

2025 

in Tameside

12th - 21st September 2025



Ashton

Albion Church

Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6QQ

Celebrating 130 years of the current building. You can see Albion Church the Grade II* gothic style building towering above Park Parade A635. Please don't just drive by, call in and see the architecture from the inside! Stained glass windows by Burne-Jones, installed by William Morris, Pilkington tile war memorial designed by Gordon M Forsyth and hear the Lewis Grade II organ. Café serving snacks and lunch.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm



Ashton Old Baths Historical Tour

Stamford Street West, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7FW

Ashton Old Baths is delighted to open its doors to the public for an exclusive tour. You will have the opportunity to see the original internal brickwork design and artefacts, along with where the old swimming pool

was and the modern-day stunning architecture!

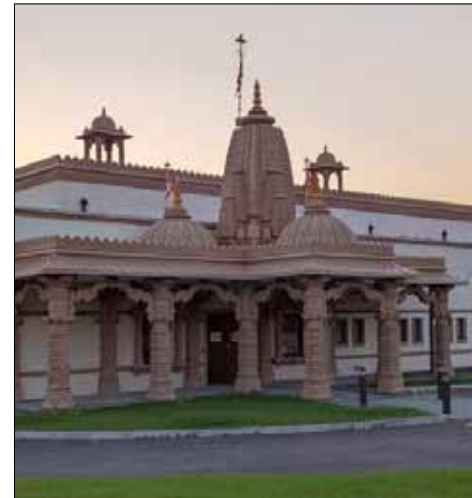
Advance booking only – rashton@oxin.co.uk or 0161 804 2030

- **Tuesday 16th September**
10.00 am - 11.00 am
- **Wednesday 17th September**
11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Ashton Parish Church (Church of St Michael and All Angels)

Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XE

- **Saturday 13th September**
Evening concert of sacred music
6.30 pm
- **Saturday 20th September**
Tours (including the tower)
10.00 am - 2.00 pm
- **Saturday 20th September**
Heritage talks 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
(transcripts published later)
- **Sunday 21st September**
Heritage talks 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
(transcripts published later)
- **Weekdays 16th - 19th September**
School tours and activities
Children's activities. Refreshments available



BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Manchester

Lees Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8BQ

Discover architecture, heritage and serenity at BAPS Manchester Mandir.

Join us for a special open day where you can immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage and tranquillity of a Hindu place of worship.

Marvel at the intricate architecture adorning our pillars and arches, each telling a unique story of tradition and devotion.

Enjoy and experience the peaceful atmosphere of the main shrine and let it soothe your soul.

Our guided tour will offer fascinating insights into the history and significance of our Mandir. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Currier Lane, The Ancient Highway

Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6TB

Self-guided tour of Currier Lane, once the stage coach route out of town and the homes of mill owners.

Leaflets available at the Food and Thorn café, St Michael's Square

- **Saturday 20th September**
Café open 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September**
Café open 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Daisy Nook Canal History Walk

Guided walk at an easy pace to see and hear about the surprising number of historic features of this section of the Droylsden to Hollinwood canal and to hear some of the history of the canal and the area. Walk will take about 90 minutes.

- **Friday 12th September** 1.00 pm
- **Saturday 20th September** 1.00 pm

Meet at the café at Daisy Nook Country Park, M35 9W (off Stannybrook Road, just off Newmarket Road)
What3Words: royal.dragon.lake



Memorial Garden and Cenotaph tour

St Michael's Square, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 6DL

Self-guided tour of the Grade II listed memorial gardens. Leaflets available from the Food and Thorn café, St Michael's Square.

- **Saturday 20th September**

Café is open 9.00 am - 5.00 pm



Portland Basin Museum

1 Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA

To tie in with this year's Heritage Open Days theme of architecture, there will be a display exploring local landmarks and buildings of interest in Tameside, past and present. Activities for children. Refreshments available.

- The museum is open **Tuesday - Sunday** each week 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (open Bank Holiday Mondays) The display will be at the museum from 12th September 2025 to 18th January 2026.



St James Church, Ashton

Cowhill Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6HJ

Photographs on display showing historical church schools, church organisations events. Baptism registers from 1936 and marriage registers from 1943 will be available for viewing. Refreshments available.

- **Friday 19th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Saturday 20th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm



St Peter's Church, Ashton

Manchester Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0BA

Displays concerning the church, past and present. A booklet highlighting details of the church including the inscription on the bells in the bell tower. Old diaries/notice sheets explaining how the church was maintained in the past. Activities for children. Refreshments available.

- **Friday 12th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Cross

Kings Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8EZ

The church was consecrated by the first bishop of Manchester in 1849. It was funded by Oldham Whittaker, a local mill owner and was designed by Edwin Hugh Shelland in a stripped perpendicular style, typical of its period. Later building work took place in 1862 including the tower and spire, a significant local landmark. The architect was George Shaw of Saddleworth. The unique dark oak reredos, panelling and artefacts, as well as the stained-glass windows, are all his work.

