

# Oldham's heritage open days

Learn more about your local history and architecture

9–22 September 2013



**Oldham**  
Council

Properties all over the country are throwing open their doors as part of this national event organised by English Heritage. Whether you are interested in architecture or heritage or just curious about the buildings in the borough this is your chance to step through the door and find out more.

### **Alexandra Park Walk**

Kings Road, Oldham, OL8 2BH  
Photographic presentation followed by a walk through the Grade II listed park. Please ensure that you come with appropriate outdoor footwear and clothing to protect from sun or rain. The walk takes approximately 45 mins. Although reasonably flat, and though DDA compliant some people will find the walk challenging.

**Fri 13 Sept 2pm**

**Wed 18 Sept 10.30am**

Meet at the Kings Road car park, situated ½ way down Kings Road. Parking available. Full disabled access. Toilets available. Refreshments available from the boathouse café.

of the Roman Forts at Castleshaw on the Chester to York military road.

**Thur 12 Sept 1.30pm**

**Sun 22 Sept 1.30pm**

Parking available.

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### **Chadderton Cemetery**

Middleton Road, Chadderton, OL9 0JZ

Guided tour of Chadderton Cemetery. The cemetery opened in 1857 with plans by N G Pennington of Manchester. Features include an Anglican chapel, Gothic style gate lodge and a First World War memorial in the form of a sandstone cross.

**Sat 14 Sept 10am**

Meet at the entrance to the cemetery. Parking. Full disabled access.

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### **Charles Lees Collection**

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Dinah Winch explores the paintings from the Charles Lees collection and other treasures of the art collection. Please book in advance: 0161 770 4653.

**Tue 10 Sept 2pm**

Meet at Gallery Reception. Full disabled access. Toilets.

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### **Christ Church, Friezland**

Church Road, Greenfield, Saddleworth, OL3 7LQ  
1850 Grade II listed Victorian Gothic Revival church with spire designed by local architect George Shaw. Windows by Thomas Willament.

**Sat 14 Sept 10am-12noon; 3-4pm;**

**Sun 15 Sept 12noon-4pm**

Parking available. Full disabled



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### **Castleshaw Roman Forts**

Castleshaw Centre, off Waterworks Road, near Delph.  
A guided tour of the site and setting

access. Refreshments & toilets available.

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### **Derker History Walk**

Derker, Oldham

Guided tour of historic sites in Derker

**Wed 18 Sept 2.30pm**

Meet outside The Grange, Bartlemore Street, Derker.

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### **Family History Days**

Oldham Local Studies and Archives,

84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

Drop in any time for free family history advice. Special free beginners packs available.

**Mon 9 Sept 10–4pm**

**Mon 16 Sept 10–4pm**

Getting to grips with Family History:

A Short Workshop on Understanding the Basics of Family History

**Sat 14 Sept 2.30–3.30pm**

Disabled access. Toilets.

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### **Ghost Walk through Oldham Town Centre**

The Old Museum, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

Find out more about weird and wonderful goings on in Oldham on the Oldham ghost walk. Maximum of 15. Booking essential. Suitable for children 6 years and over accompanied by an adult. To book ring 0161 770 4654.

**Thu 12 Sept 7–8pm**

**Thu 19 Sept 7–8pm**

Meet outside the Old Museum, Greaves Street

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### **Greenacres Cemetery**

Greenacres Road, Greenacres, Oldham, OL4 3HT

Guided tour of World War Two graves in Greenacres Cemetery. The cemetery opened in 1857 with plans

by N G Pennington of Manchester.

**Thurs 19 Sept 2.30pm**

Meet at the entrance to the cemetery.

Parking. Full disabled access.

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### **Hathershaw and Fitton Hill Local History Group**

Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, Hathershaw, Oldham, OL8 3BP

Find out more about the history of Hathershaw from members of Timetrackers, the Hathershaw and Fitton Hill Local History Group.

**Fri 20 Sept 1–3pm**

Disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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### **Higginshaw School**

The Environment Centre, Shaw Road, Oldham, OL1 4AW

One of the old classrooms will be laid out in the style of an old fashioned school. Opportunity for attendees to discuss and record their times at the school onto a video, which will be used as part of Groundwork's 30th birthday celebrations. Guided tours of the school at 2pm and 3pm.

**Fri 13 Sept 1–4pm**

Parking available. Disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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### **History of Asian Businesses in Oldham**

Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

A display outlining the history of Asian Business in Oldham

**Sat 14 Sept 10am–4pm**

**Mon 16 Sept 10am–7pm**

**Tues 17 Sept 10am–2pm**

**Wed 18 Sept 10am–5pm**

**Thurs 19 Sept 10am–7pm**

**Fri 20 Sept 10am–5pm**

**Sat 21 Sept 10am–4pm**

### Holy Trinity Church, Coldhurst

The parish of Holy Trinity was consecrated in February 1848. Built by local firm, Emanuel Whittaker. Guided tours available. See one of the earliest examples of a Thompson of Kilburn 'Mouse' carving.

**Sat 14 Sept 10am-4pm**

Parking available. Disabled access. Refreshments and toilets available.

