

Halifax and Calderdale Heritage Festival

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We're delighted to welcome you to the 11th annual Halifax Heritage Festival...

a much-loved event that continues to bring our town's history to life. Over the years, this festival has grown from a local celebration into something much larger, and this year is no exception. Once again, we've joined forces with the brilliant Culturedale team to expand our reach and shine a light on heritage sites right across the whole Borough.



This edition of the Heritage Newspaper is your guide to everything happening throughout the festival – and there's a lot to discover. From walking tours to open days, to exhibitions, the programme is packed with events that celebrate the people, places and industries that have shaped Halifax and Calderdale through the centuries.

At the heart of Halifax, The Piece Hall will be running free heritage tours from 16th August, offering a fascinating look at one of the town's most iconic buildings. Over at Shibden Hall, visitors can enjoy free admission on the 13th and 14th of September, making it the perfect opportunity to step inside this historic home and explore the life of Anne Lister and the estate's rich past.

Meanwhile, Calderdale Industrial Museum will host the Great Strike 1842 Commemoration on 16th August, an important reflection on local working-class history. The museum will also welcome the Bradford Model Engineering Society on 21st and 23rd August, which promises to be a treat for families and enthusiasts alike.

As always, the festival is about more than just events – it's about bringing communities together, sharing our stories, and taking pride in our collective heritage. Whether you're a lifelong local or a first-time visitor, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

Natalie Shaw, Project Manager at Halifax BID said, "We're incredibly proud to support this year's Heritage Festival and to work alongside dedicated local partners to make it happen. Our town is full of rich and diverse stories, and it's a pleasure to help bring those to the forefront each year. I hope you'll take time to explore, learn something new, and celebrate everything that makes Halifax and Calderdale such a special place."

So, read on, enjoy and learn about heritage organisations across Halifax and Calderdale. We look forward to seeing you at some of these during our Heritage Festival.



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Halifax Heritage Tours

Join our local volunteers on guided tours inside buildings, around historic sites, on the bus, in the valley or up in the hills! This year, HHT CIC is partnering with Dean Clough and the Projected Picture Trust to offer even more events for you to enjoy.

New Bus Tour for 2025 - The Crossley Heritage Bus Tour

Hear about the history of the Crossley family carpet manufacturing business, the history of Dean Clough over the last 40+ years and its transformation into a thriving cultural and business hub.

An Evening of Nostalgia

Join HHT at Dean Clough to enjoy a nostalgic journey with the Projected Picture Trust (PPT); we'll view films from Halifax's past, all from the PPT's extensive film collection.

Snickets, Ginnels, Alleys & Yards

A NEW tour taking in the many hidden places in Halifax that were once vital to our town's ancient inns, theatres and woollen trades.

Take a Panoramic Walk

A strenuous tour from Halifax's valley bottom, up onto the tops. Learn how the land surrounding Halifax supplied work for many, before, during, and after the Industrial Revolution.

More walking tours available throughout August and September 2025

Halifax Old Borough Magistrates Court and Central Police Station | Historic Town Tour | Town Hall Tour | A Hebble Trail guided tour | Tour of the residential site of Royal Halifax Infirmary | Notable Women of Halifax tour

For more information and to book tickets, visit our website www.halifaxheritage.co.uk



Memorabilia Days: Halifax Military History Society

16th August
10:00am to 4:00pm
Bankfield Museum

FREE

Members of the public are encouraged to bring along objects, photographs, medals, and documents for identification, explanation, or background information. Think "Antiques Roadshow" but without the TV and limited to military-related items. In addition, we will be interested to hear reminiscences about any relatives' or personal wartime experiences.

We will not be limiting enquiries to just the years of World War Two and will do our best to cover everything from the Boer War (and possibly even earlier!) through to conflicts in the 21st century. A tall order you will say and we will agree. You might well get the response "you have stumped me but we will try and help you find out".

Inside the Bankfield Reception Hall, there will be a Reception Desk with two or three volunteers who take preliminary details of each enquiry (with a paper form); and then direct the enquirers to the most appropriate (and available) researcher.

We shall be "on-duty" from 10am until when the Museum closes at 4pm for the Saturday 16 August 2025 event commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Victory over Japan in 1945 at Bankfield & Akroyd Park. Other activities on the day will include Second World War re-enactors, entertainment, fashions, stalls and military displays. 1940s costumes are encouraged.

As part of Halifax Heritage Week, we shall be "on-duty" again at Bankfield Museum on Saturday 13 September 2025 (but without the other V.J. Day attractions). For more information please see: www.halifax-military-history.net



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The Piece Hall

16th August to 24th August
11:30am
Halifax Piece Hall

FREE

From Saturday 16th August Until Sunday 24th August at 11.30am we will be running a 30-minute free heritage taster tour to learn more about our magnificent building and the history behind The Piece Hall.

