

Tameside Museums & Galleries

Events & Exhibitions

Autumn 2011 - Winter 2012



A Warm Welcome

You'll have great days out at Tameside's Museums and Galleries. There is so much to see and do, with the chance to learn about Tameside's fascinating history and industrial heritage.

We are just outside Manchester, accessible by car, bus and train. Four of our sites are in the lively market town of Ashton-under-Lyne, within walking distance of each other and close to a busy shopping centre. Astley Cheetham Art Gallery is in the pretty town of Stalybridge, set beneath the hills. Our newest site is the Rutherford Gallery situated in Hyde, the home of local artist, Harry Rutherford.

All our sites are free and we have a changing programme of events and exhibitions with something to appeal to everyone. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Highlights...

This autumn and winter warm up by visiting our knitting exhibition at Setantii Museum, purchase knitted goods for Christmas at Central Art Gallery and explore the history of the humble button in the British Button Society's exhibition at Central Art Gallery.

For those wanting to pick up a craft or join one of our art courses, we have plenty to offer; from weekly courses to monthly events.

Join the experts at our Antiques Roadshow style button event Saturday 29 October at Central Art Gallery and find out more about your own buttons - who knows you might even have a gem in your drawer!

Finally you will notice that in front of our exhibitions, events and courses are little strap-lines with 'Keep Learning', 'Be Curious' and 'Connect'. This is because we support the 5 ways to wellbeing. Did you know that you can improve your mental well-being by these little steps? For a healthier lifestyle experts believe that by being curious about life, learning new skills and connecting with other people we become happier. Especially if combined with the other steps of 'Be Active' – like doing a spot of gardening. Or 'Give' – like sharing your knitting skills with other knitters or explaining National Service to your grandchildren.

Object Donations

If you have an object you think the museum service will be interested in, please contact the curators on 0161 343 2878 for social history or 0161 342 2254 for military history. Please note that staff on the reception desks cannot accept objects.

Exhibitions

Be curious and learn more through our changing exhibitions programme

Portland Basin Museum

Every Object Tells a Story

April onwards

In April 2011 we launched our new display celebrating objects and why we collect them. Here you can find our more about Tameside's nine towns through objects and photographs.

Make do and Mend

8 July 2011- May 2012

See how previous generations have embraced austerity with this display of homemade and recycled objects, plus wartime tips for how to make do and mend.

Setantii Museum

'A Knitted History'

24 September 2011 - 4 February 2012

To coincide with National Knitting Week starting 3 October we are exploring knitting in all its glory. Learn more about different patterns and techniques, pick up knitting tips and find out more about regional knitting differences.

The Queen's Coronation

10 February - Summer 2012

Join in the celebrations early for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee as we mark the sixty years since she came to the throne. Did you know Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II are the only two monarchs ever to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee?



Exhibitions

The Museum of the Manchester Regiment

Stitch in Time: Exhibition of Community Needlework

30 June - 17 December 2011

Tameside's Stitch in Time group are flying the flag for community needlework by trooping their own 'Colour' at the Museum of the Manchester Regiment. The members have created their own 'Standard' which forms the centrepiece of the exhibition. In the same way that a military 'Colour' embodies the history and traditions of a Regiment, the group's equivalent reflects Tameside's long heritage.

Life on the Move

4 January - 23 June 2012

Explore the way soldiers tried to make themselves 'at home' while serving in foreign fields. The exhibition includes previously unseen campaign furniture from World War II as well as many personal items carried by soldiers in the field.

The Rutherford Gallery

Pocket Pictures - unseen drawings

15 September 2011 - Spring 2012

By Harry Rutherford

Join us as we open Harry's sketchbooks up for the first time ever. Pour over his incredible eye for detail and swift hand as these pocket sketches showcase his incredible ability to sketch without looking!

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery

Masterpieces

20 May - 5 October 2011

Paintings from the Astley Cheetham Art Collection

Did you know the Astley Cheetham Art Collection holds works of international importance? Come along and marvel at early Italian Renaissance art and enjoy Samuel Prout's watercolours of Venice.

