



11th - 20th September 2026



Ashton

Albion Church

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

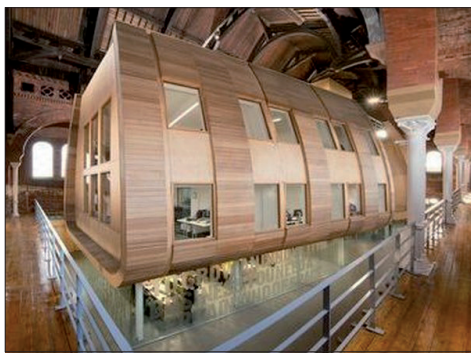
Learn about the Everyday History of Albion Church.

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 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 12th 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

- **Thursday 17th September**

10.00 am - 11.00 am

- **Friday 18th September**

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

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

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

Grade 1 listed masterpiece with medieval windows.

The current church dates from 1413 but replaces an earlier structure.

Open for visits and tours - ad hoc and organised.



A weekend of heritage tours, concerts and music, services and tours for schools

6th - 20th September: Church open continuously 10.00 am - 3.00pm

• **Saturday 12th September**

Heritage lectures 1.00 pm onwards

• **Sunday 13th September** Heritage lectures 1.00 pm onwards

• **Tuesday 8th September and Tuesday 15th September**

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm free cafe

Refreshments available on specific event days.

Daisy Nook Canal History Walk

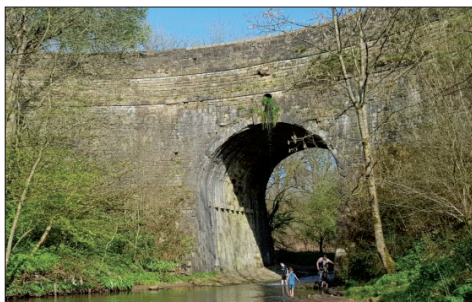
Guided walk at an easy pace to see and hear about the surprising number of historic features of this section of the Droylsden to Hollinwood canal and to hear some of the history of the canal and the area. Walk will take about 90 minutes.

• **Friday 11th September** 11.00 am

• **Saturday 19th September** 11.00 am

Meet at the café at: *Daisy Nook Country Park, M35 9W (off Stannybrook Road, just off Newmarket Road)*

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Portland Basin Museum

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

The History on Your Doorstep group will be displaying the findings of their latest research project about transport in the area. Called "Travelling Through Time" the panels cover transport methods through history from Roman roads to trams. In addition, there will be a display of items from the museum and archives' collection on the theme of transport and local people who worked in this profession. Activities for children. Refreshments available.

• **Saturday 12th September** and

• **Sunday 13th September**

11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Come and speak with members of Tameside Archaeological Society about their recent excavations, and have a look at a range of local finds.

• **Saturday 19 September**

10.30 am - 3.00 pm

Family History Helpdesk: An opportunity to discover more about your family history with someone on hand to help you.

The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday each week 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (open Bank Holiday Mondays).

St James Church, Ashton

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

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

- **Friday 11th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Saturday 12th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Cross

*Kings Road, Ashton under Lyne,
OL6 8EZ*

Come and view this lovely church consecrated in 1849, with its unique dark oak furnishing and beautiful stained glass windows. Learn about the significant people who have been part of St John's story, including folk buried in our churchyard.

- **Friday 11th September**
11.00 am - 2.00 pm
- **Saturday 12th September**
11.00 am - 2.00 pm
- **Sunday 13th September**
12.30 - 3.00 pm



St Peter's Church, Ashton

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

Displays concerning the church, past and present. Old diaries with baptism, wedding and funeral dates. Activities for children. Refreshments available.

- **Friday 18th September**
10.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Saturday 19th September**
10.00 am - 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 documents, photographs and artefacts from St Stephen's and other churches in Audenshaw and old Audenshaw shops businesses, farms and schools.

Light refreshments available.

- **Friday 18th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm
- **Saturday 19th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 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. Activities for children.

- **Saturday 12th 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 - Ordinary people's lives who lived or worshipped in the Settlement. The Museum will also be opened. Refreshments available.

• **Sunday 13th September.**

1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Tours will be available every half hour from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm (booking preferred but not essential – email jwarr@uwclub.net)

Parking in Fairfield High School off Fairfield Avenue M42 6ED

Please contact e-mail above if disabled parking is required.