There will be 12 free slots available each day which you can book through our Visitor Centre by either calling in to see us or by ringing 01422 525200



Calderdale Industrial Museum

16th, 21st, 23rd August
13th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
Calderdale Industrial Museum

Free or £7.50 adults
£6.00 concession
Children FREE

This summer you'll find lots of opportunities to visit the museum and immerse yourself in the stories of our industrial past. With our friendly volunteers happy to share their knowledge, there is something for all the family.

16th August - The Great Strike 1842 Commemoration. Living history event telling the moving tales of social unrest among the working people of Calderdale. Find out what happened during the summer as workers fought for better pay and working conditions. Some were part of the Chartist Movement.

21 & 23rd August - Bradford Model Engineering Society will be in the museum showcasing some of their model building skills and encouraging you to join them. An inspiring event for anyone with an interest in engineering.

13th September - Heritage Open Days. Giving you the chance to visit the museum free of charge.

The museum is open 10am - 4pm with last entry at 3pm. The cafe is open the same hours with last orders at 3.45pm. Admission is £7.50 adults, £6 concessions and accompanied children are free. All areas are accessible to wheel chairs and pushchairs.



Heywood Church Family Day

6th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
Heywood Church, Northowram

FREE

A one day event to introduce the various histories of Northowram village to the families of the village.

The day will focus on delivering historical information in an interesting and involving way to younger village residents. There will be a painting competition to two age groups that will result in prizes for the top three winners of the competition. Our 'Horrible Histories' event will tell of the less desirable things our ancestors had to do to make a living. A treasure hunt trail will be exciting for children to find clues that give historical facts about people and places in Northowram. Everyone who completes the trail will get a prize. The graveyard behind the church has revealed lots of stories about heroes and villains that are resting there. Our guide will explain all! We are also including a session on how to research your family history which will be given by one of our research experts Refreshments will be available and displays of older images of places that have long since gone.

All details will be available on: www.northowram.org
This will also give entry details to the painting competition.
Any enquiries can be made by contacting the society by email: history@northowram.org

A TREASURE HUNT
ON OUR HISTORY TRAIL
Children can enjoy finding out about many historical places and people that make Northowram a special place to grow up in as they follow a history trail around the village using easy to follow clues. A treasure awaits at the end.

FIND OUT ABOUT
OUR VILLAGE
HORRIBLE HISTORIES
From making textiles to curing leather, these were just two of things our village ancestors had to do which would make you cringe today. Also find out about all 'Horrible' and different things hidden in our village past from criminals to loosing heads.



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 6TH 2025
FAMILY DAY
Northowram
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HERITAGE EVENT
HELD AT THE LOWER
MEETING ROOM AT
HEYWOOD CHURCH
TOWNGATE, NORTHOWRAM
HIDDEN STORIES OF
OUR GRAVEYARD
RESIDENTS
There are many hidden stories that have been unearthed from the residents of the Heywood Graveyard. Heroes and villains alike. Enjoy a special guided tour around the graveyard by our experienced guide.
ENTER OUR
CHILDRENS
PAINTING
COMPETITION
A painting competition will be judged on the day. This will be for 5 to 10yrs and 11yrs to 15yrs. All details are available on the web site. www.northowram.org
A LOOK AT OUR ANCIENT
VILLAGE HOUSES
A presentation featuring all the older properties of Northowram and surrounding areas of the village will take place on the day
FREE
ENTRY
REFRESHMENTS
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY



Horrible Halifax

12th September
7:00pm
Parish Church of St. Paul, King Cross

£10.

Horrible Halifax - Scandal and Humour from Halifax & Calderdale Records.

Who 'sold' his wife at Halifax Cross?
Which youth was trafficked into white slavery?
Where did the drunken gravedigger sleep?
Which vicar of Halifax assaulted his own town constable?
Which vicar labelled bastards with a large 'B' in his Register?
Why were hats thrown into the font?
Who illegally left dung outside their door?
How were Quakers once described in Elland?
What was the tatch-beggar?
and when were pigs kept in The Piece Hall?





Discover Dean Clough’s Rich Heritage this September

This September, Dean Clough invites locals and visitors alike to delve into Halifax’s fascinating past through a series of engaging heritage events as part of the Halifax Heritage Festival. From immersive tours to family-friendly activities, there's something for everyone.

The Crossley & Dean Clough Heritage Bus Tour takes place on Saturday 13th September with 2 sessions taking place at 10:00 and 12:45. This enlightening bus tour explores the legacy of the Crossley family, whose 19th century carpet manufacturing business shaped Halifax’s industrial history. Tours begin and end at Dean Clough, with meeting points at Lucy’s Little Bake House and the Crossley Gallery.

For families and young explorers, the **Dean Clough Children’s Heritage Trail** runs from Friday 12th to Sunday 28th September. This self-guided trail, available from D Mill reception, runs daily and offers a fun and educational journey around the Dean Clough site.

And on Tuesday 16th September at 18:30, join **An Evening of Halifax Nostalgia** in the Crossley Gallery. A collaboration between the Projected Picture Trust (PPT) and Halifax Heritage Tours, this event offers a rare screening of historic Halifax footage and a look at vintage cinema projectors.