3 Artists - 3 Views

7 October 2011 - 14 December 2011

Explore the North West through the different styles and techniques of Val Hallsworth, John Trevor Trueman and Anthony Marr, three local artists who all share a passion for their home area.

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

15 December 2011 - 2 February 2012

Winter scenes from the Collection
Take a walk in MacDiarmid's chilly winter landscape, make your way toward Ousey's cottage in the forest and warm up by Hawthorne's Fireplace in this exhibition featuring the coolest works in the Astley Cheetham Art Collection.

StART 2012

3 February - 16 May 2012

The colourful yearly primary school art exhibition is back. These bright artworks created by the borough's youngest budding artists are sure to put a smile on your face.

Exhibitions

Central Art Gallery

Architectural Impressions

8 September - 3 December 2011

Martin Palmer

Palmer explores architectural details; from cathedrals to ordinary industrial buildings. The exhibition features Palmer's initial studies as well as his finished large scale canvases.

Buttons

20 September - 19 November 2011

Buttons from the British Button Society's Collections.

We fasten them everyday, but how often do we look at the buttons on our clothes? This exhibition shows buttons as works of art and items of social and commemorative history.

Territorial Language

30 September 2011 - 14 January 2012

Greg Fuller

Fuller develops topographical drawings based on views observed on his travels. These form the basis for his prints and paintings in this exhibition.

Transience

30 September 2011 - 14 January 2012

Ulrich West

West charts the evolution of the landscape in its natural and man-made forms. He builds up his work in layers using watercolour, gum Arabic and process white which he sands, washes, burns, or scratches away in an imaginative attempt to replicate time's passing.





© Anthony Ratcliffe



© Greg Fuller



© Liz Lock & Mishka Henner

Exhibitions

Knit and Natter's Knitting Winter Sale

23 November 2011 – 23 January 2012

Knit and Natter are selling their hand knitted scarves, mittens and baby clothes.

Somewhere near You

9 December 2011 - 4 February 2012

Tim Garner

Garner explores urban scenes through photography and paint.

Broken Ground

20 January - 14 April 2012

By Anthony Ratcliffe

Ratcliffe explores Saddleworth Moor and the surrounding Pennines. Taking inspiration from especially the Dark Peak area Ratcliffe has used his seasonal observations and sketchbooks to create atmospheric and impressive wood cuts.

Image 12 - Our Sporting Life

10 February - 28 April 2012

Image 12 is the yearly photography competition for the borough's secondary and college students. This year the theme is sports to coincide with the Olympics. The exhibition also features objects collected and interpreted by a group of young people taking part in the Our Sporting Life Programme.



Activities Family

Keep Learning and Be Curious with our family friendly activities.

We offer a range of activities suitable for all children and their families; from monthly art groups to holiday activities for all ages. You will always find a craft table at all our sites for you to drop in and make something arty.

For further information please see our **'At a Glance'** section or look under School Holiday Activities in this leaflet.

Get Active: Baby 1,2,3, A,B,C

Explore museum objects and artworks through song, dance, stories and art with your tiny tots. Places are limited, so book in advance to avoid disappointment

Under 5's only

The last Tuesday of every month
Portland Basin Museum

11am - 12noon (for up to 1 hour) Free

Be Curious: Gallery Saturdays: Children's Art club

Join us for fun drop-in art workshops.

Every Saturday

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery

1.30pm - 3.30pm £1 per child

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.

Be Curious: Harry's Art Club

Join us for fun drop-in art workshops inspired by the work of Harry Rutherford.

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday in the month
Rutherford Gallery

10am - 12noon £1 per child

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.





Activities

School Holidays

Please see our '**At a Glance**' section for site information, dates and times.

Be Curious: Jolly Holidays!

Free art activities suitable for all ages and run from each of our Museum sites.

Keep Learning: ExperiArt

Experi-Art are art based workshops run from our gallery sites. Suitable for children aged 5 years and above.

