#### TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

# 

FF OVER 80 FREE EVENTS Milltown Canal by Chris Cyprus



www.tameside.gov.uk/culturalservices

# Welcome to

# Tameside's Cultural Events

Tameside has a great deal to offer the whole family, both indoors and outdoors;

You can meander through the borough's landscapes on our organised walks or simply stroll through the formal Victorian Town Parks. Tameside's green space is great for exercise and, as well as being good for the body, it's good for the soul, providing opportunities to relax, find peace, inspiration and contemplation, and a general sense of well-being.

We have the fabulous Ballet Theatre UK performing The Snow Queen, their enchanting ballet, or you can visit Central Art Gallery and play musical chairs in the newest family friendly exhibition.

These are just some of the highlights, you can find many more walks, concerts, art classes, exhibitions and theatre productions to keep you, your family and friends inspired and active right into the spring of 2016.

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	All the events are free unless otherwise stated.
Booking	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

## October

#### **Thursday 1** Little Hands

**10am at Portland Basin Museum** 



#### Saturday 3 **Musical Chairs**

Join us for the launch of our fun new exhibition 'Musical Chairs'. 10.30am - 12.30pm at Central Art

Gallery

#### 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. Book on 0161 343 2878.

10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre. 2 hours



#### Sunday 4 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** 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours

#### **Thursday 8** Little Hands See 1 October



## Saturday 10 Celebrate the National Big Draw

Every Picture tells a story. Make your own willow charcoal on the campfire and use it to create a masterpiece. 11am - 2pm at Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL7 0QA



#### Sunday 11 **Crossing the Boundary**

An 8 mile moderate route following part of the Leesfield parish boundary, over Brown Edge, to Park Bridge for lunch and back over Hartshead Pike; with Paul and Jane Nethercott.

10am at Mossley market ground, top Mossley. OL5 0LN 51/2 hours



#### Sunday 11 The Good, the Bad and the Fungi

On National Fungus Day discover some of this amazing organism which can be found in our greenspaces. 1pm at car park, bottom of Meadow Lane, Haughton Green, Denton. M34 7QA 2 hours

#### Wednesday 14 Tameside History Club

Mark Krantz, author of The General Strike, 1842 will come to talk about his booklet which will be for sale on the day. 2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre

Thursday 15 Little Hands See 1 October

#### Saturday 17 Introduction to Watercolour

Ever wanted to paint with watercolours? Whether you are a complete beginner or an enthusiast that wants to hone their skills, this day is for you, Led by professional artist Sheila Meeks. All materials included. £25/£20 concessions/£10 for people in receipt of job seekers allowance. Proof of concession eligibility may be required. Spaces on these study days are limited and fill up quickly so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878. 10am - 2.30pm at Portland Basin Museum

#### Sunday 18 Stepping into Autumn

Walk through the park on a rich carpet of autumn leaves, amid a delight of autumn colour. Part of the Hyde Park Harvest Festival.

1.30pm at Bayley Hall, Hyde Park SK14 4JX. 2 hours

#### Thursday 22 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 25 Lower Brushes Trail

An easy two mile walk around Lower Brushes with Paul Nethercott. 2pm at Oakgates car park, Hartley Street, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP 2 hours

#### Tuesday 27 Jolly Holidays

Artist led craft activities for all ages. 50p per child. 11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum



#### Wednesday 28 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 28 Musical Chairs

Fun and activities for all ages with our new Musical Chairs exhibition. 11am - 3pm at Central Art Gallery

#### Wednesday 28 Woods, Wands and Wizards

Let the woods cast a spell on you as you gather ingredients for a magic potion and make your own wizard wands and broomsticks.

1pm at Bardsley car park, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 9PG. 2 hours

Thursday 29 Jolly Holidays See 27 October



#### Friday 30 Ashton Brass Band in Concert

Join Ashton Brass Band in a wonderful concert celebrating all things brass.