Tickets are £15, and free parking is available after 5pm.



Leeds Market V Halifax Market Walking Tour

12th to 13th September
10:00am to 1:00pm

£TBC

The Leeming Brothers of Halifax were responsible for various buildings around the country and abroad. They originally set up their architectural practice in Halifax and then moved to Westminster, London.

Their practice designed the Free Grammar School, Heath, Halifax (1879), Brisbane Town Hall, Queensland, Australia (1884), the New Admiralty & War Offices, Whitehall, London (1884) plus market halls including Halifax Borough Market (1896) and Leeds Kirkgate Market (1904).

This event brings the Leeming’s two West Yorkshire market halls together in one tour (with a train ride sandwiched in the middle). It starts with a wander around Leeds Kirkgate Market and concludes at Halifax Borough Market (the inspiration for Kirkgate Market). We’ll be looking at the wider market history of the two places, and exploring the similarities and differences.

There’s a lot of walking, including hills and steps. Come dressed for Yorkshire weather. And bring money for your train ride(s) between Leeds and Halifax.



Stories in Stone

13th September
10:00am to 3:00pm
Mount Zion Heritage Chapel, Per Lane, Ogden,
Halifax HX2 8xg

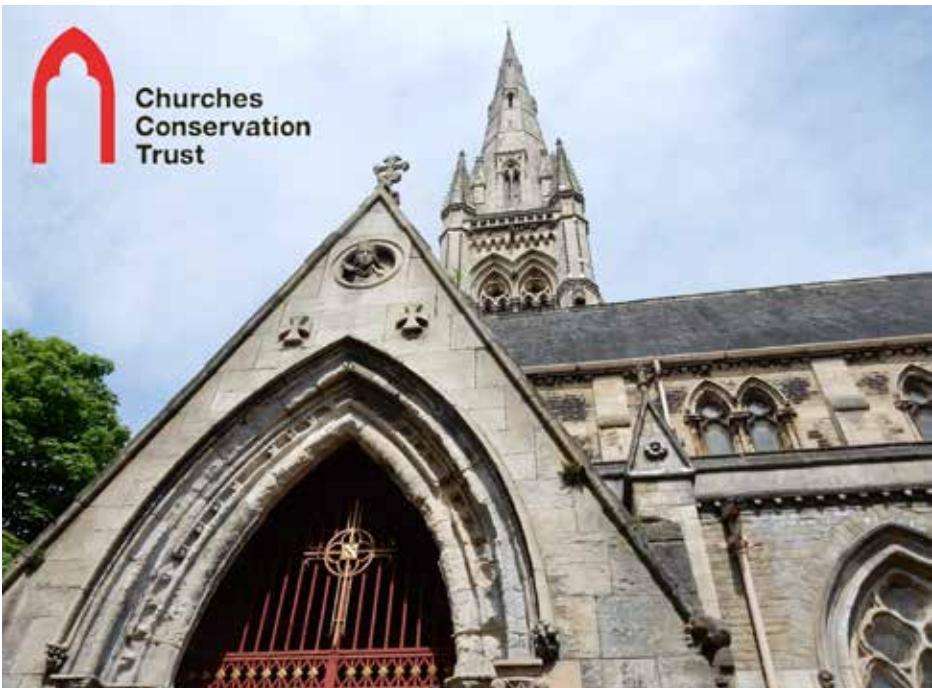
FREE
Donations towards the upkeep of the Chapel gratefully received

An open day involving the exploration of stories told by architectural aspects of Mount Zion Heritage Chapel and the memorials in the monumental graveyard. Colouring workshop with local artist Roger Davies; storyteller guides from local schools. Refreshments.

All welcome.
Mount Zion is a building of architectural and historical interest and boasts an impressive monumental graveyard. The current Chapel was built in 1815 but high up on the front façade is a sundial, which started life on the original 1773 building. In 1901 Mount Zion’s New Connexion minister, the Reverend William Walker, decided to write a book, ‘Told by the Dial’, which related stories about the history of Mount Zion, Methodism in Halifax, and the people who attended the Chapel. The stories were told from the perspective of the sundial, which by 1901 had observed the comings and goings at Mount Zion for one hundred and twenty-eight years.

Some one hundred and twenty four years later, the Told by the Dial: Stories in stone project, provides a twenty first century take on Reverend Walker’s idea. Using the building and monuments in the burial ground as creative inspiration, children from two Calderdale primary schools, identified and explored stories from the distant and recent past. They retold these and added their own tales to the one’s originally told by the sundial. These ‘Tales’ will feature in our open day this year, with a few of the children (aged ten and eleven), acting as volunteer guides and storytellers.

There will also be a colouring workshop ‘Welcome to Calderdale’, (11.30 – 1.30), led by well-known local artist Roger Davies, suitable for children and adults.



All Souls’ Church, Boothtown. Open Day

13th September 14th September
20th September 21st September
10.00am to 4.00pm
A visit usually takes 15 to 30 mins.
All Souls’ Church, Boothtown, Halifax, HX3 6DR.