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### Holy Trinity Church, Dobcross

Woods Lane, Dobcross, OL3 5AN  
Open galleried church in the Pennine auditory style with fine examples of original box-pews on the galleries. Brief history booklets available.

**12-22 Sept 10am-5pm**

Parking available. Partial disabled access. Toilets available. Access limited on 15 and 22 Sept during the morning service, 9.30am-12 noon.

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### Holy Trinity Church, Shaw

Church Road, Shaw, OL2 7AT  
Grade II listed church completed in 1871. Stained glass windows depicting the Parables and Miracles. Mosaics by the Venice and Murano glass company. Quizzes for children and craft stall. **Sat 14 Sept 11am-5pm.** Parking available. Partial disabled access. Toilets and refreshments available.

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### Lion Mill, Royton

Fitton Street, Royton, M9 8FY  
Guided tour of this Grade II listed cotton mill built in 1890.

**Thurs 12 Sept 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am** Booking essential, to book your place ring 0161 770 4654

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### Manchester Tommy

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter,

Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Tommy Atkins: The Life of a Manchester Regiment Soldier 1914-18. **Sat 14 Sept 2pm** Full disabled access. Toilets.

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### Mayor's Parlour and Civic Silverware Tour

Civic Centre, West Street, OL1 1UJ  
Guided tour of the Civic Silverware area and Mayor's parlour to understand the history of the Civic regalia and the office of Mayor. Booking essential. To book your place ring 0161 770 4612

**Thurs 19 Sept 10am, 12noon, 2pm**  
**Fri 20 Sept 10am, 12noon, 2pm**

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### Military Records

Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Find out more about military records with the University of the Third Age. Booking essential. To book your place ring 0161 770 4654.

**Wed 18 Sept 10.30am**

Disabled access. Toilets available

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### Oldham Lyceum

Union Street, Oldham, OL1 7QG  
Guided tours of Oldham Lyceum by Freda Millett. Meet at reception.

**Tues 17 Sept 10am and 1pm**

Parking available. Partial disabled access. Toilets.

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### Oldham Market Place

Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
A talk examining the buildings and history of Oldham Market Place. Booking essential. To book your place ring 0161 770 4654.

**Sat 21 Sept 10.30am**

Disabled access. Toilets.



## Oldham Panorama

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Guided tour of the Oldham panorama, a panoramic view of Oldham taken in 1876. Please book in advance: 0161 770 4653. Meet at Gallery Reception.

**Mon 16 Sept 2pm.** Full disabled access. Toilets available.

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## Oldham Stories

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Sean Baggaley explores the story of Oldham in the new permanent Gallery. Please book in advance: 0161 770 4653. Meet at Gallery Reception. **Wed 11 Sept 2pm**  
Full disabled access. Toilets.

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## Oldham Town Centre Trail

Meet outside Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Guided tour looking at the architectural heritage to be found in Oldham Town Centre.  
**Sat 14 Sept 11.30am**

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## Ordnance Survey Maps of Oldham

Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Find out more about the history of maps in Oldham. Booking essential. To book your place ring: 0161 770 4654. **Sat 14 Sept, 10.15am**  
Disabled access. Toilets

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## Royton Heritage Week

Royton Town Hall, Rochdale Road, OL2 6QG. Find out more about the history and heritage of Royton. Tours

of Royton Town Hall Clock Tower, booking in advance essential, ring Carol Watterson 0161 770 1680.  
Historic Town Centre Walks, **Sun 15 and 22 Sept 11-1, 2-4; Sun 15 and 22 Sept 2pm** meet at Town Hall, Rochdale Road. Display of historic books in Royton Library, **Thurs 12 Sept 9am-7pm; Fri 13 Sept 9am-5pm; Sat 14 Sept 9.30am-1pm; Mon 16 Sept-Thurs 19 Sept 9am-7pm; Fri 20 Sept 9am-5pm; Sat 21 Sept 9.30am-1pm; Sun 22 Sept 11am-4pm.** Display of historic artifacts, Royton Town Hall, **Sun 22 Sept 11am-4pm** Parking. Partial disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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## Saddleworth Museum

High Street, Uppermill, OL3 7AZ  
A community museum presenting aspects of the history of the Saddleworth area. A local historian in 1910 commented: 'Saddleworth District is a museum in itself.... A most interesting neighbourhood for the study of geology, archaeology, architecture, old and fast dying industries, old customs, religious education 'all are on display'.  
**Thurs 12 Sept 1pm-4pm; Fri 13 Sept 1pm-4pm; Sat 14 Sept 1pm-4pm; Sun 15 Sept 1pm-4pm**  
Parking available. Partial disabled access. Toilets available.

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## Shri Radha Krishna Temple, Indian Association

Schofield Street, Hathershaw, Oldham, OL8 1QJ  
Established in 1968 the Indian Association welcomes members of diverse communities to visit the temple and community centre, which carries out work for the development

and wellbeing of the Indian community.

**Thurs 19 Sept 9-30-11.30am**

Parking available. Partial disabled access. Toilets.

