

Tameside Heritage Open Days

10 - 13 September



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Albion United Reform Church

Stamford Street East, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 6QQ
Open: Saturday 1000-1600
Grade II* listed Gothic building completed in 1895. Features perpendicular architecture, hammer beam roof with angelic support, William Morris windows designed by Burne-Jones, Pilkington tile war memorial and a Lewis organ. It is described as a congregational cathedral due to its size and style. Marriage and baptism records available to view and there will be organ playing. Also a display of the church history from 1816 and its Sunday schools. Refreshments available. Buses from Ashton bus station and Ashton rail station. M60 J23, take A635. Albion URC stands on the 2nd r/about **T D DT**

Ashton Parish Church

Church Street, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 7PR
Open: Saturday 1000-1600, Tours 1030, 1300 & 1430, Organ Recital 1200
Sunday 1300-1600, Tour 1400
Grade I listed building. The most complete set of medieval stained glass in the north west of England, depicting the life of St Helena. Interesting ceiling bosses, Stamford Chapel, three decker pulpit, 139 ft tower. Organ recital Saturday 12 noon. Children's activities available. Refreshments available. 7 ml E of Manchester on A635, 7 min walk from local bus & railway station **P (limited) DP PDA (Groundfloor only) T KF**

Central Art Gallery

Old Street Ashton under Lyne, OL6 7SG
Open: Thursday 1300-1930, Friday 1000-1230 & 1300-1700
Saturday 0900-1230 & 1300-1600.
Art Gallery
M60 J23, follow signs for Stalybridge. At r/about first L & then first R onto Old St. **T D DP DT.**

Christ Church

Oldham Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL7 9DF
Open: Friday 1000-1600 Saturday 1000-1600 (Morning Service 1000)
Sunday 1000-1600 (Songs of Praise 1030)
Grade II listed building. Family history connected with parish and family tree display as well as work from local primary schools. Parish registers available to look at as well as internet programmes and ancestry. Refreshments available. Buses stop outside the church for Ashton - Oldham - Manchester route 409. On A627 Oldham Rd at jct of Oldham Rd & Taunton Rd, near town centre. 200m N of Ikea (towards Oldham) on A627 **P T PDA DP**

Christ Church

Manchester Road, Denton, M34 3RN
Open: Thursday 1100-1400,
Friday 1030-1230 Saturday 1100-1500
Victorian church with decorative stained glass showing links with the hatting industry. Re-ordered interior. Treasure hunt; looking at pictures in stained glass; small prize for completed sheet. Refreshments available.
Bus 201 and 204 stop nearby. A57 from Manchester; just off M60 at Denton island. **P T D DT KF**

Currier Lane Heritage Walk

Currier Lane, Granville Street, Stamford Square, Ashton under Lyne OL6 6UR
Event: Saturday Walk 1400 Sunday Walk 1400
Guided walk (approx 1/4 mile) down remaining part of Currier Lane, an ancient highway. Once a toll road and stagecoach route, appraising the wide range of architectural styles and the people who lived there. Meet at Stamford Square. Approx 2 hrs. Refreshments at Christadelphian Hall.
The meeting point is on the Ashton under Lyne - Stalybridge bus route. Meet at jct of Currier Lane & Granville St. adj Stamford Sq on A635 - main rd Ashton to Stalybridge. **B P T D**

Dukinfield Old Hall - Walk and Visit

Portland Basin, Portland Street South, Ashton under Lyne, OL7 0QA
Event: Sunday 1300
Meet at Portland Basin Museum
16th century chapel of the Duckenfields. Important in 1640s and 1650s in Congregational, Quaker and Unitarian history. After meeting at Portland Basin Museum the party will walk along towpath of Peak Forest Canal to the chapel at Globe Square, Dukinfield.
Prebook 0161 330 8730 0845458976 roy.parkes@ntlworld.com
M60 J23, filw brown canal boat signs. Railway stations - Guide Bridge and Ashton. Buses from Manchester, Stockport and Ashton **P T DP DT (at museum)**

Fairfield Moravian Settlement

Fairfield Square, Droylsden, M43 6AD
Open: Saturday 1100-1700
Sunday 1300-1700
Tours available on Saturday from 1130 and every hour after. Last tour 1530. Sunday tours available every half hour from