Tickets £6.25 (inclusive of a £1.25 booking fee) please contact Quaytickets on 0843 208 0500 or visit www.quaytickets.com 7.30pm at Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation St, Hyde. SK14 1AB





#### Saturday 31 Aladdin

Indigo Moon Theatre Company are back with another mesmerizing piece of shadow theatre suitable for ages 4+. This colourful tale from the Arabian Nights is set in the Middle East; a place of mystery, enchantment and strange, mythical creatures.

Tickets £6.25 (Inclusive of a £1.25 booking fee) available from Quay Tickets on 0843 208 0500 or visit www.quaytickets.com Tickets will also be available from the box office immediately before the performance. 11.30am & 2pm at Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation St, Hyde. SK14 1AB

## November

Sunday 1

K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment) See 4 October.

#### Sunday 1 Two Rivers Ramble

Enjoy autumn's colours with John and Margaret Morrison on an easy paced 10 mile ramble with little ascent, through the wooded valleys of the Tame and Goyt. **10am at bottom of Cemetery Road, Denton, M34 6ER. 6 hours** 

Thursday 5 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Wednesday 11 Tameside History Club



Graham Braithwaite from the Ashton Armoury will explain the history of this iconic building. 2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre

Thursday 12 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 15 Mossley Quickstep

A seven mile walk exploring the Tame Valley hillsides of Luzley and Quick. **10am at Mossley market ground. OL5 0LN 4½ hours** 

Thursday 19 Little Hands See 1 October

#### Saturday 21 Introduction to Drawing

Develop your confidence by exploring a variety of drawing techniques using a variety of materials such as ink, pen and charcoal with professional artist Sheila Meeks.

All materials included. £25/£20 concessions/£10 for people in receipt of job seekers allowance. Proof of concession eligibility may be required. Spaces on these study days are limited and fill up quickly so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878

10am – 2.30pm at Astley Cheetham Art Gallery



Saturday 21 The Snow Queen

Join Ballet Theatre UK in their beautiful re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy-tale ballet, The Snow Queen, the iconic tale that inspired the smash hit movie FROZEN. Ballet Theatre UK's renowned company of international dancers, beautiful costumes and glittering stage sets combine to create a magnificent spectacle. Tickets from £13.25 (Inclusive of a £1.25 booking fee) available from Quay Tickets on 0843 208 0500 or visit www.guavtickets. com. Tickets will also be available from the box office immediately before the performance. 7.30pm at Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation St, Hyde. SK14 1AB

#### Sunday 22 Lowry Walk

Looking at its natural and historic aspects and spot the views which Lowry used in some of his paintings.

1.30pm at Portland Basin car park 2½ hours

Thursday 26 Little Hands See 1 October



## December

Thursday 3 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Saturday 5 Deck the Halls

Make a Christmas wreath from natural materials. Donation towards materials. 12noon - 3pm at Highfield Pavilion, Stamford Park, Stalybridge. SK15 1NJ

#### Sunday 6

#### K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment) See 4 October

#### Sunday 6

#### A Dickens of a Christmas

Bah Humbug. On this ramble to Mottram, an abridged version of "A Christmas Carol" will be performed along the ten mile route.

## 10am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre 5½ hours

#### Sunday 6 Christmas Family Day

We bring the Christmas spirit to life with characters and activities for the whole family. Make a Christmas wreath and decorations from natural materials from  $\pounds 1.50$ .

#### 11am - 3pm at Portland Basin Museum



Visit Father Christmas; £4 (includes a gift) Places are limited

Thursday 10 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Friday 11 Christmas Carol Concert

Tameside Cultural Services are delighted to be working in partnership with the incredible Ashton Brass Band to bring this spectacular one off Carol Concert to the people of the borough. Join in with this amazing Championship band as they play all of your carolling favourites.

Tickets £6.25 (Inclusive of a £1.25 booking fee) available from Quay Tickets on 0843 208 0500 or visit www.quaytickets.com. Tickets will also be available from the box office immediately before the performance. 7.30pm at Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation St, Hyde. SK14 1AB



#### Sunday 13 Country Christmas

'Deck the Halls' by making a seasonal wreath and tree decorations, all from natural materials. Donations towards materials.

