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Tameside

events

May 2016 - September 2016



Welcome to Tameside's Cultural Events

We hope you will find plenty to enjoy in this programme of events throughout the Spring and Summer months. The wide range of activities offers something for everyone, whatever your interest, age or ability.

Tameside has a great deal to offer the visitor, both indoors and outdoors. There are many 'Hidden Gems' which you can discover this year; if hidden spaces and buildings are your thing; then don't miss Heritage Open Days.

The Museums and Galleries have changing exhibitions and activities, allowing you to make return visits and always find something new to see and do. There are a great variety of parks and countryside to enjoy, from the formal Victorian town parks, to the meadows and woods of the valleys and the high open moorland.

We are picnicking in Cheetham's Park for the Queen's 90th Birthday and celebrating our Forces at Armed Forces Day in June.

If the weather isn't for the great outdoors, try visiting our Local Studies and Archives Centre, not only will you uncover a wealth of hidden stories and gems about the borough but you can also uncover your family's history and find out more about your own street. If you want more information on any of the events ring the relevant number on the back of this leaflet.

What you need to know

Cost Booking

All the events are free unless otherwise stated.
For theatre and films book your tickets at
www.tameside.gov.uk/culturalservices or 0161 342 4144 unless
otherwise stated.

Walks

All the walks end back at the start. Dogs are welcome,
but must be under strict control at all times.

Children

An adult must accompany children under 8 years of age
(museums). Under 16 for all other events.

'E' Culture

Check out our web pages for up to date information.

 **@tmbc_culture**

May

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Sunday 1

K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment)

Come and join us for fun, forest school activities, discovering and exploring the countryside. 7-12 years.

10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.

2 hours

Sunday 1

Martin's Maps

Get back to basics on a guide to the use of map and compass. Use your new found skills on a walk around the area in the afternoon.

10am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre.

5½ hours



Monday 2

Bank Holiday Special

Join us for a free craft activity.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 3

Sunset on Ridge Hill

See the setting sun on this two and a half mile gently paced walk with Paul Nethercott.

7.30pm at Staley Way car park, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge.

SK15 2QA. 2 hours

Thursday 5

Little Hands

An hour of storytelling, crafts and fun for pre-schoolers. Term time only.

10am - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Saturday/Sunday 7/8

Dry Stone Walling

A practical course on this traditional craft with the Lancashire Dry Stone Walling Association. £75. Booking essential on 0161 330 9613.

9am - 4.30pm at Gorse Hall.

Thursday 12

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Friday 13 May

Museums at Night

A rare chance to look round the museum at twilight, with music from Abney Orchestra.

Bridge View Café will also be open.

7 - 9pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Saturday 14

The Butterfly's Adventure

Join Martin the caterpillar on his interactive adventure filled with live music and puppetry for children aged 4+.

Please note there is a charge of £2 for each audience member and spaces are limited. To book, call the events team on 0161 342 4144.

10.30am and 11.30am at Central Art Gallery.

Sunday 15

Hike to Lad's Leap

Join John and Margaret Morrison on an 11 mile moderate ramble to Tintwistle Knarr and Lad's Leap returning via the Longdendale Trail.

9.30am at car park opposite St. Mary's Church, Hollingworth (100 metres past the Gun Inn). SK14 8NE. 7 hours



Tuesday 17

Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.

7.30pm at Bottom of Cemetery Road, Denton. M34 6ER. 2 hours

Wednesday 18

Tameside History Club

Rev. Jim Burns shares stories from his book 'With Banners and Bands' about the Whit Walks in and around Manchester.

2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre.

Wednesday 18

Lowry Walk

Join Paul Nethercott on a walk around Portland Basin looking at its natural and historic aspects and spot the views which Lowry used.

7.30pm at Portland Basin car park, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL7 0QA. 2 hours

Thursday 19

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Friday 20

Whit Friday Band Contests

An entertaining and good spirited contest which pits local and national brass bands against each other.

4 - 11pm at Various venues in Tameside.

www.tameside.gov.uk/brassband/whitfriday



Sunday 22

Crossing the Boundary

An eight mile moderate route with Paul Nethercott following part of the Leesfield parish boundary, over Brown Edge, to Park Bridge for lunch and back over Hartshead Pike.