1330, last tour 1530. The Moravian Settlement at Fairfield was founded in 1785 as a self-sufficient religious community. Although much of the surrounding area has changed substantially the Settlement and its buildings retain much of their original character - it is a unique gem. Tours available. Treasurer Hunt for children and families. The museum is now open. Refreshments available.
219 or 216 bus routes from Manchester or Ashton-under Lyne, short walk involved. 2 ml from Ashton-under-Lyne, 5 ml E of Manchester city centre, off A635. Turn into Fairfield Ave. **A P T D DP DT KF W**

Flowery Field Church

Newton Street, Hyde, SK14 4NP
Open: Saturday 1000-1600 Sunday 1000-1300
Free Christian church built in 1878 by local mill owner Thomas Ashton on the request of his work people. The architect was Thomas Worthington. Organ recitals throughout the time the church is open by rota of organists.
On B6170 opposite Beechfields residential development. Trains to Flowery Fields. Buses from Hyde and Ashton **A T**

Hyde Town Hall

Market Street, Hyde, SK14 1AL
Open Friday and Saturday 1000-1400
Hyde Town Hall, which was officially opened in June 1885, dominates the market place area. It is two storeys, built of red brick with decorative brickwork and terracotta detailing and stonework around doors and windows. It has a central entrance, oriels windows and clock tower with pointed dome. The architect, J W Beaumont won a competition with his design for a building in "Queen Anne Revival" style. The clock and tower, known locally as "Owd Josh" was presented by Mr Joshua Bradley, a former mayor of Hyde.
M67 from either Denton or Mottram. Bus No. 201 from Manchester centre or train from Manchester Piccadilly. 330 bus from Stockport and Ashton **P T D DP DT**

Mossley Industrial Heritage Centre

Longlands Mill, Queen Street, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL5 9AH
Open: Thursday at 11am the Tameside and Mossley Town Mayors are opening this year's events supported by Mossley Hollins School Brass Band.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1100-1600
The heritage centre, housed in an 1871 cotton mill, captures the essential history of the textile industry and associated transport in Mossley. There is information on a French Company that came from Roubaix to the rescue of Mossley at the depths of the depression in 1932. (Mossley is twinned to Hem, a suburb of Roubaix.). There are an increasing number of artefacts including old photographs of school classes. Regular buses from Ashton and Oldham; hourly trains from Manchester Victoria and Huddersfield. Queen Street is off A635 nr Mossley rail station. **KF P T PDA DP DT**

Mossley Industrial Heritage Centre

Longlands Mill, Queen Street, Mossley, Ashton under Lyne, OL5 9AH
Event: Saturday 1100
A talk about the growth of educational provision in Mossley during the Victorian period from Sunday School classes through to state education and visits to a sample of early educational buildings. Refreshments available.
Regular buses from Ashton and Oldham; hourly trains from Manchester Victoria and Huddersfield. Queen Street is off A635 nr Mossley rail station. **KF P T PDA DP DT**

Mottram Parish Church

War Hill, Mottram in Longdendale, Hyde, SK14 6JL
Open: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1000-1600
15th century church with evidence of earlier 13th century origins. Self-guided tour. Exhibition. "The Big White Dress Show" a display of wedding dresses and mementos with flowers and music. Refreshments available.
0.5 km E of M67 terminal junction. R at traffic lights, L up Church Brow. Trains to Broadbottom (1 mile) Buses from Hyde, Ashton and Glossop **P T PDA DT**

Museum of the Manchester Regiment

Town Hall Building, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 6DL
Open: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 1000-1600
Regimental museum.
M60 J23, filw signs for Tameside Council Offices. **DA DT T**

Newton Hall

Dunkirk Lane, Off Dukinfield Road, Hyde, SK14 4PL
Open: Sunday 1400-1630
A medieval cruck framed manor house dating from c.1380. One of the earliest timber framed buildings in the region. Restored in 1969 by W Kenyon & Sons Ltd.
Bus 330 from Stockport or Ashton. Off J3 Hyde M67 onto A627. **A T P D DP**

Old Chapel (Unitarian)

Old Road, Dukinfield, SK16 4EN
Open: Sunday 1200-1800
Beautiful neo-gothic Unitarian chapel built in 1840, architect