Displays, leaflets and talks, meet our famous stuffed owl, church registers on view plus activities for children. Refreshment available.

- **Sunday 14th September**
12.15 - 3.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September**
12.15 - 3.00 pm

Audenshaw

St Stephen's Church, Audenshaw

Guide Bridge, Audenshaw, M34 5HJ

Gothic revival style church building consecrated in 1846. Grade II listed.

Display of ephemera and photographs from St Stephen's, our sister church St Hilda's and old Audenshaw. Light refreshments available.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm



Denton

St Lawrence, Denton

Corner of Stockport Road and Town Lane, Denton, M34 2DJ

Our beautiful historic Tudor church building will be open for visitors to enjoy. A great opportunity to look at the architecture of this building. We will also be incorporating a table top sale and coffee morning into the day.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Droylsden

Fairfield Moravian Church, Settlement and Museum

Fairfield Square, Droylsden, M43 6AD or M43 6AE

The Moravian Settlement was built in 1785 as a self-sufficient religious community and is a unique gem with its cobbled streets and Georgian architecture. It has been used as many TV and film locations for

programmes such as Peaky Blinders and Mrs Lowry. Exhibition – The Changes in the Settlement over the past 240 years, museum and stalls. Refreshments available.

- **Sunday 14th September.** Tours will be available every half hour starting at 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm (booking preferred but not essential - email jwarr@uwclub.net)

St Mary's Church Droylsden

Church Street, Droylsden, M43 7BR

Consecrated in 1848 our Grade II listed church will be open to view our baptism and marriage registers to help those interested in family history. View our stained-glass windows and architecture, our connection to the community and plans for the future.

There will be details of the service given for those named on our WW1 and WW2 memorials. There will be crafts for children and light refreshments will be available.

- **Saturday 13th September**
9.30 am - 2.00 pm



Dukinfield

Dukinfield History Walk

An hour-long stroll taking a glimpse of notable historical places in Dukinfield, with specific reference to the WW2 80th year anniversary. (Some up-hill walking. Assistance dogs only as we walk through the cemetery)

- **Saturday 13th September** 1.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September** 1.00 pm

Meet at Morrisons Car Park, Foundry St, Dukinfield, SK16 4DL

Dukinfield Old Chapel (Unitarian)

Old Road, Chapel Hill, Dukinfield, SK16 5EN (satnav SK16 4BT)

Grade 11* neo-Gothic chapel with its impressive stained glass, unusual cantilever pulpit door, crypt with mysterious well, and fascinating graveyard. Built by architect Richard



Tatterall and constructed with an unusual cast iron frame. Display of recent renovation work completed in 2017.

Visits to crypt dependent on weather and upper roof space for those physically able. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 13th September**
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- **Sunday 14th September**
10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Dukinfield Town Hall Tour

King Street, Dukinfield, SK16 4LA

Dukinfield Town Hall was built between 1899 and 1901 at a cost of £15,000. Built in the Gothic style and of Accrington brick construction with Yorkshire sandstone dressing and a slate roof.

It is two storeys high with a symmetrical front and a central clock tower. The architects were Messrs John Eaton and Sons of Ashton under Lyne.

- **Saturday 20th September**
Tours 9.15 am and 10.30 am

Meet at the Astley Street entrance.

Bookings through Tameside Local Studies 0161 342 4242 or archives@tameside.gov.uk

Hyde

Hyde Chapel

Knott Lane, Gee Cross, SK14 5BS

The first chapel on this site was built in 1708. The new chapel was opened on 5 July 1848. With its tower and spire, and the long nave and chancel it is often mistaken for the parish church. The architects Bowman and Crowther, using what was considered at the time to be the most progressive style, created a building of historical importance.

Michael Holmes will be playing at intervals during the day on our historic restored pipe organ and Revd Andrew Parker will be giving one of his wonderful talks at 2.00 pm.

Light refreshments will be available.

- **Saturday 20th September**
11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Hyde Town Hall Tour

Market Street, Hyde, SK14 1AL

Built in 1883/84 and designed by James William Beaumont, a leading Manchester architect, with a sympathetic extension in 1913. It achieved Grade II listing because of quality of craftsmanship and detailing to exterior and of the decorative treatment of principal public areas.

- **Saturday 20th September**
11.00 am. Meet at the Corporation Street entrance

Bookings through Tameside Local Studies 0161 342 4242
or archives@tameside.gov.uk

Newton Hall

Dunkirk Lane, Hyde, SK14 4PA

Tameside's gem. One of the oldest cruck-framed building in Greater Manchester.

Only open to the public for Heritage Open Days. This is the chance to see the building and learn about its long history. A display with information and photographs of the people who have lived there and of the dig which took place in 2012. There will also be a book fair of local history books on sale.