#### 11am - 3pm at Park Bridge Heritage Centre

Thursday 17 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 20 Moors and Mince Pies

Join Paul Nethercott on a very strenuous 9 mile walk in the countryside around Carrbrook, finishing with mince pies. No dogs allowed as we will be going on open access land.

10am at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Rd, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ 6 hours

#### Tuesday 22 Winter Solstice Celebration

Shortest day, longest night, help the rangers call back the sun on this 4 mile early morning walk up to Hartshead Pike. **7.15am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre 3 hours** 

#### Sunday 27 Norman's Christmas Walk

Join Norman Bamforth on an 8 mile ramble around Werneth Low.

10.30am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre 41/2 hours

#### Tuesday 29 Moorland Edge

Discover the moorland above Carrbrook on a strenuous 3 mile walk with Paul Nethercott. No dogs allowed as we will be going on open access land. 12noon at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Rd, Carrbrook,

Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ 3 hours



## January

#### Friday 1

#### **New Year's Day Walk**

Start the New Year by resolving to enjoy this 10 mile ramble taking in some of the high spots of Tameside. Lunch stop at The Wharf Tavern, Stalybridge where meat and potato pie and veg. option will be available (£5.00).

10am at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ 6 hours

#### Sunday 3

K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment) See 4 October.

Thursday 7 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 10 Parks Hills and Mills

A new 5 mile moderate walk by Paul and Jane Nethercott, connecting Stalybridge Country Park with Cheetham Park via the hills inbetween.

11am at Oakgates car park, Hartley Street, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP 4½ hours

Thursday 14 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Wednesday 20 Tameside History Club

Bernadette Hyland will talk about her book 'Northern ReSisters, Conversations with Radical Women' and the discussions she had with women from the North of England who have been active in important political campaigns. 2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre Thursday 21 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Saturday 23 Introduction to Landscapes

Develop your sketch work, drawing and painting using landscapes as your point of reference. Explore different materials and textures whilst creating your landscapes. Led by professional artist Sheila Meeks.

All materials included. £25/£20 concessions/£10 for people in receipt of job seekers allowance. Proof of concession eligibility may be required. Spaces on these study days are limited and fill up quickly so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878. 10am - 2.30pm at Portland Basin Museum.

#### Sunday 24 Transport Trek

Walk route 626 to Ashton Station, train to Victoria Station, follow the Medlock Valley Way back to Park Bridge (9 miles). **10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre 6 hours** 

#### Thursday 28 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 31 Portrait of Werneth Low

A short stroll around Lower Higham and Werneth Low looking at what makes this place so special.

1pm at Lower Higham Visitor Centre 2 hours



## February

**Thursday 4** Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 7 K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment) See 4 October.

#### Sundav 7 As the Crow Flies

Join Paul and Jane Nethercott and discover some of the best countryside in Tameside; ten miles of moorland, river valleys, towpaths and tracks.

10am at Oakgates car park, Hartley St, off Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3EP 6 hours

**Thursday 11** Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 14 **Ramble to Rowarth**

Join John and Margaret Morrison on this moderate 10 mile walk over the hill to Rowarth. Enjoy extensive views over Tameside, Kinder Scout and the Cheshire Plain.

10am at Lymefield, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours

#### **Tuesday 16 Jolly Holidays** See 27 October

#### Wednesday 17 Wild Woods

A fun day in the countryside for families. Follow a woodland trail, construct a shelter and have a go at woodland crafts. 1pm - 3pm at Orchard Area, Cheetham Park, Stalybridge. SK15 2JR

Wednesday 17 **Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier** See 28 October

#### Wednesday 17 **Tameside History Club**

Ray Liddy, photographer with the reporter, will show a film and photographs from the former Belle Vue Circus. 2pm at Local Studies and **Archives Centre** 

**Thursday 18 Jolly Holidays** See 27 October

#### Saturday 20 **Be Inspired by Art Collection**

Using Tameside's art collection as inspiration, participants will have the opportunity to work alongside professional artist Sheila Meeks.