Dukinfield

Dukinfield Old Chapel (Unitarian)

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

Dukinfield Old Chapel is a Grade 2* listed building with wonderful neo-gothic architecture.

Discover our links with Beatrix Potter and William Gaskell (husband of Elizabeth Gaskell).

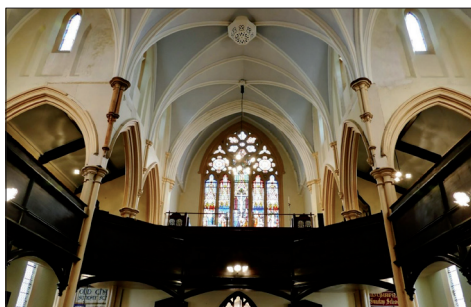
Have a look at our first ever register showing the occupations of those who came for Rites of Passage.

Tours of our crypt and loft will be dependent on weather.

Refreshments available.

• **Saturday 12th September**

1.00 pm - 4.00 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.

Tour of the Town Hall with the history of the building and notable features explained.

• **Saturday 12th September**

Tour at 10.00 am

Meet at the Chapel Street entrance.

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

Two hours free parking available at Town Hall car park.

Hyde

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 18th September**

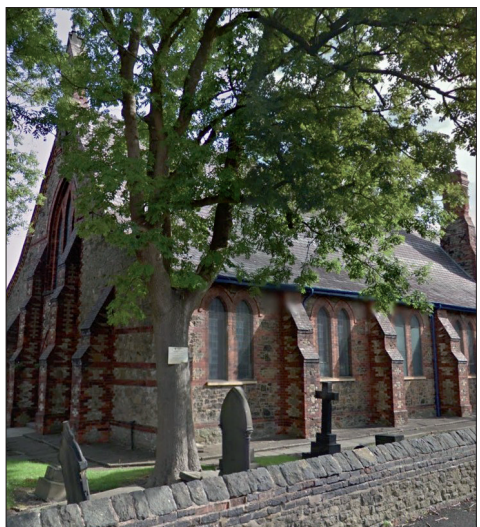
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• **Saturday 19th September**

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

• **Sunday 20th September**

12.00 noon - 4.00 pm



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.

- **Sunday 20th September**

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

This year is the 160th anniversary of the founding of Kenyon's Rope Works, the owners of the building.

Werneth Low Country Park

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

Learn about why the Visitor Centre is here and about the everyday lives of some of our 710 men of Hyde.

View our small collection of artefacts that link to the 710 and browse our collection of historical photographs of the Low, the farm and the Cenotaph. Take a short, self-guided walk at an easy pace to see the Cenotaph and enjoy the 360 degree view.

- **Saturday 19th September**

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

- **Sunday 20th September**

10.00 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 12th September**

Tour at 11.00 am. Meet at the Corporation Street entrance

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





St Mary's Church, Newton with Flowery Field

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

We offer a warm welcome to come and look round our Grade II listed church built in 1839. Interior features include stained glass windows, fixed pews, galleries with box seating, a stone font and pulpit, a wooden lectern, memorial tablets and war graves. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 19th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Sunday 20th September**
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Gee Cross Heritage Walk

A walk around the village of Gee Cross, based on a local heritage map, looking at places of interest, and the people who lived there.

- **Saturday 19th September**
11.00 am - 1.00 pm

*Meet at Hyde Chapel, Knott Lane,
Hyde SK14 5SQ*

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

Godley Green Walk

A circular guided walk of about 2.5 miles to discover the fascinating local history of Godley Green and surrounding areas.

Find out about the connections of the area with Danish margarine, Mississippi folk tunes, giant Yellow dogs, and Dad's Army!

- **Sunday 20th September**
10.00 am

*Meet at Station Road - opposite
Godley Railway Station SK14 3BJ
Grid ref SJ96465 94965*

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Longdendale

Mottram Parish Church (St Michael and All Angels)

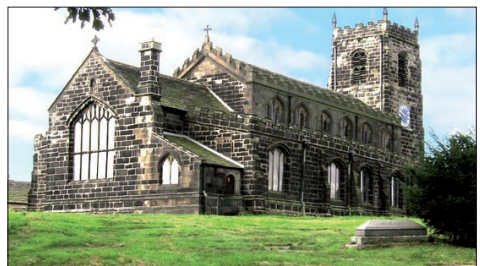
*Warhill, via Church Brow, Mottram,
SK14 6JL*

Guided tours of church & bell tower. Displays of cartoons drawn by a late member of the church.

