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

### Felt Up!

**Tuesdays 21, 28 April and 5 May, 6–8.30pm**

Journey into the darker side of felt with workshops inspired by our Black Sheep exhibition. Beginners can learn more about this versatile material and the techniques used to make their own felt wall hanging, small bags and jewellery.

Cost: £30 for all three workshops including materials.

### Glass Acts

**Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20 October, 6–8.30pm**

Create colourful mosaics working with a variety of beautiful cathedral, opalescent and textured glass using UV bonding.

Cost: £30 for all three workshops including materials.

### The Oldham Open - Artist led workshops

**Saturday 24 October, 10am–4.30pm**

Learn the art of expressive painting during this day of intensive tuition by artist John McCombs. Learners should bring their own materials.

Cost: £30 for the full day workshop. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Look out for more artist-led workshops happening in November.

### 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.

For all course bookings and group enquiries call **0161 770 4744** or alternatively email: [glenys.walsh@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:glenys.walsh@oldham.gov.uk) for details.



## 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 June, 6–8pm**

**Monday 7 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 or for more advice call 0161 770 3959 or email: [michelle.temperley@oldham.gov.uk](mailto: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.

**Easter: Tue 7, Wed 8, Thu 9 and Fri 10 April**

**Half-term: Tue 26, Wed 27 and Thu 28 May**

**Summer: Mon 20 and Wed 22 July**

**Mon 27 and Wed 29 July**

**Mon 3 and Wed 5 August**

**Mon 10 and Wed 12 August**

**Half-term: Mon 26, Tue 27 and Wed 28 October**

**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 April, Sat 2 May, Sat 6 June, Sat 4 July,**

**Sat 1 August, Sat 5 September and Sat 3 October**

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

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

## GO Baby!

Let your baby take the lead and explore the gallery through their eyes. Our popular GO Baby! programme for 0–2 year olds uses sounds, textures and sensory play to bring our spaces to life.

**Every Thursday (term-time only): 10.30am–12.30pm**

**Free – just drop-in, no need to book**



## The Small Cinema



### Bringing cinema back to Oldham

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

**Sat 18 April, 2pm: The Book of Life (U)**

A vibrant animated adventure set in Mexico.

**Sat 23 May, 2pm: Paddington (PG)**

The Peruvian bear and the Brown family come to life.



**Sat 20 June, 2pm: My Neighbour Totoro (PG)**

Magical and otherworldly tale of childhood from Studio Ghibli (above).

**Future films – Sat 18 July, Sat 22 August, Sat 26 September and Sat 31 October**

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

Advance booking is recommended – see Gallery staff or call 0161 770 4742.

## Museums at Night

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**Thursday 14 May, 5–8pm**

Join us for a special late night of fun for all the family. Explore all of the gallery exhibitions and discover a range of creative activities to take part in and enjoy.

Free – no need to book, just drop-in.

## Festival Oldham

**Saturday 23 May, 12noon–4pm**

An afternoon of free art and entertainment. Look out for street theatre and performances in the Gallery gardens, with celebrations in the Town Centre too. 0161 770 3070 for details.





## Activities for Young People

### Painterly Printmaking Workshop

**Mon 13, Tues 14 and Wed 15 April, 11.30am–3pm**

Experiment with drawing and mark making using printing techniques and create a number of stunning one-of-a-kind prints to keep!

Cost: £15 for all three workshops including all materials.

### Paper Cutting Workshop

**Thu 6, Fri 7 and Sat 8 August, 11.30am–3pm**

Delve into the art of paper cutting and create some beautiful pieces to take home. The Paper Cutting workshop is for age 15+.

Cost: £15 for all three workshops including all materials.

### Explore Summer School

**Monday 17 to Thursday 20 August, 11.30am–3pm**

A week of workshops for young people who love the arts but need a little confidence boost! Explore a range of techniques, create work for your portfolio and go on a behind scenes tour of the Gallery. Each participant will also complete their Bronze Arts Award.

Cost: £30 for the week including all materials and Bronze Arts Award.

### Arts Award

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



### GOzine

Look out for our new guide to exhibitions and collections created by young people that will arrive later this year.