All materials included. £25/£20 concessions/£10 for people in receipt of job seekers allowance. Proof of concession eligibility may be required. Spaces on these study days are limited and fill up quickly so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878. 10am -2.30pm at Astley Cheetham Art Gallery.

#### Sunday 21 **Early Morning Etherow**

An early morning amble along the banks of the River Etherow, looking at the wildlife when it thought it had the world to itself. 8am at Etherow Lodge main entrance, Manchester Rd, Hollingworth. SK14 8JZ 3 hours

**Thursday 25** Little Hands See 1 October

#### Sunday 28

Rome on the Low Take a four mile stroll back through

the ages to a time when Imperial Rome governed Werneth Low and Tameside with a hand of iron. 1pm at Lower Higham Visitor Centre, 2 hours



## March

Thursday 3 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Sunday 6 K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment) See 4 October

#### Sunday 6 Over the Border

A very strenuous 11 mile walk with Paul Nethercott, up Quickedge and Shadworth to Chew Valley returning back along the Tame Valley.

10am at Mossley market ground, top Mossley. OL5 0LN  $61\!\!/_2$  hours

#### Sunday 6 Floral Fun

Come and celebrate Mothering Sunday by making a gift and card. Donation for materials.

1pm - 3pm Lymefield Outdoor Learning Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG

Thursday 10 Little Hands See 1 October



#### Saturday 12 Introduction to Acrylics

This study day with professional artist Sheila Meeks will introduce you to a range of techniques and ways of working with acrylic. Pick up hints and tips, learning a new approach to acrylic painting.

All materials included. £25/£20 concessions/£10 for people in receipt of job seekers allowance. Proof of concession eligibility may be required. Spaces on these study days are limited and fill up quickly so please book in advance on 0161 343 2878. 10am - 2.30pm at Portland Basin Museum

#### Sunday 13 Old and New

Follow the old Tameside Trail to Kings Road, Audenshaw and back along the new route using the cycle track. **10am at John Howarth Countryside Centre, Daisy Nook, Stannybrook Road, Failsworth, Oldham. M35 9WJ 4**½ hours

#### Wednesday 16 Tameside History Club

Keith Myerscough will talk about Joey Nuttall an award winning swimmer from Stalybridge who is buried in a paupers grave in Blackpool. 2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre

#### Thursday 17 Little Hands See 1 October



Sunday 20 Etherow Classic

Join John and Margaret Morrison on this 10 mile walk to Compstall and back with hills, woods, rivers, lows and views. 10am at Lymefield, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. SK14 6AG 6½ hours

Thursday 24 Little Hands See 1 October



Thursday 31 Little Hands See 1 October

# 1. 11.

#### Easter Sunday 27 Easter Egg Hunt

An egg – stravaganza for younger children. As well as the hunt there will be competitions for best dressed Easter egg and bonnet. 10.30am - 12noon at Bayley Hall, Hyde Park. SK14 4JX 1.30pm - 3pm at Lower Higham Visitor Centre

## April

Sunday 3 K.I.T.E (Kids in the Environment) See 4 October.

#### Sunday 3 Birdwalk

Discover birdlife of the Medlock valley on this gentle stroll with Chris Kellett. **10am at Park Bridge Heritage Centre** 

2 hours

#### Tuesday 5 Go Wild

A fun day in the countryside for families. Den building, a mini beast safari and pond dipping.

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



Tuesday 5 Jolly Holidays See 27 October

#### Wednesday 6 Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier See 28 October

#### Wednesday 6 Tameside History Club

Gay Oliver will talk about her ancestor who was a former Guardian of the Poor Law Union and she will explain how the system worked. **2pm at Local Studies and Archives Centre**  Thursday 7 Jolly Holidays See 27 October

Tuesday 12 Jolly Holidays See 27 October

Wednesday 13 Meet Tommy Atkins: First World War Soldier See 28 October

Thursday 14 Jolly Holidays See 27 October

#### Thursday 14 Go Wild

A fun day in the countryside for families. Den building, a mini beast safari and pond dipping.

