

# Oldham Histories Festival and heritage open days

Friday 10 to Sunday 19 September 2021



**Oldham**  
Council

**Oldham Council's Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days** is your chance to find out more about the people, places, buildings and stories in your area. From talks to walks there's plenty to discover, whether you're interested in architecture or heritage or just curious about the history around you. **All events are free, and there's no need to book, unless it is otherwise stated.**

**Key:**  disabled access  parking  refreshments  toilets

## Oldham Histories Festival Launch

### 10am to 4pm Saturday 11 September

**Gallery Oldham, Greaves Street,  
Oldham OL1 1AL**

**Cap & Dove** – Travelling mini arts centre, housing a tiny theatre, museum and a shop. The project celebrates protest, liberty and equality, the same themes that united Greater Manchester at Peterloo over 200 years ago. A Peterloo legacy project, Cap & Dove harnesses and takes forward the spirit captured in Greater Manchester's Peterloo commemorations during summer 2019.

The onboard shop sells items made by local makers, and the artefacts on display have been carefully selected by curators at Gallery Oldham.

They feature a bugle used at Tandle Hill in the days before Peterloo and the original Granellis Ice Cream horn – two very different objects that were both used as a call to action.

- **10am** Guided Tours
- **11am** Oldham Informs
- **12noon** Cap & Dove performance
- **2pm** Specially created Oldham performance
- **3pm** Guided Tours

### **Pop up Oldham Classic Car Show**

– Vintage automobiles will be converging on the town centre as Oldham welcomes back the return of its annual Classic Car Show on a slightly smaller scale just for this year. Tame Valley Car Club will be exhibiting an array of vintage and classic vehicles that have been lovingly restored by their owners.

### **Oldham Microscopical and Natural History Society**

**Open Day** – Oldham Microscopical and Natural History Society will be exhibiting items and activities on the theme of Edible England. We will be including Plant Growth, Plant Uses, Food, Foraging and Farming. Visit us and be astounded by the wonderful world of plants.

### **A Stroll Along the Oldham Panorama, 11am and 3pm**

The Oldham Panorama is one of the best visual records of the transformation of North West England into an industrial powerhouse. This guided tour explores the buildings and people on show in this view of Oldham taken in 1876 by Squire Knott.



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (U) 2pm, £3

Small Cinema is back and inspired by the Heritage Open Days theme of Edible England what better way to celebrate than with a film inspired by one of our favourite authors. Join Charlie and his grandpa on their magical tour of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. This screening will mark the 50th anniversary of the classic 1971 film. Based on the book by Roald Dahl. Followed by some Roald Dahl inspired craft to celebrate Roald Dahl day. (12–2pm)

## Manchester Voices

Come along to the Manchester Voices Accent Van to explore the rich tapestry of accents, dialects, and identities which make up Greater Manchester. Tell the team about how you speak and what your accent and dialect mean to you.

## Other events

### Moorside and District Historical Society Heritage Day 10.30am–2.30pm

Explore the history of Moorside church and community; photographs and historical folders; bring along any old photographs of the village you have. Includes 'The Moorside Railway', an animated presentation on a rolling loop of the Mellodews' plans for a railway to their Moorside Mills etc. St Thomas's Church, Glebe Lane, Oldham OL1 4SJ



## Feast or Famine: Food in the Archives, 2–2.45pm

See some of Oldham's fantastic archives around the subject of food. Oldham Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN  
**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654 or archives@oldham.gov.uk



## Christ Church, Friezland 10am–4pm

Explore this Grade II listed Victorian Gothic Revival church with spire designed by local architect George Shaw. Windows by Thomas Willament. Church Road, Greenfield OL3 7LQ



## Werneth Park Walk, 11am–12.30pm

Take a guided tour of the park with Jeremy Sutcliffe. Spread over nine hectares Werneth Park was created in 1936 from a 19th century estate.

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654 or archives@oldham.gov.uk  
Meet at Werneth Park Study Centre, Frederick Street OL8 1RB





### Oldham Parish Church, 11am-3pm

Built in 1830 the Oldham Parish Church of St. Mary with St. Peter is a Grade II\* listed building. Crypt tours may be possible with reduced numbers in each party.