10am at Mossley Market Ground, Top Mossley. OL5 0LN. 5½ hours

Tuesday 24

Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.

7.30pm at Sunny Bank Vale off Greenside Lane, Droylsden. (opposite the 'Pig on the Wall') M43 7RA. 2 hours

Thursday 26

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Sunday 29

Once More unto the Breach

Commemorate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death on a five mile walk around the Low with readings from Henry V.

10.30am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre. 3½ hours

Monday 30

Bank Holiday Special

Join us for a free craft activity

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 31

Leafy Folk on the Low

Celebrate all things green and leafy. Make a green man in the woods, a leafy headdress and search for life in the undergrowth.

1 - 3pm at Lower Higham Visitor Centre.

Tuesday 31

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages. £1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

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Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.

7.30pm at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ. 2 hours

June

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Wednesday 1

The Tree, The Caterpillar and The Butterfly

Meet insects and bugs, make something crafty and experience our interactive nature themed exhibition.

11am - 3pm at Central Art Gallery.

Wednesday 1

Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

Have you ever wondered what a soldier wore, what he ate, how he lived, fought and died in the 'Great War for Civilisation'?

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.



Wednesday 1

Moorland Edge 1

Make the most of the long summer evenings on a three mile walk up to Walkerwood with Paul Nethercott.

7.30pm at Oakgates car park, Hartley Street, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP. 2 hours.

Thursday 2

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages. £1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Saturday 4

Copperas Field Family Fun Day

Bordering Ashton Canal, come and discover this hidden gem and join the friends of Copperas Field; music, tombola, face painting and much more. Contact 0161 342 2270 for more details.

1 - 5pm at Copperas Lane, Droylsden. M43 6AX.

Sunday 5

Lows and Lakes

A moderate 12 mile ramble with John and Margaret by ancient burial grounds and Roman Lakes.

9.30am at Lyme field Broad Mills, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG. 7 hours

Sunday 5

K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment)

Come and join us for fun, forest school activities, discovering and exploring the countryside. 7 - 12 years.

10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre. 2 hours

Tuesday 7

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages. £1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 7

Walk Back in Time

A gentle two mile ramble around Werneth Low visiting its sites of historical interest.

**7.30pm at Lower Higham Visitor Centre.
2 hours**

Wednesday 8

Bugs and Butterflies

Enjoy a family nature day; dip the stream, hunt for butterflies and make a mask

1 - 3pm at Oakgates car park, Hartley Street, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP

Wednesday 8

Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

See June 1

Thursday 9

Moorland Edge 2

Discover the moorland above Carrbrook on a strenuous 4 mile walk with Paul Nethercott.

7.15pm at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ. 2½ hours

Thursday 9

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Sunday 12

Wire, Linoleum and Wallpaper

An easy four mile stroll with Brian Taylor, volunteer for 40 years, in the woodlands around Denton, now rich in wildlife, which hide evidence of a once industrial past.

**1pm at Bottom of Cemetery Road, off Stockport Road, Denton. M34 6ER
3 hours**

Tuesday 14

Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.

7.30pm at Lyme field Broad Mills, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG. 2 hours

Wednesday 15

Tameside History Club

Join a History Walk around Mossley, famous for its mills and fish and chips.

2pm at Mossley Library, George Lawton Hall, Stamford Street, Mossley OL5 0HR

Thursday 16

Little Hands

See 5 May.



Sunday 19

Heritage Transport

On Fathers' Day, bring your dad to a rally of more than 70 vintage and classic cars and bikes in an historic setting.

11am - 4pm at Park Bridge Heritage Centre. Drop in.

Sunday 12

Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic

Join us for a joyous afternoon picnicking in the gorgeous Cheetham Park. There will be a treasure trail, decorate our giant crown and many other exciting activities.

11am - 3pm at Cheetham Park, Acres Lane, Stalybridge. SK15 2JR.



Monday 20

Midsummer Nights Solstice

Make the most of the longest day on a four mile stroll to Hartshead Pike.

7pm at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.