- **Saturday 27th September**
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm



St Mary's Church, Newton with Flowery Field

Bower Court, off Talbot Road, Newton, Hyde, SK14 4HL

Grade II listed church with stained glass windows. Interior features include fixed pews, galleries with box seating, a stone font and pulpit, a wooden lectern and memorial tablets and war graves. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

St Thomas the Apostle, Hyde

38 Lumn Road, Hyde, SK14 2RW

Grade II listed building (J Medland Taylor, architect) The church has a banded slate roof and windows with stained-glass by William Morris and Co, Sir Edward Burne-Jones and Henry Dearle.

There will be numerous displays including Scouting paraphernalia and church records. A slide show will display images of old Hyde, St Thomas, St John's, Godley and St Stephen's, Flowery Field. Refreshments available.

- **Friday 19th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Saturday 20th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September**
12.00 noon - 4.00 pm

Werneth Low Country Park

Lower Higham Visitors Centre, Higham Lane, Gee Cross, Hyde, SK14 5LR

Take a guided walk at an easy pace to see and hear about the architectural features in the Country Park. Learn more about the Cenotaph, the drystone walls and discover a hidden architectural feature on the slopes. In our café, Café 710, view the collection of historical photographs and paintings of Werneth Low.

- **Saturday 20th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm



Longdendale

Mottram Parish Church (St Michael and All Angels)

Warhill, via Church Brow, Mottram, SK14 6JL

Guided tours of the church and bell tower. Refreshments. Art exhibition by local artists. Craft stalls. Art exhibition by children from Mottram and Broadbottom primary schools. Children's heritage trail.

- **Friday 12th September**
12.00 noon - 4.00 pm
- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Sunday 14th September**
12.00 noon - 4.00 pm



Mossley

Mossley Heritage Centre

Longlands Mill (Emmaus),
Queen Street, Mossley, OL5
9AH

Mossley's mill heritage can be appreciated through observation of the different styles and structures of mill owners, managers and workers' houses.

Other examples of Mossley's interesting architecture reflects its history as well as the changing social needs of the community. These topics will be explored through a display, a quiz, children's activities and information and examples of self-guided walks both real and virtual. Refreshments available.

- **Friday 19th September**
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- **Saturday 20th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm



St George's Church, Mossley

Fox Platt Lane, Mossley, OL5 0HT

There will be an exhibition about the church and its architectural features, a presentation of artwork and crafts by young people based on the church building and talks about the stained-glass windows. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 20th September**
11.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September**
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

St John's Church Roughtown

Carrhill Road, Roughtown, Mossley,
OL5 0SA

There will be booklets with details of the church, its history and stained-glass. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 20th September**
11.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Sunday 21st September**
12.00 noon - 3.00 pm

Stalybridge

Gorse Hall

High Street, Stalybridge (main
entrance) SK15 1SE and
Macauley Close, Dukinfield,
SK16 5DT

Friends of Gorse Hall and Tameside Archaeological Society will be working on the site of the New Hall using geophysics to find the missing room and excavating the foundation walls. Learn more about the site and its history.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Sunday 14th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm
(weather permitting)

St George's Church, Stalybridge

Church Walk, Stalybridge, SK15 1DL

A look round the church and its contents, including the stained-glass windows. Volunteers will be available to talk about the history of the church. Church records can be made available on request.

A walk around the churchyard to see the older headstones and learn about who is buried there. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 13th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm



St Paul's Church, Stalybridge

Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge,
SK15 2PT

St Paul's is a Grade II listed 19th century church. The open day will have a demonstration of the bell tower and an opportunity for those who wish to ring the bells. Refreshments will be available at the Saturday café.

- **Saturday 13th September**
10.00 am - 2.00 pm





heritage open days

Heritage Month Talks at the Archives

Tameside Local Studies and Archive Centre, Cotton St East, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7BY

• **Wednesday 10th September**
2.00 pm

Talk on Robert Reschid Stanley, Mayor of Stalybridge from 1874 to 1876. From his beginnings as a grocer, discover how he rose to become a Justice of the Peace and one of the first trustees of Stamford Park. Later in life he embraced Islam and served as vice-chair of the Liverpool Muslim Institute

• **Wednesday 17th September**
2.00 pm

Join us for an inspiring talk by Voices of Kosovo in Manchester (VOKIM). Discover the powerful stories behind the VOKIM archive, post-conflict

recovery oral history project created by Manchester Aid to Kosovo. Learn how this remarkable project came into being and hear the moving accounts of Kosovo refugees who fund new homes in Manchester and Tameside.

• **Tuesday 23rd September**
2.00 pm

Discover Longdendale Miniature Castle. Dive into the story of one of Cheshire's least known land marks. Keith Warrender will guide you through the trials and successes of its occupants, including the man who transformed it into a castle. From hat making to tunnels and even the Natural History Museum in London, discover the surprising connections that all lead back to this unique castle.



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www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk

For specific information about accessibility, availability of refreshments, disabled parking, disabled toilets etc, please visit the Heritage Open Days website:

www.heritageopendays.org.uk and look at the individual entry for each event.

The national theme for Heritage Open Days in 2025 is "Architecture".