FREE

Step into a world of architectural brilliance and historical significance at All Souls’ Church, a Grade I listed building. Commissioned by local industrialist Edward Akroyd, and completed in 1859, this magnificent gothic church was designed by the world-renowned architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, who considered it his “best church”. If you visit, you’ll find out why!

All Souls’ exterior is a sight to behold with its many carved figures and towering spire, (236 feet). Once inside, you’ll find further faces and features, all with intricately carved details. The stained-glass windows of All Souls’ are breathtaking and almost every window of the church is filled with stained glass, creating a vibrant display of light and colour. Designed and made by renowned companies each window is a work of art, contributing to the church’s artistic significance. Visiting All Souls’ offers a unique opportunity to appreciate these beautiful stained-glass windows in person - their detailed designs and the way they filter the light provide a truly memorable experience. Once the centrepiece of the model village of Akroydon, All Souls’, now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, stands as a symbol of Halifax’s rich history. So come along and immerse yourself in the radiant beauty of All Souls’ Church!

NOTE: Please be aware of uneven paving in the grounds of the church which can be slippery, especially when wet.



Halifax Minster

13th to 14th September
10.00am to 4.00pm
Halifax Minster

FREE

Halifax Minster is a stunning 15th Century Grade 1 listed Parish Church, the third church on the site. It is a place of worship, prayer, civic engagement, education and culture.

The Minster is rich in history, heritage, spirituality and architecture. Marvel at its beautiful stained glass and the simple elegance of the Commonwealth Windows. Admire the craftsmanship of the ornate font cover, box pews, ‘Mousey’ Thompson chairs and stunning painted wooden ceiling.

The Minster is the spiritual home of the Duke of Wellington’s Regiment. See the colour-standard from the Battle of Waterloo and other conflicts.

The Minster has many interesting monuments and graves, including that of Anne Lister and to those caught up in the ‘Crag-Vale Coiners’ story.

Guided tours are available and there will be exhibitions of the Minster’s vestments and archives. Please book tours at the Minster shop or online.

Live music will be performed at various times over the weekend.

The Minster is typically open daily for visitors throughout the year from 12-4pm. Our shop stocks a range of gifts and tickets for the many events hosted at the Minster.

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Minster on the Festival days.



The Earliest Images of Halifax, 1762 to 1900

13th September
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Boothtown & Southowram Methodist Church

£5

A kaleidoscope of grand old prints depicting our “good old town” which exist from long ago.

Beginning with a Halifax panorama engraved before the Piece Hall was built, David Glover will show a variety of unusual images, as well as some that are better known. He will draw on work by Horner, J Rideal Smith, and H R Oddy.

A real feast for the eyes if you love local history!

We are also open for the national Heritage Open Day from 11:00am to 2:00pm.



Free Admission to Shibden Hall

13th to 14th September
11:00am to 3:00pm
Shibden Hall
FREE

Set in the picturesque surroundings of Shibden Park, Shibden Hall dates back to 1420 and offers visitors a fascinating journey through the lives of the people who lived and worked there, including the noted diarist Anne Lister (1791-1840).

For 500 years, from 1420 to 1926, Shibden was a family estate providing a home and an income for those that lived there. Shibden Hall and Park still show elements of their former use. A significant number of records of the estate have survived, including accounts, wills, letters, diaries, plans and maps from the earliest days of Shibden Hall through to present day.

A number of important families associated with Halifax have called Shibden their home. From the first identified landowner, William Oates in 1420, to its most famous resident Anne Lister, through to its last resident John Lister, who lived at the hall until it became a museum in 1934.

Shibden Hall is an historic site and has no wheelchair/ pushchair access to the upper floor. There are uneven surfaces in and around the Aisled Barn and Folk Museum.

Public toilets and Baby Changing facilities are located outside of the hall next to the small car park.

There is a well stocked gift shop on the ground floor where refreshments can be purchased.

Car parking is available at Shibden Park and car parking charges apply.