Be Curious: Art for Tots

Together with your toddlers, we explore art through creative play and art activities. Suitable for children under 5 years old. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

Keep Learning: Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

Discover what Tommy wore, ate and how he lived, fought and died in the 'Great War for Civilisation'. Try on his uniform and handle the equipment he carried.

Keep Learning: Art for Teenagers

Calling all budding artists! Join a professional artist and try out different art techniques during the school holidays. Suitable for 12-15 year olds.

Be Curious: Big Draw event day

Come dressed as your favourite Super Hero and help us create new Super Hero accessories. The Big Draw is a fantastic opportunity for families to get creative together.

Christmas Fun Day

Celebrate Christmas in style and join us for a fun packed family day.

Education

Schools Education at Tameside Museums & Galleries

Why not bring your class to Tameside Museums and Galleries. We offer a host of living history and visual art workshops for all ages. To find out more, please visit our website www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/schoolseducation Or phone our Learning and Access Manager on 0161 343 2878

Adult Events and Groups

Learn and be curious through our tours, talks and adult art courses.

Connecting with fellow enthusiasts and making new friends is important to our health. We have a variety of social groups for you to join. If you would like us to introduce you to a group please phone Marie on 0161 343 2878.

Connect: Stitch in Time

Meet fellow embroiderers at our friendly morning of sewing and chatting. Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
Museum of the Manchester Regiment
10am - 1pm

Connect: Knit and Natter

Meet new friends and share our joy of knitting and crocheting over a cup tea and cake. Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
Central Art Gallery
10am - 1pm

Connect: The Quilting Bee

Join fellow patch-workers over a cup of tea and cake. The group welcomes complete beginners. Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month
Portland Basin Museum
1 - 3pm

Be Curious: Art Afternoons

We explore different art techniques on an informal drop in basis. Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month
Rutherford Gallery
1 - 3pm
Term time only

Connect: Adult Art Group

Join our friendly and social art group. Every Monday
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery
10am - 12 noon
Term time only £2 per person

Connect: Let's Natter about Harry and Hyde

Connect with other local history enthusiasts and join our monthly coffee. Last Friday of every month
Rutherford Gallery
10am - 12noon

Connect: Reminiscing Sessions

We arrange reminiscence sessions on various themes, such as National Service, military souvenirs, seaside holidays and make do and mend. Charges apply.

Connect: Celebrating 'Older People's Day'

Join our 1940's friend Betty and help us reminisce and explore life through our collections of objects.
Portland Basin Museum
Saturday 1 October
11am - 3pm

Antique Buttons Roadshow

Bring along your buttons and let the British Button Society's Experts tell you more about them.
Central Art Gallery
Saturday 29 October
1 - 3pm

Adult Courses, Talks & Tours

Learning is a lifelong process and our service offers a variety of sessions with adults in mind. Please note all Study Days art courses cost £25/£20 concessions unless otherwise stated. All materials are included. To book please phone 0161 343 2878.

Watercolour Study Day

A friendly and informative introduction to watercolour. Learn to mix colour, use a variety of techniques and produce a finished painting to take home in one day. Rutherford Gallery
Friday 23 September
10 - 3pm

Pastels for Beginners Study Day

Introductory class to one of the most beautiful drawing/painting media. Learn how to experiment with different techniques and produce stunning effects in a variety of subject matter. Rutherford Gallery
Saturday 15 October
10am - 3pm

Jewellery Making study day

In perfect time for Christmas begin creating basic jewellery using beadwork and wirework techniques. The Rutherford Gallery
Saturday 19 November.
10am - 3pm

Introduction to Portraits Study Day

Join artist Sheila Meeks as she dispels the myth that faces are hard to draw. Take inspiration from the Great Masters and learn a few simple techniques to help you to approach the subject with confidence and make it fun. Rutherford Gallery
Friday 18 November
10am - 3pm

Watercolour Study Day

A friendly and informative introduction to Watercolour. Learn to mix colour, use a variety of techniques and produce a finished painting to take home in one day. The Rutherford Gallery
Saturday 3 December
10 - 3pm

Inspired by Creative Crafts

Working alongside Tameside Library service, the WEA (workers educational association) is introducing a new 11 week course. Join crafter Mariam Bibi Chunara and explore crafts like glass painting, appliqué and fabric painting. The course includes trips to local museums and galleries. Organised jointly with Tameside Libraries Service this course is suitable for complete beginners. Central Art Gallery
Wednesday 21 September - 7 December (11 meetings with field trips on: 5 October, 2 and 16 November)
1 - 3pm £34.10 for the full course
To book and find out about FREE places please phone the Libraries Information Service on 0161 342 2031.

