

TAMESIDE HISTORY FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 2023

Every September, many of the borough's hidden treasures throw their doors open to the public for a short time only, oftentimes with tours provided by those who know their histories best. Find out what's on and see that building you've always wondered about...

Albion Church

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

You can see Albion Church the Grade II* gothic building towering above Park Parade A635. Don't just drive past, call in and see "Creativity Unwrapped": 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 9th September, 10:00 – 16:00

Ashton Old Baths

Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7PP

We have transformed the iconic Victorian swimming pool into a dynamic creative community. You will be able to experience the Baths first hand. The tour will provide a historic timeline and will also outline the stages we went through to get to where we are today. Please note there is restricted disabled access for part of the tour, and tours are limited to 15-20 people.

Friday 8th September 10:00, Saturday 9th September 10:00

Prebooking required on 0161 804 2030

Ashton Parish Church

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

Guided tours of this historic church and its medieval stained glass windows, triple decker pulpit and the 15th century South Porch. Various historical church artefacts on display. Trips up the tower with breath taking views of the town, weather permitting. The RAF cadets' band will play both days. Vintage goods stall. Refreshments.

Friday 8th September 10:00 – 16:00, Saturday 9th September 10:00 – 16:00

BAPS Shri Swaminaryan Mandir Manchester

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

An opportunity to visit a traditional Hindu temple with its detailed exterior. The heart of the building is the prayer/shrine room where the Gods are installed in a traditional decorated shrine. Visitors will get an introduction to the Hindu faith and beliefs and also understand the purpose of the temple. More information can be found at www.BAPS.org/Manchester.

Saturday 16th September 10:00 – 18:00

Currier Lane Walk

*Ashton Parish Church, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XN
(Meet at main door)*

A guided walk along Currier Lane an 'Ancient Highway'
Cobbled areas on part of the walk. Parking at the rear of the church

Sunday 17th September 14:00 – 16:00

Daisy Nook Canal History Walk

Café at Daisy Nook Country Park, M35 9WJ

Guided walk to see and hear about the historic features of this section of the Droylsden to Hollinwood canal and to hear some of the history of the canal and the area.

**Friday 8th September 13:00, and Saturday 16th September 13:00
(walk lasts approximately 90 mins)**

Dukinfield Old Hall Chapel

Old Hall Street, off Globe Lane, Dukinfield. SK16 4RF

Location, location! How did the Chapel come to be where you least expect it? As the oldest surviving building in Dukinfield, this Grade II* at risk Tudor ruin has changed over the years, but the surrounding area has changed even more dramatically. Come and see for yourselves. How did this happen? Why, who or what was responsible? This year's Friends talk will attempt to answer this.

Booking essential 0161 330 4188 jackietucker11@hotmail.co.uk

**Saturday 9th September 11:30 & 14:00, Sunday 10th September 11:30 & 14:00,
Saturday 16th September 11:30 & 14:00, Sunday 17th September 11:30 & 14:00**

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 often been used as a filming location, for programmes including Peaky Blinders and Mrs Lowry. There will be an exhibition, museum and stalls, with refreshments available. Guided tours every half hour from 13:00 to 15:30.

Booking preferable via e-mail jwarr@uwclub.net

Sunday 10th September 13:00 – 17:00

Hyde Chapel

Knott Lane, Gee Cross, Hyde, SK14 5HZ

Beatrix Potter display, Potter grave, Burne Jones window, Dowson Memorial window, Dowson connection. Beautiful organ and decorated pipes. Newly extended memorial garden.

Saturday 16th September, 12:00 – 16:00

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Saturday 16th September 13:00: Talk by Mr Michael Holmes on the history of the organs of Hyde Chapel, including a demonstration of the recently restored Hill/Conacher 3/36ss pipe organ.

Saturday 16th September 15:00: Talk by Revd Andrew Parker on Hyde Chapel.

Hyde War Memorial Trust

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

The Hyde War Memorial Trust was established in 1921, when 150 acres of land was purchased in memory of the 710 men of Hyde who died in the First World War. This is now Werneth Low Country Park. There will be short guided tours of the Low. In addition, there will be a chance to handle some of the small, treasured collection of personal items belonging to the 710 men and their families. The Visitor Centre café will be open.