3½ hours

Tuesday 21

Flora Walk

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7.30pm at Lower Higham Visitor Centre.

2 hours

Thursday 23

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Saturday 25

Tameside Trail 1

To launch the new 32 mile Tameside Trail, www.tameside.gov.uk/countryside/tamesidetrail, walk the first half, which includes four steep climbs; Hartshead Pike, Quick, Moor Edge and Swineshaw. This 16 mile linear walk finishes at Broadbottom Railway station with links to Guide Bridge and Manchester.

Transport not provided.

9.30am at Bardsley Bridge, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

OL7 9PG. 6½ hour

Saturday 25

Armed Forces Day

'Honouring Britain's Armed Forces, Past, Present and Future'. Children's activities and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

1pm - 4pm at Victoria Park, Victoria Street, Denton. M34 2AA



Tuesday 28

Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.

7.30pm at The canal swing bridge, Copperas Lane, off Fairfield Road, Droylsden. M43 6AX. 2 hours

Thursday 30

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



July

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Sunday 3

K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment)

Come and join us for fun, forest school activities, discovering and exploring the countryside. 7 - 12 years.

10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.

2 hours

Sunday 3

Roundabout to Rowarth

Join John and Margaret on this moderate 11 mile walk over the Nab and round the back of Cown Edge to Rowarth. Enjoy panoramic views over Derbyshire, Cheshire and Tameside.

10am at Lymefield Broad Mills, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom.

SK14 6AG. 6½ hours

Tuesday 5

Hidden Gems of Stalybridge

Find the longest, shortest, oldest and other historical facts on a two mile walk with Paul Nethercott.

7.30pm at Cheetham Park Entrance, Acres Lane, Stalybridge. SK15 2JR.

2 hours

Thursday 7

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.

Sunday 10

Town and Country

A ten mile moderate ramble onto the moors above Stalybridge with Paul Nethercott.

10am at Staley Way car park, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge.

SK15 2QA. 6 hours

Thursday 14

Little Hands

See 5 May.

10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Saturday 16

Tameside Trail 2

To launch the new 32 mile Tameside Trail, www.tameside.gov.uk/countryside/tamesidetrail, walk the second half, which includes one steep climb to Werneth Low and passes through Hyde, Denton, Audenshaw and Daisy Nook.

This 16 mile linear walk finishes at Bardsley Bridge, Oldham Road, Ashton-u-Lyne. OL7 9PG. Transport not provided.

9.30am at Broadbottom Railway Station, Market Street, Broadbottom SK14 6AX. 6½ hours

Sunday 17

Early Morning Amble

Discover the woodlands of Pole Bank looking at the wildlife when it thought it had the world to itself.

8am at entrance to Pole Bank Park, Stockport Road, Hyde. SK14 5EZ. 3 hours

Tuesday 19

Flora Walk

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7.30pm at Park Bridge Heritage Centre. 2 hours

Wednesday 20

Roaches Trail

From industrial heyday to wildlife reclamation; a two mile walk with Paul Nethercott.

7.30pm at Lay-by opposite Royal George Hotel, Manchester Road, Greenfield. OL3 7HX. 2 hours



Thursday 21 Little Hands

See 5 May.
10 - 11am at Portland Basin Museum.



Saturday 23 Scavenger Hunt

Using a check list, walk around the park and find an assortment of items to help you make a picture frame or a scavenger stick. Suitable for 6+

1pm at Highfield Pavilion.
Stamford Park, Stamford Street,
Stalybridge. SK15 1NJ. 2 hours

Tuesday 26 Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child
11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 26 Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.
7.30pm at car park, bottom of Meadow Lane, Haughton Green, Denton.
M34 7QA. 2 hours

Wednesday 27 Lower Brushes Trail

Make the most of the long summer evenings on an easy two mile walk around Lower Brushes with Paul Nethercott.
7.30pm at Oakgates car park,
Hartley Street, off Huddersfield Road,
Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP.
1½ hours.