1pm at Castle Clough car park, Buckton Vale Rd, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. SK15 3PJ 2 hours

#### Sunday 17 Signs of Spring

A 6 mile ramble around the Tame Valley in Hyde and Denton looking for signs of Spring. It could be the first bluebell, an early migrant bird, or ponds coming back to life after the winter frost and ice.

10.30am at Car park, bottom of Meadow Lane, Haughton Green, Denton. M34 7QA 4 hours

#### Sunday 24 Chadkirk Chapel Ramble

A 10 mile walk across wild, windswept Werneth Low to the historic delights of Chadkirk Chapel and back via Etherow Country Park.

10am at Lower Higham Visitor Centre 5½ hours

#### Look out for the new Summer Cultural Services Events programme

## Local Studies and Archives Centre Regular Sessions

#### Family History Helpdesk

Every Saturday 10am - 12 noon, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 1pm Book a half hour slot with one of our experts.

#### **Ancestral Trail**

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

Search for your ancestors with volunteers from the Tameside Group of the Cheshire Family History Society. Drop-in session, no need to book.

#### Military History Helpdesk

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10am - 12 noon** Search for your ancestors' military history. Book a half hour slot with one of our experts.

#### **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, 1pm - 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 2015/16

## Central Art Gallery

#### Generation: Musical Chairs 3 October 2015 - 9 January 2016

The third family friendly and interactive exhibition funded by Arts Council England's Strategic Touring fund. This quirky take on the traditional parlour games sees ordinary chairs transformed into musical art installations.

#### **Bright and Beautiful**

**3 October 2015 - 9 January 2016** Beautiful church banners from the museum's collection fill the gallery with colour as we celebrate local traditions.

#### Northern Life

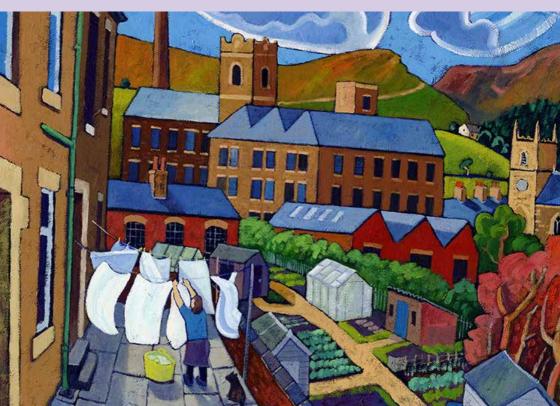
#### 16 January 2016 - 23 April 2016

A reflection of the last decade of artwork by local artist Chris Cyprus. From the school run to shopping at the local butchers to harvesting produce from his allotment, Chris observes his daily routines and transforms his visions onto canvas.

#### Hidden Tameside

#### 16 January 2016 - 23 April 2016

Discover beautiful and fascinating documents from Tameside's Local Studies and Archive collection, many that have never before been on public display.



## Astley Cheetham Art Gallery



#### Once Upon a Time October 2015 – April 2016

The latest exhibition uses paintings from the Astley Cheetham collection to explore the magical world of fairy tales. Through the painted scenes and characters, we can make believe about what might be happening in the artworks.

## Portland Basin Museum

#### **Over the Rainbow**

#### Until 22 November

The most colourful objects from the museum's collections transform the museums display cases into a rainbow effect. Like colourful cabinets of curiosities, unusual objects sit side by side as they are celebrated for their colour.

#### **Clickety-click**

#### 28 November 2015 - Summer 2016

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



## 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 Thursday 1pm - 7pm Saturday 10am - 1pm.

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

Opening Times: Tuesday: 9am - 8pm Wednesday/Thursday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 10am - 3pm.

#### Museum of the Manchester Regiment, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL7 0QA\* 0161 343 2878

Opening Times: Tuesday to Friday 10am - 4pm Saturday 10am - 1pm.

#### Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-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 1pm - 4pm. For information on other Countryside meeting points ring 0161 343 2878





















\*Closed for building works. See website for updates.