Keep Learning: Free Evening Lecture series

The Museum of the Manchester Regiment arranges free evening lectures. To find out more please phone 0161 342 2812

Keep Learning: Tours

Join a FREE one hour museum tour at Portland Basin Museum. If you want to bring a group please contact us on 0161 343 2878.

At a glance

Under 5 years

5 years+

12 - 15 years

All ages

Adults

School holiday activities

During the School holidays we offer a variety of activities for all the family. Whether it is the Easter, Summer or half term holidays our activities will run on the same day at the same times. For full details please see below.

Monday

Venue	Name of Event	Cost	When
Setantii	Jolly Holidays! Craft table activity	Free	11am - 3pm
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery	Experi-ART - Family art workshop	50p	2pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday

Portland Basin Museum	Jolly Holidays! Drop-in Workshop	50p	11am - 3pm
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery	Art for Tots - Family workshop	Free	10.30am - 11.30am
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery	Jolly Holidays! Drop-in Workshop	Free	2pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday

Museum of Manchester Regiment	Meet Tommy Atkins	Free	11am - 3pm
Central Art Gallery	Experi-ART - Family art workshop	50p	10.30am - 12noon
Rutherford Gallery	Experi-ART - Family art workshop	50p	1.30pm - 3.30pm

Thursday

Portland Basin Museum	Jolly Holidays! Craft table activity	Free	11am - 3pm
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Friday

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery	Experi-ART - Family art workshop	50p	10.30am - 12noon
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery	Art for teenagers - Art workshop*	£2	1pm - 4pm

Events

Date	Name of Event	Cost	When
Portland Basin Museum			
Saturday 1 October	Older Peoples' Day	Free	11am - 3pm
Sunday 4 December	Christmas Family Fun Day	Free	11am - 3pm
Central Art Gallery			
Saturday 22 October	Super Hero Big Draw Day	Free	11am - 3pm
Saturday 29 October	Antique Buttons Roadshow	Free	11am - 3pm
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery			
Saturday 22 October	Super Hero Big Draw Day	Free	11am - 3pm
Rutherford Gallery			
Saturday 22 October	Super Hero Big Draw Day	Free	11am - 3pm

*Places are limited so please book in advance

At a glance

Adult Education

Date	Name of Event	When
Central Art Gallery		
Wed 21 September - 7 December	Inspired by Creative Crafts (£34/£10 conc.)	1 - 3pm
Rutherford Gallery		
Fri 23 September	Introduction to Watercolour Study Day	10am - 3pm
Saturday 15 October	Pastels for Beginners Study Day	10am - 3pm
Saturday 19 November	Introduction to Jewellery Making Study Day	10am - 3pm
Friday 18 November	Introduction to Portraits Study Day	10am - 3pm
Saturday 3 December	Introduction to Watercolour Study Day	10am - 3pm
Sat 2 July	Introduction to Print Study day	10am - 3pm

Please note all Study Days and 4-week art courses cost £25/£20 concessions unless otherwise stated. All materials are included. To book please phone 0161 343 2878.