Wednesday 27 Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

See June 1

Thursday 28 Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.
11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Sunday 31 Three Parks Link

An 11 moderate mile walk with Paul Nethercott linking Stamford, Cheetham and Stalybridge Country parks.
10am at Staley Way car park,
Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge,
SK15 2QA. 6 hours

August

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Tuesday 2 Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.
11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 2 Wild and Wonderful Woods

On a family outdoor day try some den building, get creative with nature and join our friends at Cheshire Wildlife Trust in adjacent Eastwood Nature Reserve for some forest school activities.

1 - 3pm at Orchard area,
Cheetham Park, Acres Lane,
Stalybridge. SK15 2JR



Tuesday 2 Flora Walk

Spend a relaxing evening with the Bamforth Brothers in close study of the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th anniversary as a volunteer.
7.30pm at lay-by opposite Royal George Hotel, Manchester Road,
Greenfield. OL3 7HX. 2 hours

Wednesday 3
Meet Tommy Atkins:
First World War Soldier
See June 1

Thursday 4
Jolly Holidays
Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.
11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Thursday 4
Alice through the
Looking Glass
Join us for a fun filled musical adaptation
of this classic story by Pendle Productions.
11am at Hyde Park. SK14 4JX.
2.30pm at Mossley Open Air Theatre,
Mossley Park, Old Brow. OL5 0AX.



Sunday 7
K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment)
Come and join us for fun, forest school
activities, discovering and exploring the
countryside. 7 - 12 years.
10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.
2 hours

Sunday 7
Discover Hyde Park
Explore Hyde Park on a short walk, then
enjoy a family treasure hunt.
1pm at Bayley Hall, Hyde Park.
SK14 4JX. 2 hours

Tuesday 9
Jolly Holidays
Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.
11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 9
Wet Wellie Walk
Splash through the streams of the
Brushes Valley. Wellies essential!
1pm at Oakgates car park,
Hartley Street, off Huddersfield
Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge.
SK15 3EP. 2 hours



Tuesday 9
Flora Walk
Spend a relaxing evening with the
Bamforth Brothers in close study of
the local flora. Celebrating Alan's 40th
anniversary as a volunteer.
7.30pm at Quarry car park,
Werneth Low Road, top of Joel Lane,
Hyde. SK14 5LN. 2 hours

Wednesday 10
Meet Tommy Atkins:
First World War Soldier
See June 1

Thursday 11
Jolly Holidays
Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.
11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Thursday 11
Tom Sawyer
Theatre in the Park by Pendle
Productions. Follow the adventures of
Tom, a young boy growing up along the
Mississippi.
11am at Outside by Active Medlock,
Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, M43 7XU
2.30pm at Dukinfield Park, King Street.
SK14 4TH

Thursday 11
Hoot, Screech and Tweet
Come with the family and meet the birds
of prey and watch the flying display. Follow
a bird trail and get crafty with feathers.
12 noon - 3pm at Hyde Park. Drop in.

Sunday 14

Walking on Glass

A three mile stroll with Brian Taylor, volunteer for 40 years, around a once industrial area, now rich in wildlife.

1pm at Bottom car park, bottom of Apethorn Lane, Hyde. SK14 5DN. 3 hours

Tuesday 16

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 16

'Going Native'

On a family outdoor day, put on war paint, make bows and arrows a feathery headdress and dreamcatchers.

12 noon - 3pm in Lyme field Broad Mills, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG



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Thursday 18

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Thursday 18

The Water Babies

Theatre in the Park by Pendle Productions. A fantastical musical tale of epic proportions for all land babies both young and old.

11am at Cheetham Park, Acres Lane, Salford, SK15 2JR.

2.30pm at Ryecroft Hall Park, Manchester Rd, Audenshaw. M34 5ZJ

Sunday 21

Access the Moors

A very strenuous ten mile walk across open moorland to Alphin Pike with Paul Nethercott.

10am at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook, Salford. SK15 3PJ. 6½ hours

Tuesday 23

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.
£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Wednesday 24

Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier

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Wednesday 24

Go Wild Outdoors

On a family outdoor day, have a go at stream dipping, den building and a nature scavenger hunt.

1 - 3pm at Car park, bottom of Meadow Lane, Haughton Green, Denton. M34 7QA.

Wednesday 24

Going Batty

A family friendly walk to search the night sky for bats.