Free Admission to Bankfield Museum

14th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
Bankfield Museum

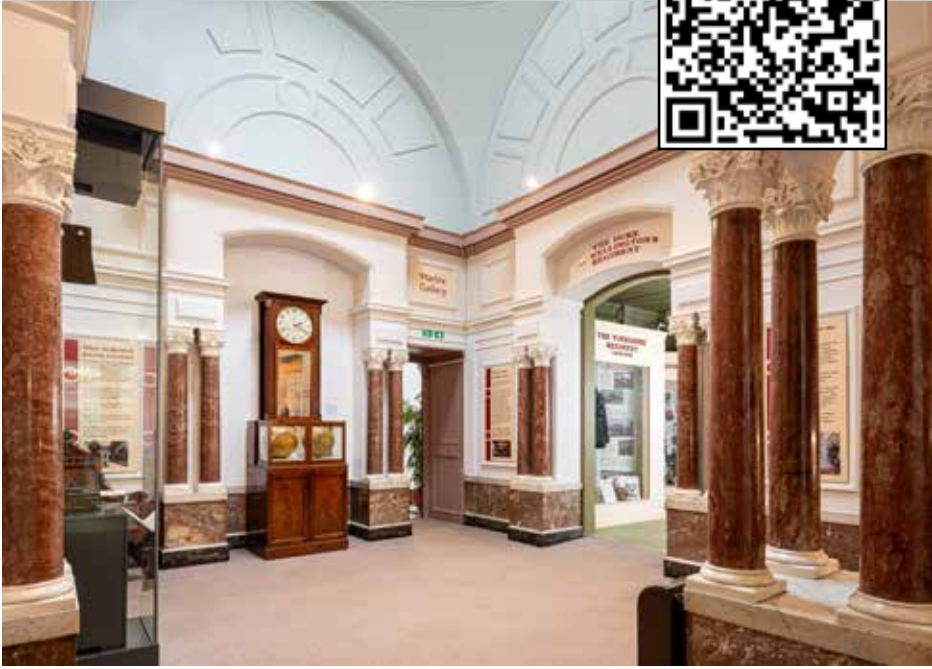
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Bankfield Museum was the former home of local textile manufacturer Edward Akroyd and his wife Elizabeth and became a museum in 1887 following Edward’s death. The museum is home to a range of galleries and displays, including art, local history, The Duke of Wellington’s Regimental Museum and the Fashion Gallery.

Bankfield Museum will be opening to visitors on Sunday 14th September to give visitors to the area an opportunity to step inside the grand Italianate mansion.

Come along and enjoy the variety of it’s exhibitions programme including Costume and Drama, located in the Fashion Gallery, an exhibition that brings together a host of costumes from the world of TV and film costume drama, Lets go Shopping! a nostalgic glimpse into the Calderdale high street of yesterday and HERDS, showcasing work by local school children looking at the challenges animals are facing due to climate change.

The regular site opening times are from 10.00 - 16.00 Tuesday to Saturday. Bankfield is an historic building and has no lifts to the upper floors. There is an accessible entrance to the rear of the building, signposted from the car park. There are public toilets and Baby Changing facilities located on the ground floor. There is a cafe and gift shop on the ground floor where a selection of drinks and snacks are served.