Saturday 9th September 10:00 – 16:00

Mossley Heritage Centre

Longlands Mill, Queen Street, Mossley, OL5 9AH

Mossley Civic Society has had a busy year – we have been re-energising our heritage trail boards to add audio and visual content; working with local schools; encouraging local heritage walks; providing dramatic and artistic approaches to understanding and celebrating our heritage. Local people have lent their voices to our projects. Heritage Open Days gives us the opportunity to showcase this work – expect costumes, stories, displays and audio and visual footage to appreciate and share the results of our community involvement.

Friday 15th September 14:00 – 16:00, Saturday 16th September 11:00 – 15:00

New Chapel Unitarian (formerly Wilton Street Chapel)

Clare Street, Denton, M34 3LQ

A service celebrating the Unitarian History with an outlook of how the Unitarian movement helped shape Denton.

Sunday 10th September 11:00 – 12:00

Newton Hall

Dunkirk Lane, Hyde, SK14 4PL

A cruck framed building c 1380 saved from demolition by Sir George Kenyon. Only open to the public for Heritage Open Days. Local history books will be on sale.

Sunday 17th September 14:00 – 16:00

Old Chapel (Unitarian) Dukinfield

Old Road, Chapel Hill, Dukinfield, SK16 5EL

A Chalice of Creativity. Our imposing Grade II* neo-Gothic chapel with outstanding stained-glass windows, a cantilevered pulpit, mysterious crypt, Grade II* Alexander Young organ, interesting 18th to 20th century graveyard and access to a fascinating loft. Photographs and information boards will show how music, plays, pantomimes and arts and crafts have been the centre of Old Chapel life over the years.

Saturday 9th September 10:30 – 16:00, Sunday 10th September 10:30 – 13:30

Park Bridge Heritage Walk

The Stables, Park Bridge, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8AQ

We are repeating our popular Park Bridge walk led by Mike Nevell. Park Bridge Ironworks was a thriving family business for nearly 200 years and exported iron all over the world. Now it's a picturesque rural hamlet, with the remains of the ironworks and other buildings being left as "recognisable ruins", an early example of conservation of the industrial past.

Saturday 9th September 14:00 (walk lasts approximately 90 mins)

St George's Church

Fox Platt Lane, Mossley, OL5 0HT

"The Cathedral of the Pennines", St George's Church is opening its doors again for HODS 2023. We will have displays of Mothers' Union artefacts, brownie/guiding and also old Parish Magazines and other printed archives. QR code quiz hunt around the Church. Stained glass tours.

Saturday 9th September 10:00 – 16:00, Sunday 10th September 13:00 – 16:00

St James (the Apostle) Church

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

Wedding registers available dating back to 1933. Display showing church events both historical and current.

Saturday 16th September 11:00 – 15:00

St Mary's Church – Newton

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

Grade II listed Anglican church. Stained glass windows, Interior features include fixed pews and galleries with boxed seating, a stone font and pulpit, wooden lectern and various memorial tablets.

Friday 8th September 10:00 – 16:00, Saturday 9th September 10:00 – 16:00

Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels

Warhill, via Church Brow, Mottram SK14 6JB

Guided tours of this beautiful medieval church. Stalls and refreshments available. Organised by the Friends of Mottram Parish Church.

Saturday 9 September 12:00 – 16:00

St Thomas the Apostle Church

38 Lumn Road, Hyde, SK14 2RP

Stained glass windows by Burne Jones and William Morris. Architects Medland and Taylor of Manchester created a unique building with brick buttresses and unusual roof. Marriage, burials and baptism registers will be on display. Also on display will be scout uniforms, county badges, books from the 60s and 70s, music and script from the Ralph Reader Gang Show.

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Tameside Archaeological Society

Tameside Local Studies Centre, Cotton Street East, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7BY

The Local Studies Library is hosting a talk by members of the Tameside Archaeological Society entitled Digging in Tameside.

Thursday 14 September 14:00 – 15:00

Tameside Local Studies and Archive Centre

Cotton St East, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7BY (unless specified)

Tuesday 12th September 14:00: Anne Ashton and Radicalism – including a talk and live folk music performance.

Wednesday 20th September 14:00: Brent Shore reads extracts of his novel 26-Nil

Friday 22nd September 11:00: Tameside Bobbin Club visit to the Plaza Cinema in Stockport. Please bring £9 per tour. *Meet at the cinema.*

Tuesday 26th September 11:00: Historical walk around Mossley with Roger Perrin, discussing the heritage of the area. *Meet at the Market Place.*

Wednesday 27th September 14:00: Talk by Rob Wild, discussing Resisters in Peace and Tameside CND.

Booking essential archives@tameside.gov.uk