Tallersall, extended 1893, architect Worthington; Capronnier, Brussels stained glass; intriguing high pulpit with hinged door/seat; mysterious well in crypt. It is home to an Alexander Young Organ. The building also has links to Beatrix Potter. A heritage trail for children in the Chapel and graveyard. 2 miles from Ashton under Lyne on the B6170, opp war memorial. **A P T D DT**

Portland Basin Museum

Portland Place, Ashton under Lyne, OL7 0QA
Open: Thursday, Friday, Saturday; Sunday 1000-1700
Portland Basin Museum is an exciting, family friendly museum.
M60 J23, filw brown canal boat signs. Railway stations - Guide Bridge and Ashton. Buses from Manchester, Stockport and Ashton **P T D DP DT KF**

Portland Basin Canal Walk

Portland Place, Ashton under Lyne, OL7 0QA
Event: Saturday 1100
Meet at Portland Basin Museum.
A walk along the historic Huddersfield Narrow Canal from Portland Basin Museum to Stalybridge looking at the heritage along the way. Approx 2hrs.
M60 J23, filw brown canal boat signs. Railway stations - Guide Bridge and Ashton. Buses from Manchester, Stockport and Ashton Prebook 01457 871800 by Thursday 10 September. **BR B P T DT (at museum)**

The Rutherford Gallery

Union Street, Hyde, SK14 1NF
Art Gallery
Open: Thursday, Friday 1000-1700 Saturday 0900-1600
Frequent buses from Manchester, Ashton and Stockport. Nearest train stations Flowery Fields or Newton. Off J3 Hyde M67 **P T D DT**

Ryecroft Hall

Manchester Road, Audenshaw, M34 2GJ
Open: Sunday 1000-1600, Tours 1030-1530
Grade II listed 19th century hall and grounds with outbuildings (gate houses, stables), built in 1849 by Abel Buckley. Mill owner. It is now owned by the council. It has lots of historical, architectural and social interest. Family fun day with exhibitions and activities, table top sale, brass band, tea room, bouncy castle, barbecue. Run in conjunction with Friends of the Park group.
Power point presentation, guided walks and talks around the Hall, given by History Society volunteers.
Refreshments available.
Buses from Manchester & Ashton under Lyne numbers 236, 237, 216, 217, also the number 7 from Stockport. M60 J 23 - A635 Manchester Rd, jct with Lumb Lane. **KF A P T D DP DT**

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Town Hall Building, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 6DL
Open: Thursday and Friday 1000-1600, Saturday 1000-1300.
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St George's Church

Church Street, Hyde, SK14 1JZ
Open: Saturday 0900-1600
St George is Hyde's Central, Georgian Perpendicular-style Church and its members welcome you to Open Day. View the Victorian artefacts, mosaic reredos, and a great variety of fascinating written history including the school and tapestry worked by Quwwn Adelaide; enjoy a tour of the Bell Chamber and climb to the top of the tower; listen to the full peal of the 150 year old bells in the morning. The even older complete set of 90 handbells, will be playing all day and visitors will be allowed a 'go'. Also an exhibition of original paintings and home made refreshments. Questions to answer for passports, other activities such as colouring. Refreshments available.
Bus 201 from Manchester, 330 from Stockport/Ashton, 397 from Glossop. St George's can be found on Church Street, off Market St. Hyde, straight up from the centre and Town Hall or travelling down from Stockport. Otherwise travel up Henry Street, off Corporation Street roughly opposite ASDA and past the Theatre Royal Hyde. **A A KF P (limited) T D DT**

St George's Parish Church

Stamford Street, Mossley, OL5 0LP
Open Saturday 1000-1530
Tours at 1000, 1230 and 1400
Sunday 1400-1600 Tour at 1400
St. George's Church is a Grade II listed building.
It's most interesting features are stained glass windows by both Morris & Co. and the Belgium firm, Carponnier. It also has a very lovely reredos which shows the Last Supper. There are two funerary monuments of note, one inside the building which comes from the original church on the site and dates to the 18th century, while the other can be found in the Church yard and commemorates a drummer boy who fought in the Peninsular War against the armies Napoleon Bonaparte. Refreshments available.
Trains to Mossley are frequent from Victoria Station, and there is a good frequent bus services from both Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham. St. George's can be accessed from either

Stamford Street or via Fox Platte Lane, Mossley.