Grayston Unity Halifax Music Heritage Trail

14th September
1:00pm
Grayston Unity

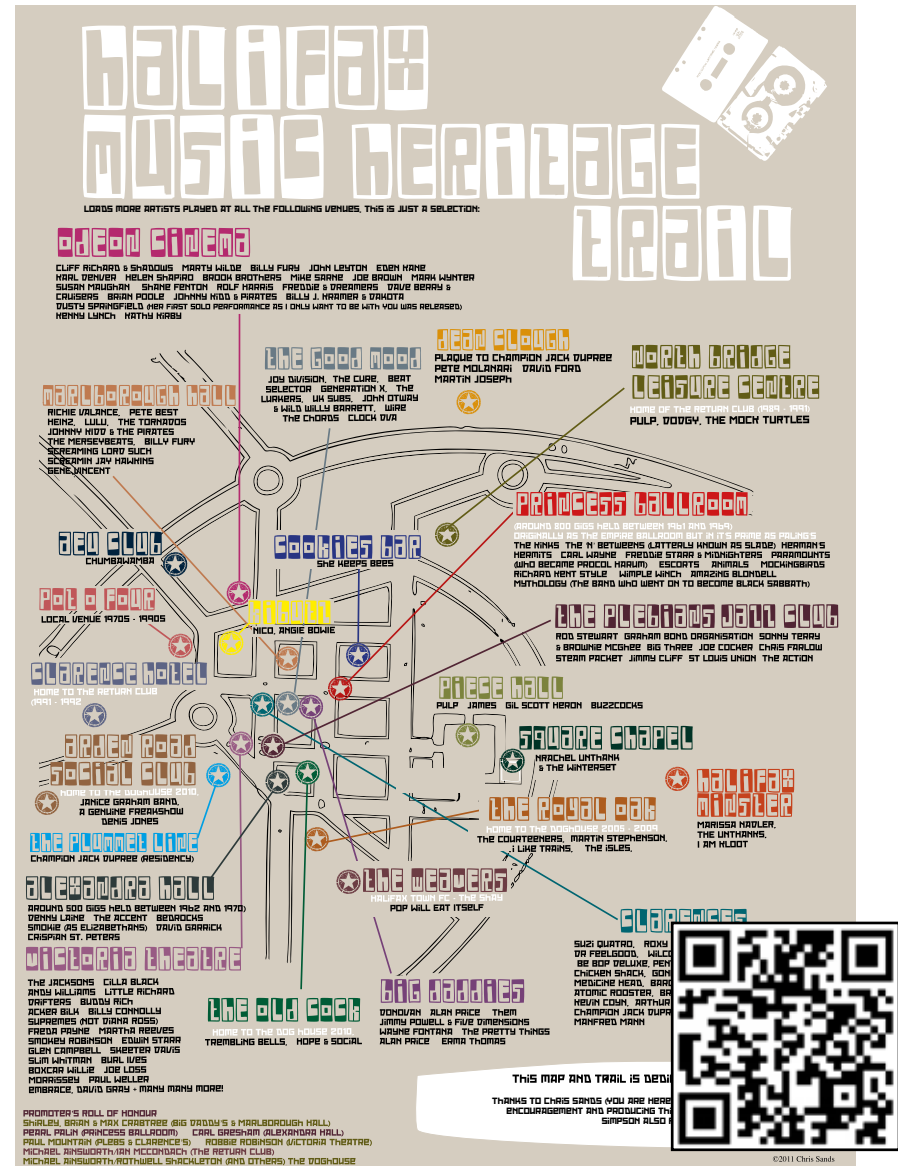
£7

Halifax Music Heritage trail was set up over 10 years ago to remember and celebrate the surprising popular music heritage of Halifax by visiting the sites of long gone venues and telling many stories of the artists who played them.

The guided version of the trail only takes place once a year and is lead by Michael Ainsworth, the trail founder and promoter of live music in the town since the 1980s. Expect to hear tales of The Kinks, Joy Division, Dusty Springfield, The Jacksons, John Grant and many more.

The trail starts from The Grayston Unity, the town's grassroots music venue. It takes around 2 hours and involves quite a bit of walking.

Book direct from the bar or via:
SeeTickets <https://www.seetickets.com/event/halifax-music-heritage-trail/the-grayston-unity/3443494>



Halifax Playhouse Theatre Open Day

14th September
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Halifax Playhouse

FREE

Welcome to the Halifax Playhouse, our Grade II listed building, owned and volunteer run by the Halifax Thespians and venue for a wide variety of performances from local amateur musical societies, a wide range of professional bands and shows as well as the Thespians own plays.

This Heritage event provides visitors the chance to see behind the scenes; discovering places where the general public would not normally go. It's a chance to see what it's like to stand on a stage; how the high tech sound and lighting equipment is used to enhance performances and understand the huge amount of work and fun that goes into putting on shows and running a vibrant theatre.

A wide variety of performances are held in the 238-seat main auditorium and the 46 seat Bar Studio.



History Talk: Forgotten Calderdale Women

15th September
5:45pm to 7:45pm
Holdsworth House Hotel & Restaurant, Halifax, HX2 9TG

£40

Celebrate the untold stories of extraordinary local women with historian David Glover in the elegant setting of Holdsworth House, complete with a two-course supper.

As part of the 2025 Halifax Heritage Festival, join local historian David Glover for a fascinating evening uncovering the lives of remarkable Calderdale women that history forgot. The evening includes a delicious two-course supper.

From Hannah Logan, who walked from Halifax to London in 1832, to Lucy Hamerton who captured the eccentricities of 19th-century Elland in writing - these are the hidden stories you won't find in textbooks. Hear about Caroline Freeman, the district's first female university graduate, and Eileen Nugent, private secretary to Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouts.

These women left their mark on local and national history - yet their stories remain little known. David Glover brings them to life in his engaging, accessible style at one of Halifax's most atmospheric venues.

Tickets available online
or by calling 01422 240024



Halifax Central Library

Local History in Perspective

18th September
10:00am to 12:00pm
Halifax Central Library

FREE

What is Wainhouse Tower and why was it built? Just what was the deal with John Wainhouse and his neighbour?

In this short research workshop, we're going to be delving into the depths of the archives and local history collections to see what they can reveal about local stories and rumours. Maybe we will dispel a few myths, maybe we won't

Event is free to attend but pre-booking is essential.



Family Textiles Workshop

20th September
10:30am to 1:30pm
Halifax Central Library

FREE

Join us for our fun family textiles event, where we will be getting creative with textiles and learning about Calderdale and its colourful textile industry.

Drop-in. Suitable for ages 5 +

Wainhouse Tower Ascents

20th September
10:00am to 4:00pm
Wainhouse Tower

£5 adults, £4 children (5-16)
under 5's and essential companions - free

A Chance to Climb Wainhouse Tower on its 150th Anniversary Year!

Wainhouse Tower is one of Calderdale's most recognisable landmarks. It was built in the 1870s by John Edward Wainhouse as an observatory-chimney to serve his dyeworks at Washer Lane and was completed in September 1875. The tower is 253 feet high, with 369 steps to the viewing balcony and weighs an estimated 9,000 imperial tonnes – it is a marvel of Victorian engineering. It was originally known as Octagon Tower on account of its eight-sided design. Smoke nuisance was a persistent problem during the industrial revolution and to alleviate pollution, the tower was constructed at the top of the hill above the dyeworks to provide maximum draught and vent smoke high into the atmosphere.

However, following a disagreement with his neighbour, Sir Henry Edwards of Pye Nest and persistent problems with the Inspector for Smoke Nuisance, the idea of using it as a chimney was abandoned and the flue connecting it to the dyeworks was never built. For this reason, some have referred to Wainhouse Tower as the world's tallest folly. Wainhouse then added the ornate second balcony, lantern and gothic cupola to the top of the tower, which gives it its distinctive appearance. Because of the bitterness and public nature of the feud with Sir Henry, many accused him of building the tower purely to upset his neighbour. This is not true but did not stop Wainhouse Tower becoming known in some circles as the Tower of Spite.