Organ recital at midday for approx. 45 minutes.

Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 12th September**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm



Mossley

Mossley Heritage Centre

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

A strict Victorian schoolmarm, a Mill Owner's wife and a mill girl will be present at Mossley Heritage Centre to talk about their everyday lives.

Visitors will be able to experience the rigours of household chores and the living and working conditions of the Victorian era through our artefacts.

A new Centenary reprint of Alfred Holt's book on Mossley in 1926 will be launched and celebrated at 12 noon on Saturday 12 September. Refreshments available.

- **Friday 11th September**
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- **Saturday 12th September**
10.00 am - 2.00 pm



St George's Church, Mossley

Fox Platt Lane, Mossley, OL5 0HT

There will be an exhibition on local history and the history of Rose Queens in the church. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 12th September**
10.30 am - 3.00 pm
- **Sunday 13th September**
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

St John's Church Roughtown

Carrhill Road, Roughtown, Mossley, OL5 0SA

An exploration of the role of St John's in the life of the local community. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 12th September**
10.30 am - 3.00 pm
- **Sunday 13th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm





Stalybridge

St George's Church, Stalybridge

Church Walk, Stalybridge, SK15 1DL

An exhibition of photographs and registers held in the church illustrating the central role played by the church in people's lives. Refreshments available.

- **Saturday 12th September**
10.30 am - 3.00 pm
- **Sunday 13th September**
11.00 am - 3.00 pm

St Paul's Church, Stalybridge

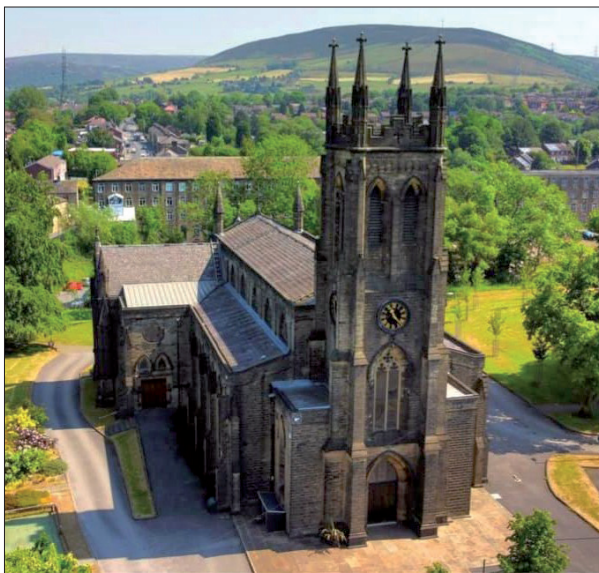
Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, SK15 2PT

St Paul's is a Grade II listed 19th century church at the heart of the community. Stained glass windows, Commonwealth war graves. There will be an opportunity

to discover more about your family history with someone on hand to help you.

Refreshments will be available at the Saturday café.

- **Saturday 12th 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

Booking: archives@tameside.gov.uk or 0161 342 4242

• Wednesday 9th September

2.00 pm

Join us for a talk by Mossley Heritage Centre exploring the wide range of work the Centre does to preserve and share Mossley's rich local history. From caring for archives to exhibitions, events and community projects.

• Tuesday 15th September

2.00 pm

Join John Kidger for a talk exploring his family's history and their connection to the industrial landscape of Park Bridge. John will explore the experiences of those who lived and worked in this once-thriving industrial community.

• Tuesday 29th September

2.00 pm

Discover the powerful stories of people from Manchester who were aboard the Titanic on its ill-fated maiden voyage. This fascinating talk explores their lives, journeys and connection to the city, bringing local voices to one of history's most famous events.

• Wednesday 23rd September

2.00 pm Heritage Quiz:

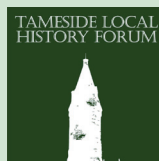
Join us for a friendly afternoon of history-themed quiz questions in celebration of Heritage Month. Enjoy good company, free refreshments, and the chance to learn something new in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone is welcome!

• Wednesday 30th September

2.00 pm

Join us for a talk by North West Labour History on Liam Mellows, born at the Hartshead Military Barracks, Ashton-under-Lyne on 25 May 1892. Between 1916 and 1922 Mellows played a significant part in the Irish War of Independence. He lost his life in the Irish Civil War.

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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 2026 is "Everyday Histories".