St James Church, Ashton

Cowhill Lane, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 9NQ
Open: Saturday 1000-1200
Grade II listed building built in 1865, designed and built by George Shaw, architect from Saddleworth. Shaw's architecture is known to be somewhat eccentric in design, not conforming to the usual customs of mid-Victorian church architecture. This eccentricity is most evident in the two unusual western spires, which are almost detached from the main body of the church beyond the west wall. The church is largely traditional in plan, consisting of nave, without aisles, chancel and transepts. The building material is buff coloured Pennine sandstone, with a split face, the inner walls are brick and plastered. Some children's activities will be available. Refreshments available.
Close to the centre of Ashton-under-Lyne with bus and rail links. 7 miles E of Manchester on A635, 5 minutes walk from local bus and railway stations on the north side of Ashton-under-Lyne town centre.
Wheelchair access via Westbury Street and the North Door of the church. **KF A T D DT**

St Lawrence Church, Denton

Town Lane, Denton, M34 6AF
Open: Friday 1200-1700, Saturday 1000-1600, Sunday 1300-1600
Tudor black and white timber church dated circa 1531 - with a possible origin in 1473 from Denton Hall or Hyde Hall. Burial place of Colonel Duckenfield - 'Roundhead' military leader and John Angier, a piona pastor 1677. Features original beams with pegs and stained galls windows. Awarded two Blue Plaques.
Buses from Ashton - 347; from Manchester - 204 / 201; from Stockport - 327.5 m due E of Manchester city centre, just off A57. Trains to Guide Bridge. **P T D DT**

St Peters Church

Manchester Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL7 0LB
Open: Friday 1000-1600 Saturday 1000-1600
Sunday 1200-1400
St Peters is one of Three Waterloo Buildings in the Greater Manchester Area, built to celebrate to victory in the Napoleonic War. The foundation stone was laid in 1821 and consecrated in 1824.
On the main bus routes from Manchester, Stockport and Ashton under Lyne.

St Stephen's Church

Audenshaw Road, Guide Bridge, Audenshaw, M34 5HJ
Open: Friday 1000-1600
Saturday 1000-1600
Grade II listed church building, built 1846.
Train to Guide Bridge station opp church. Buses from Ashton, Denton, Openshaw, Manchester city centre. Junction A6017 / B6390

Stamford Park Talk

Dukinfield Town Hall, King Street, Dukinfield, SK10 4LA
Event: Friday 19.15
Talk on The Origins of Stamford Park: a look at the founders of the park and their hopes for it. Speaker Alice Lock (Tameside Local Studies and Archives)
£3 charge - hotpot supper provided
By ticket only - available from Tameside Local Studies Library or Tameside Tourist Information Office
M67 from Denton or Mottram. Trains to Ashton or Flowery Fields. 330 bus from Ashton or Stockport.

Stamford Park Walk

Mellor Road, Stalybridge SK15 1QR
Event Sunday Tours at 1100 and 1400
Stamford Park is an important part of the history of Tameside. It dates back to the Victorian era and has seen many phases of development since then. Aside from the wonderful landscaping and horticultural tradition there it has a fond place in people's memories. Come along to a family friendly tour of the park to find out more. Meet at the Stalybridge entrance for the tours. The special packs available for children will include a child friendly map of the park, quizzes and games to encourage younger members of the family to learn about the park. The tour will be informal and include stories about the park to keep people of all ages interested. Some of the paths within the park are quite steep however some in wheelchairs do manage them. The tour can be amended if necessary
Buses from Ashton. Trains to Stalybridge. On A635 **P T DP DT**

Step Back in Time

Lymefield Visitor Centre, Off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom, Hyde, SK14 6AG
Event: Sunday 1300-1500
Bring the history trail to life as we travel through time to discover Lymefield and Broad Mill's past.
Broadbottom Railway station close by. No buses at weekends. Two miles from Mottram traffic lights, go under viaduct, turn right across from Cheshire Cheese pub, signed Lymefield visitor centre and garden centre. **P T DP DT PDA (the first**