Tickets will be available through our third party provider - Eventbrite. You can access the Eventbrite page by scanning the QR code or by searching for Visit Calderdale Eventbrite

Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel Heritage Open Days

20th to 21st September
10:30am to 4:00pm
Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel

FREE

Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel is understood to be the highest Unitarian Chapel in the country, at 1,005 feet above sea level between the villages of Shelf and Queensbury.

The congregation dates back to 1858, when a chartist, carpet weaver, lecturer, and Unitarian Sunday School teacher named Alexander Stradling (1820-1905), began to visit the area. The congregation has endured ups and downs over the years, and was even re-built in 1936 after it collapsed during a storm.

We will be open on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September from 10:30 am until 4 pm. On Saturday 20th September, Halifax historian David Glover will be giving an illustrated talk at 2 pm on '20th Century Halifax: Northgate End Women span the world.' Hear about an American woman who settled in Halifax, and exhibited many works of art; the first female Unitarian minister in Yorkshire who became a Police Inspector in Canada; and other fascinating stories.

On Sunday 21st, Shelf historian Ben Stables will be giving an illustrated talk on 'A Shelf full of photos' at 2 pm. He will be sharing a variety of images from local views to local celebrities and forgotten individuals. There will be a short service on Sunday morning at 10:45 am.

See our beautiful art-deco stained glass windows. Browse our records and old photos. Enjoy our refreshments and hospitality! We will be open all weekend so call in and visit us.



OPEN DAY WITH GUIDED TOURS

21st September
12:30pm tour at 2:00pm
Lister Lane Cemetery HX1 5JL

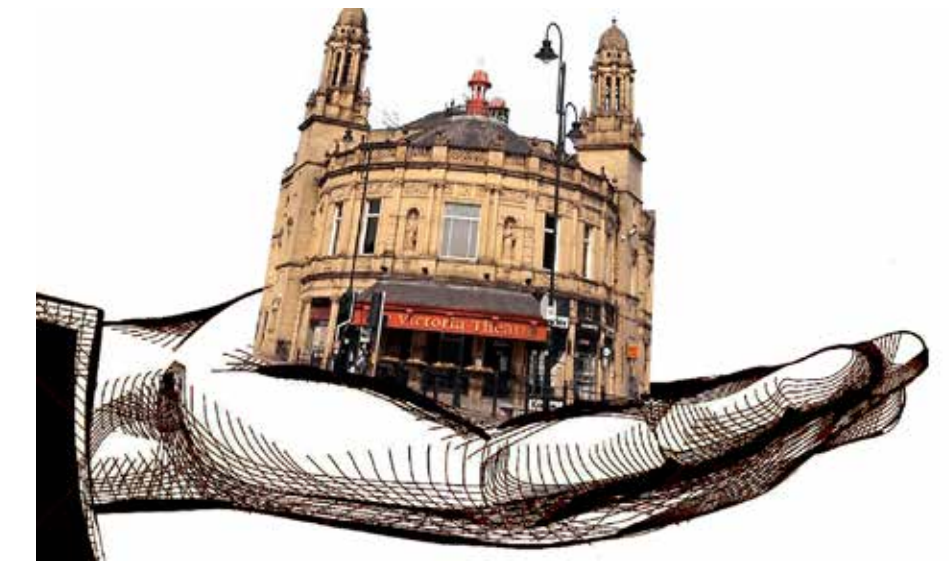
FREE



A GREEN LUNG IN WEST CENTRAL HALIFAX with wonderful stories of 19th Century local people to tell.

A burial ground rescued after years of dereliction and neglect, now lovingly cared for, calls you to visit! From the Crossley family, whose descendants this year visited us in great numbers, through to 19th Century workers in hundreds of trades, many tales can be told. We have Waterloo veterans, residents of the USA, Canada, New Zealand etc, through to Chartists, chapel ministers and murder victims, and shall be delighted to introduce you to 'our 'residents' and explain why Halifax needed its first independent cemetery, which took years to prepare and landscape. View a wide variety of stone monuments, and also see our wonderful garden created by The Friends!

The Friends won the King's Award for Voluntary Service in 2023 and the site is now a Significant Cemetery in Europe



Victoria Theatre Heritage Tours

Tours typically take place once per month
Typically an hour and a half
Victoria Theatre, Halifax

£6

Guided by the Friends of the Victoria Theatre

Built in 1901 as a concert hall, the Victoria Theatre is steeped in history and still retains many of its original features. Dedicated historians, the Friends of the Victoria Theatre have delved into the venue's rich history and have lots of tales to tell. You will also step onto the stage, learn about how a stage is managed and take a look at the dressing rooms that have housed the stars over the years.