7.45pm at Lyme field Broad Mills, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG. 2 hours

Thursday 25

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Thursday 25

Treasure Island

O-hoy me hearties! Swashbuckling production from the High Seas by Pendle Productions.

11am at Victoria Park.

Victoria Street, Denton. M34 2AA.

2.30pm at King George V Playing

Fields, Henrietta Street,

Ashton-u-Lyne.

OL6 8PA



Sunday 28

Bird Walk

Discover some of the local birdlife on this easy and relaxing stroll with Chris Kellett.

10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.

2 hours

Monday 29

Bank Holiday Special

Join us for a free craft activity

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Monday 29

Let's Go Exploring

On a family outdoor day, join us by the canal on a hunt for minibeasts and create your own crazy critter back at the museum.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Tuesday 30

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Wednesday 31

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Thursday 1

Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages.

£1 per child.

11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum.

Saturday 3

24 Hour Play Festival

6 Writers, 6 Directors, 24 Actors produce 6 plays from scratch in 24 hours. The clock starts at 10pm on Friday, See the results on Saturday.

7.30pm at Hyde Festival Theatre,

Corporation Street, Hyde.

SK14 1AB

Sunday 4

K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment)

Come and join us for fun, forest school activities, discovering and exploring the countryside. 7-12 years.

10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.

2 hours

Sunday 4

By Highland Church

Join John and Margaret on this moderate 11 mile ramble through the woods and over the moors to the heights of Tameside.

**10am at Lymefield Broad Mills,
off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom.**

SK14 6AG. 6½ hours

Wednesday 7

Bat Walk

Study the night sky for Pipistrelles and Daubentons.

**7.30pm at Park Bridge Heritage Centre.
2 hours**

Thursday 8 – Sunday 11

Heritage Open Days

Many heritage buildings will be open and special activities taking place. Look out for more details.

Venues all over Tameside.



Portland Basin

Friday 9

Two Canals and a River

On National Heritage Weekend, walk along Ashton Canal, take the train from Guide Bridge to Woodley and return along the Peak Forest Canal and River Tame. 7 miles.

10.30am at Portland Basin car park, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL7 0QA. 4½ hours

Saturday 10

Millbrook Heritage Trail

On National Heritage Weekend, discover how water has played an important role in the history and growth of Millbrook on a two mile walk with Paul Nethercott.

**1pm at Oakgates car park, Hartley Street, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP
3 hours**

Saturday 10

Heritage Weekend Special

Canal walks, boat trips and all things watery.

11am – 3pm at Portland Basin Museum

Sunday 11

Water Water Everywhere

On National Heritage Weekend a seven mile walk around the four reservoirs of Brushes and Swineshaw.

11am at lay-by on Hobson Moor Road, Mottram, Hyde, SK14 6SG. 4½ hours

Sunday 18

We're Going on a Boar Hunt.

A seven mile moderate walk with Roy Saxon in the Ogden valley and across Boar Flat.

10am at car park opposite St. Mary's Church, Hollingworth, (100 metres past the Gun Inn). SK14 8NE. 4 hours

Wednesday 21

Tameside History Club

A historical look at Cockbrook. Tameside History Forum review their recent project and exhibition.

2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre.

Sunday 25

The Cown Edge Walk

Enjoy this popular 12 mile walk with grand views, old stories and lots of fresh hill country air.

**10am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre.
5½ hours**



Local Studies and Archives Centre Free Regular Sessions

Free Family History Helpdesk

**Every Saturday
10am - 12noon, Wednesday
and Thursday 10am - 1pm**

Book a half hour slot with one of our experts.

Family History Detectives

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of
each month 2 - 4pm**

Researchers from the Family History Society of Cheshire will help you to look for your ancestors. Drop-in free sessions, no need to book.

Making Friends with the Archives

**Last Tuesday of the month
2 - 3pm**

A free session handling the archives on a variety of topics. See web for more details. Limited places, phone 342 4242

Museum and Galleries Regular Sessions

You can also come along to these free groups to make new friends and learn new skills:

Knit and Natter

**2nd and 4th Tuesday of the
month, 10am - 1pm**

Learn to knit or crochet while chatting with new friends.