**For all workshop bookings and more details of our activities for young people call 0161 770 4741 or email [evad.ouldokojie@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:evad.ouldokojie@oldham.gov.uk)**

## Our Connected History

This online partnership brings together items from Gallery Oldham and seven other Greater Manchester museums and galleries. Visit [www.gmmg.org.uk](http://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.

### Art and Craft

0161 770 4632 [rebecca.hill@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.hill@oldham.gov.uk)

### Natural History

0161 770 4863 [patricia.francis@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.francis@oldham.gov.uk)

### Social and Local History

0161 770 4662 [sean.baggaley@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:sean.baggaley@oldham.gov.uk)

## Learning for all at the Gallery

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 that covers our Art, Craft, Social History and Natural History collections.



### Artist-led sessions

Our fantastic range of sessions are led by experienced professional artists and educators. Suitable for Reception through to KS3 our workshops include time in the galleries and a practical session in our large education suite.

Sessions are charged at £100 for a two hour artist-led session for classes up to 35 pupils. All materials are included and we also provide pre and post visit resources to help you get the most from your visit. Booking is essential.



### Self guided tours

We also welcome self-guided visits to the Gallery and can arrange resources to support your visit. Our popular range of Natural History explorer sacks for KS1 are available in three different themes. Free, booking essential.

### Museum on the Move

If transport costs are preventing you from visiting the Gallery then let us come to you!

Our popular outreach sessions use museum objects and artefacts to bring history to life in the classroom. All workshops are subject to availability, are two hours long and are charged at £100 for classes up to 35.

### Get in touch

To find out more about our range of sessions or how to book, please contact our Education Development Officer, Laura Ferguson on 0161 770 4643 or email: [laura.ferguson@oldham.gov.uk](mailto: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

Expert family history advice is available every Monday and Wednesday, 2–4pm.

Regular talks take place on Fridays, 10.30am. Upcoming sessions include:

**10 April: Researching your WWI Military Ancestors**

**17 April: Start and record your Family History**

**24 April: Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths**

**1 May: Using the Electoral Census**

**8 May: Pre Civil Registration and Parish Registers**

## World War I

Join us for a series of free events to mark the centenary of the First World War.

### From Monday 11 May

A display exploring the experiences of the 1/10th Battalion Manchester Regiment, the Oldham Territorials (below) at Gallipoli in 1915.

### Wednesday 20 May, 7pm

A talk exploring the experiences of people from Oldham who survived the sinking of the Lusitania in May 1915.

### Thursday 4 June, 7pm

A talk by Bill Mitchinson about the Oldham Territorials, at Gallipoli.



**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 muffins. The seasonal menu makes full use of fresh produce from the patio garden. The cafe also teams up with local suppliers.



## 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. The shop also sells current and past exhibition catalogues and books covering the Gallery's collections.

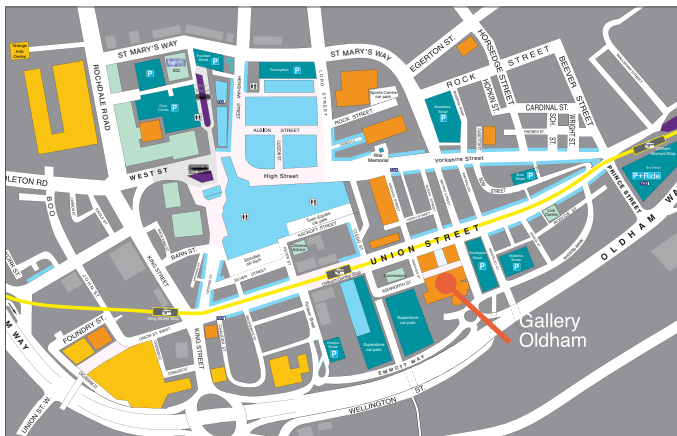
We welcome approaches from local artists and craftspeople interested in selling small items in our shop. Please contact Margaret Cooper on: 0161 770 2073 to discuss our terms and conditions.





## 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?

T: 0161 770 4653

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[www.galleryoldham.org.uk](http://www.galleryoldham.org.uk)



Instagram



## 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. Metrolink trams run from Manchester to Rochdale, through Oldham town centre. The nearest tram stop to the Gallery is Oldham Central on Union Street. Please check [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com) 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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