Regular Activities

Date	Name of Event	Cost	When
Portland Basin Museum			
Last Tuesday of the month	baby 123 abc	Free	11am - 12 noon
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday	Quilting Bee	Free	1-3pm
Central Art Gallery			
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday	knit and natter	Free	10am - 1pm
Astley Cheetham Art Gallery			
Every Monday	Adult Art Group	£2	10am - 12 noon
Every Saturday	Gallery Saturday	£1	1 - 3pm
Museum of Manchester Regiment			
Every 2nd and 4th Thursday	Stitch in time	Free	10am - 1pm
Rutherford Gallery			
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday	Harry's Art Club	£1	10am - 12 noon
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday	Adult Art Group	£2	1 - 3pm
Last Friday of the month	Lets natter about Harry and Hyde	Free	10am - 12 noon

Contacts

Portland Basin Museum

Visit Portland Basin Museum, a lively modern museum in an historic canal-side setting. Experience the sights and sounds of a 1920s Tameside street with its old-fashioned house, grocer's shop and pub. Discover the industrial history gallery with displays on the cotton industry, agriculture, donkey stones and Jones sewing machines. Try your hand at steering a canal boat and have fun in our Nuts and Bolts play area. No visit is complete without popping into our museum shop. You'll find plenty of attractive items, for children and adults alike.

Portland Place, Heritage Wharf,
Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 0QA
Tel: 0161 343 2878
www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/portland

Open: Tues - Sun 10am - 5pm
Closed Mon except Bank Holidays.
Free Entry
Fully accessible, lift, disabled parking

Setantii Museum

This atmospheric museum traces the history of Tameside from Celtic times to the present day. Families will love the olden day figures, replica armour and the Anderson air raid shelter with its wartime sound effects. Don't miss the new Waterworks Gallery which charts the history of the great engineering feat that brought clean water to the people of Tameside and beyond. Experience the Victorian slum, walk through the model Mottram Tunnel and learn more about the Longendale Reservoirs.

Town Hall building,
Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6DL
Tel: 0161 342 2812
www.tameside.gov.uk/setantii

Opening times: Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm,
Sat: 10am - 1pm. Free entry
Fully accessible, lift, disabled parking



Contacts

Central Art Gallery

Central Art Gallery is a real gem. Located above the Library on Old Street in Ashton-under-Lyne, these beautiful gallery spaces host a varied programme of temporary exhibitions with artwork by regional artists.

Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 7SG
Tel: 0161 342 2650
www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/central
email: central.artgallery@tameside.gov.uk

Opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri: 10am-12.30pm, 1-5pm, Thurs 1-7.30pm,
Sat: 9am-12.30pm, 1-4pm.
Closed Sun & Mon Free entry
Fully accessible, lift, disabled parking

Museum of the Manchester Regiment

Explore the history of the Manchester Regiment and learn about the experiences of its soldiers; what they did, where and why. See the collection of medals awarded to local men including six Victoria Crosses. Discover what life was like in a First World War trench and what a soldier was paid. Try on military hats and see how you size up as a potential recruit.

The Museum of the Manchester Regiment
Town Hall building, Ashton-under-Lyne
OL6 6DL
Tel: 0161 342 2254
www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/mom

Opening times: Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm
Free entry
Fully accessible, lift, disabled parking

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery

This attractive gallery was built in 1901 as a gift to the town of Stalybridge by John Frederick Cheetham and his wife Beatrice Astley. Situated above the library, the gallery hosts a programme of temporary exhibitions by regional artists alongside exhibitions from the Collection.

Trinity Street, Stalybridge SK15 2BN
Tel: 0161 338 6767
www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/astleycheetham
email: astley.cheetham@tameside.gov.uk

Opening times: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10am-12.30pm, 1-5pm, Sat: 9am-12.30pm, 1-4pm,
Closed Thurs & Sun, Free entry

The Rutherford Gallery

The Rutherford Gallery in Hyde is dedicated to the work of local artist Harry Rutherford, who made an important contribution to Twentieth Century British art. The Gallery aims to demonstrate elements of his artistic career.

Union Street, Hyde SK14 1NF
0161 342 4289
www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/rutherford
email: rutherfordgallery@tameside.gov.uk

Opening times: Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am-5pm,
Wed 1-7pm, Sat 9am-4pm.
Closed Sun & Mon
Free entry
Fully accessible, lift, disabled parking

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