Central Art Gallery

Quilting Bee

**2nd and 4th Wednesday of
the month, 1 - 3pm**

Develop your patchwork and quilting skills.

Portland Basin Museum

Stitch in Time

**2nd and 4th Friday of the
month, 10am-1pm**

Bring along your hand sewing projects.

Central Art Gallery



Volunteering in Tameside's Parks and Countryside

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills gain new experiences, get physically active, benefit your local community and make new friends! You can volunteer with us on a regular basis, through our Countryside Volunteers, or as a one off such as on a community conservation event. Friends of local parks often organise practical conservation sessions. They are always on the lookout for and welcome new volunteers. Contact **0161 343 2878** for more information.



Exhibitions 2016

Central Art Gallery



Generation: The Tree, The Caterpillar and The Butterfly

30 April - 2 July 2016

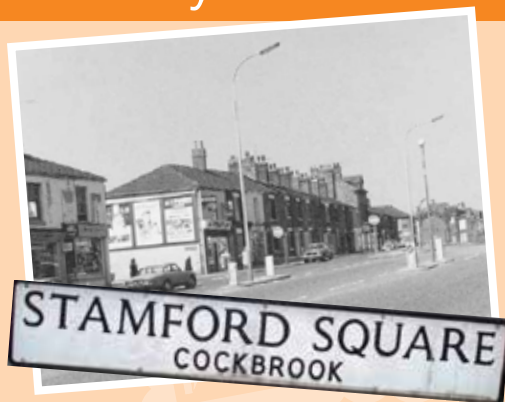
Enter an enchanting interactive garden inspired by nature and state of the art technology, in the fourth and final of our Arts Council England funded 'Generation' exhibitions.

Open Art

8 July - 8 October 2016

The borough's amateur artists take centre stage in the gallery as the ever popular Open Art exhibition returns. Get your application form from Central Art Gallery or download a copy at www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/central

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery



Discovering Cockbrook Until October 2016

Cockbrook is one of Tameside's lost hamlets. It got its name from Cockbrook, a tributary of the River Tame, along which were built some of Ashton's earliest mills. Cockbrook was once famous for the large number of shops in the area, very few of which now survive, and was also home to a number of significant personalities. This exhibition has been researched by the Tameside History Forum Workshop and is kindly supported by AGMA's Strategic Arts Fund.

Portland Basin Museum

Clickety Click

Until 12 June 2016

Lights, camera, action! We are bringing out all the shots to wow you with our collection of vintage cameras.

The Collector's World

18 June 2016 – February 2017

People collect all sorts of things, from stamps and stickers to plants and butterflies. This exhibition looks at what people collect and why and how they ended up in our museum collection.



 **@tmbc_culture**

Where to find us

**Astley Cheetham Art Gallery,
Trinity Street, Stalybridge. SK15 2BN
0161 343 2878**

Opening Times: Selected Saturdays
throughout the year. 10am - 3pm.

**Central Art Gallery, Central Library,
Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG
0161 342 2650**

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 4pm.
Saturday 10am - 1pm.

**Local Studies and Archives Centre,
Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7SG
0161 342 4242**

Opening Times: Tuesday/
Wednesday/Thursday: 10am - 5pm.
Saturday: 10am - 1pm.

**Museum of the Manchester Regiment,
Portland Place, Ashton-u-Lyne. OL7 6DL*
0161 343 2878**

Opening Times: Tuesday to Friday
10am - 4pm. Saturday 10am - 1pm.
*Closed for building works.
See website for updates.

**Portland Basin Museum,
Portland Place, Ashton-u-Lyne. OL7 0QA
0161 343 2878**

Opening Times: Tuesday - Sunday and
Bank Holidays, 10am - 4pm.

**Park Bridge Heritage Centre,
The Stables, Park Bridge,
Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 8AQ**
Information Room and toilets open
Thursday - Sunday 10am - 3pm.

**Lower Higham Visitor Centre,
Higham Lane, Gee Cross, Hyde. SK14 5LR
0161 368 6667**

Opening Times: Saturday/Sunday/Tuesday/
Bank Holidays 1pm - 4pm

For information on
other Countryside
meeting points ring
0161 342 2235



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