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### **Stained Glass of Saddleworth**

Guided tours of stained glass

windows in the churches of

Saddleworth: **Sun 15 Sept**

**Christ Church, Denshaw, 11.30am;**

**St. Thomas's, Heights, 12.15pm; St**

**Chad's, Uppermill, 1pm;**

**Christ Church, Friezland, 1.45pm;**

**Holy Trinity, Dobcross, 2.30pm**

A map, showing the locations and directions of all five churches is available at [www.DiTerry.com](http://www.DiTerry.com). Please

note that journeys between each church are undertaken entirely at participants' own risk.

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### **St Chad's Church, Saddleworth**

Church Lane, Uppermill.

The present building, which is the third building on the site and Grade II listed, was built between 1830 and 1833 and now lies outside the main part of the village. Church, belfry and graveyard tours; children's events, genealogy assistance (registers available). Access may be restricted if weddings are taking place.

**Fri 13 Sept 10am-4pm**

**Sat 14 Sept 10am-4pm**

**Sun 15 Sept 1-4pm.**

Car parking available. Disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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### **St Margaret Of Antioch**

Chapel Road, Hollinwood, Oldham, OL8 4QQ

Built in 1879, this Grade II listed building is the second church on the Chapel Road site. This year

we continue celebrating our 130th Anniversary of Dedication, and the 240th anniversary of the parish! Church records. A 'must see' and new addition to this fine building is the carved oak reredos and altar piece (c.1926) from St John's Church, Great Harwood. Family activities including quizzes and trails. Children's activity book, colouring-in sheets for younger children; MP3 - Audio Tour available; stewards available, DVD presentation.

**Thu 12 Sept 10am-10pm**, Heritage Quiz and Light Supper at 7pm;

**Fri 13 Sept 10.30am-6pm**

**Sat 14 Sept 10am-4pm**

**Sun 15 Sept, 11.30am-6pm**

Parish Mass at 10am; Vespers and Benediction at 5pm.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking available. Disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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### **St Mary's Parish Church, Oldham**

Rock Street, Oldham, Greater Manchester, OL1 3UH.

Parish Church built in 1830 with many interesting features to see.

The best is our crypt (closed down in 1856) which holds many vaults that belonged to many mill owners of the town. The "Oldham Giant" is also buried there.

**Fri 13 Sept 11am-3pm**

**Sat 14 Sept 10am-3pm**

**Sun 15 Sept 12:00pm-3pm**

Car parking nearby. Disabled access. No disabled access to the crypt.

Refreshments. Toilets.

### **St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton**

Mill Brow, Chadderton, OL2 1RT  
Exploration of local heritage inviting local people to share their memories and family history. Displays by local groups and societies, and of locally grown produce including demonstrations of fruit pressing. Guided tours of church and churchyard, **Thurs 12 Sept 11am and 2pm**. Guided walk of the local area, **Fri 13 Sept, 2pm**. Guided walk: Beating the Bounds of the Parish. **Sun 15 Sept 2.30pm**  
Heritage Songs of Praise. **Sun 15 Sept 5.30pm**  
**Thurs 12 Sept 10am-5pm**  
**Fri 13 Sept 10.30am-5pm**  
**Sat 14 Sept 10am-5pm**  
**Sun 15 Sept 12:30-5pm**  
Parking nearby. Disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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### **St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Oldham**

Union Street West, OL8 1DL  
Historic 19th century town centre church. Guided tours, including recently restored belfry. **Sat 14 Sept 1-4pm**  
Car parking available. Disabled access. Toilets.

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### **St Thomas's Church, Heights Chapel, Delph**

Broad Lane, Delph, Saddleworth, OL3 5TX  
Historic 18th century church owned by the Churches Conservation Trust and situated on the edge of the Pennines will be open for viewing the stained glass windows and stencil decorations. **Sat 14 Sept, 11am-3.30pm; Sun 15 Sept, 11am-4pm**

with Songs of Praise, at 2.30pm.

**Sat 14 Sept 11am-3.30pm**

**Sun 15 Sept 11am-4pm**

Parking limited in front of Church on the road. Refreshments available

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### **St Thomas's Church, Moorside**

Glebe Lane, Moorside, OL1 4SJ  
Coffee morning and historical exhibition. Includes presentation on the Moorside 'Dambuster' and the 'Sholver Plane Crash' **Sat 14 Sept 9.30am-4pm**  
Car parking available. Disabled access. Refreshments. Toilets.

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### **The Art of The Potter**

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Join curator Dinah Winch to explore this display, including objects to handle. Please book in advance: 0161 770 4653.

Meet at Gallery Reception.

**Sat 21 Sept 2.30pm**

Full disabled access. Toilets.

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### **The Old Lane Through Oldham**

Meet at Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN. Guided tour following the ancient route through Oldham before the arrival of the turnpikes.

**Thurs 12 Sept 6pm**

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### **Watling Street Pilgrimage**

Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
Oldham Historical Research Group celebrates the centenary of the Watling Street Pilgrimage by Oldham suffragists. Includes an audio-visual presentation. **Wed 18 Sept 7pm**  
Full disabled access. Toilets.

# Oldham Local Studies and Archives

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## Opening hours

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



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