For tour dates, information and how to book please visit: victoriatheatre.co.uk/whats-on/victoria-theatre-tours



Events Calendar

- Halifax Heritage Festival
- Heritage Open Days

Friday 1st August (Yorkshire Day)
Halifax Heritage Tours 10:30am Guided Tour of Halifax Town Hall
Halifax Heritage Tours 2:00pm Halifax Historic Town Walk
Saturday 2nd August
Halifax Heritage Tours 2:00pm Guided Tour of the old Halifax Infirmary
Wednesday 13th August
Halifax Heritage Tours 10:30am Hebble Trail Walk (Canal Walk)
Saturday 16th August
Calderdale Industrial Museum 10am- 4pm The Great Strike 1842 Commemoration
The Piece Hall 11:30am free heritage taster tour, book via Visitors Centre.
Bankfield Museum Halifax Military History Society 10am 80th Anniversary of Victory over Japan
Thursday 21st August
Calderdale Industrial Museum 10am- 4pm Bradford Model Engineering Society
The Piece Hall 11:30am free heritage taster tour, book via Visitors Centre.
Friday 22nd August
The Piece Hall 11:30am free heritage taster tour, book via Visitors Centre.
Saturday 23rd August
Calderdale Industrial Museum 10am- 4pm Bradford Model Engineering Society

Sunday 24th August
The Piece Hall 11:30am free heritage taster tour, book via Visitors Centre.
Thursday 28th August
Halifax Heritage Tours 1:00pm Panoramic Walk above Halifax
Saturday 6th September
Heywood Church, Northowram 10am – 4pm Free family day
Heywood Church, Northowram. 10am to 4pm. How to research your family history
Friday 12th September
Dean Clough 10am- 4pm Children’s Heritage Trail
Parish Church of St Paul, King Cross 7pm Horrible Halifax
Calderdale Markets 9:30am- 1pm Leeds Market V Halifax Market Walking Tour. Booking Essential
Saturday 13th September
Calderdale Markets 9:30am- 1pm Leeds Market V Halifax Market Walking Tour. Booking Essential
Halifax Heritage Tours 10am Crossley Heritage Bus Tour
Wainhouse Tower 10am-4pm Tower Ascents, Booking required
Calderdale Industrial Museum 10am-4pm Heritage Open Day
Halifax Military History Society 10am “on duty” again at Bankfield Museum

Saturday 13th September (continued)
All Souls Church, Boothtown 10am–4pm Heritage open day
Halifax Heritage Tours 10:30am Halifax Historic Town Walk
Mount Zion Heritage Chapel, Ogden 10:30am- 3pm Told by the Dial: Stories in Stone
Shibden Hall 11am- 3pm Free admission
Boothtown & Southowram Methodist Church 11am-2pm Heritage open day 2pm-4pm The Earliest Images of Halifax, 1762-1900
Halifax Heritage Tours 12:45pm Crossley Heritage Bus Tour
Sunday 14th September
All Souls Church, Boothtown 10am–4pm Heritage open day
Wainhouse Tower 10am-4pm Tower Ascents, Booking required
Shibden Hall 11am- 3pm Free admission
Bankfield Museum 10am-4pm Heritage open day
Grayston Unity 1pm Halifax Music Heritage Trail
Halifax Heritage Tours 2pm Hebble Trail (Canal Walk)
Halifax Playhouse Theatre 2pm-4pm Heritage open day
Monday 15th September
Halifax Heritage Tours 10:30am Guided tour of the former Halifax Borough Magistrates Court
Holdsworth House 5:45pm- 7:45pm History Talk: Some Forgotten Calderdale Women
Tuesday 16th September
Halifax Heritage Tours 6:30pm Evening of Halifax Nostalgia, Dean Clough

Wednesday 17th September
Halifax Heritage Tours 10am Hebble Trail (Canal Walk)
Thursday 18th September
Halifax Central Library 10am-12pm Wainhouse Tower Research Workshop
Halifax Heritage Tours 11am Halifax Historic Town Walk
Saturday 20th September
Halifax Central Library 10am-1:30pm Family Textiles Workshop
All Souls Church, Boothtown 10am–4pm Heritage open day
Wainhouse Tower 10am-4pm Tower Ascents, Booking required
Halifax Heritage Tours 10:30am Guided tour of Halifax Town Hall
Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel 10:30am-4pm Heritage open day 2pm 20th Century Halifax: Northgate End Women span the world
Halifax Heritage Tours 2pm Guided tour of the former Royal Halifax Infirmary
Sunday 21st September
All Souls Church, Boothtown 10am–4pm Heritage open day
Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel 10:30am-4pm Heritage open day 2pm illustrated talk on ‘A Shelf full of photos’
Lister Lane Cemetery 12:30pm – Heritage open day 2pm Guided tour
Halifax Heritage Tours 1pm Notable Women of Halifax
Tuesday 23rd September
Halifax Heritage Tours 10:30am Panoramic walk above Halifax
Thursday 25th September
Halifax Heritage Tours 2pm Snickets, Ginnels, Alleys & Yards



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