**Visitors will be asked to wear face coverings and use hand sanitizer.**

(All arrangements are subject to the COVID infection rate.)



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### The History of Chadderton

Find out more about the fascinating history of Chadderton from this display of photographs, maps and documents presented by Chadderton Historical Society. **Chadderton Library and Wellbeing Centre**, Burnley Street, Chadderton, OL9 0JW

**Open:** Mon to Sat, 10am–5pm



### Failsworth's Listed Buildings: A Photographic Display of Listed Buildings in Failsworth

Explore Failsworth's Listed Buildings with this display presented by Failsworth Historical Society.

**Failsworth Library**, Oldham Road, M35 0FJ. **Open:** Mon to Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 10am–1pm



### Feast or Famine: Food in the Archives

Display exploring the effects of food in Oldham. From fish and chips to ice cream your chance to find out more.

**Oldham Local Studies and Archives**, 84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

**Open:** Mon 10am–5pm; Tue 10am–2pm; Wed, Thu, Fri 10am–5pm; Sat 10am–4pm



### St Chad's Church, Saddleworth

A Grade II\* listed building, there has been a place of worship on this site since at least 1215. Volunteers will be available to discuss the heritage of the Church building and provide guided tours of the Churchyard. There will also be assistance to those seeking access to Parish records. Some activities will also be available inside church for younger visitors. On Saturday afternoon, there will be a planned fundraising abseil and teddy bear zip line. The Hearse House will be open for refreshments and on Saturday afternoon an ice cream truck from Grandpa Greene's.

**Church Lane, Uppermill OL3 6LW**

**Fri 10 Sep, 10am–4pm; Sat 11 Sep, 10am–4pm; Sun 12 Sep, 10am–4pm**



### Saddleworth Museum

Uncover the fascinating story of the people who have created Saddleworth's unique landscape and character.

**Saddleworth Museum**, High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6HS

Open 1–4pm every day



## Sunday 12 September

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**11am–3pm**

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### Christ Church, Friezland

**12noon–4pm**

Explore this Grade II listed Victorian Gothic Revival church with spire designed by local architect George Shaw. Windows by Thomas Willament. Church Road, Greenfield OL3 7LQ



## Monday 13 September

### Family History Advice

**10am–12noon**

Family history advice for beginners and those with a problem

**Oldham Local Studies and Archives,**  
84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)



### The History of Oldham Market Place

**10am–12noon**

A tour of Oldham Market Place through time using old maps and photographs.

**Royton Library,** 60 Rochdale Road,  
Royton, Oldham OL2 6QJ

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)



## Tuesday 14 September

### The Old Road Through Oldham

**11am–12.30pm**

Follow the ancient medieval route through Oldham on an informative walk led by Jeremy Sutcliffe.

**Meet at the Peace Garden,**  
**bottom of George Street**

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)

### Wonderful Westwood,

**2–3pm**

Guided tour of the historic buildings and fabulous street art in Westwood.

**Meet at Anchor Mill,** Daisy Street,  
Westwood, Oldham.

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)

### Oldham Town Centre

#### Ghost Walk,

**7–8pm**

Uncover some of the ghostly goings-on in Oldham! A fun walk suitable for children 6 years and over accompanied by an adult.

**Meet at The Old Museum,**  
Greaves Street, Oldham OL1 1DN

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)

## Wednesday 15 September

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10am–12noon

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84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

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### Union Street: The First Southern Internal By-pass and its Listed Buildings, 11am–12.30pm

Take a guided walk along one of Oldham's most famous streets. **Meet at the Peace Garden**, corner of George Street and Union Street.

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or archives@oldham.gov.uk

### The Life and Times of Frederick Scrivener Hilary Basil Boddington:

**From Big Game Hunter to the Manager of the Roxy Cinema, Failsworth, 2–3pm** – A talk exploring the life of one of Oldham's more colourful characters.

**Crompton Library**, 7 Farrow Street East, Shaw, Oldham OL2 8QY

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or archives@oldham.gov.uk



### Curry and Culture: A Story of Curry, Heritage and Giving, 7–8.30pm

On-line talk exploring the history of the curry industry in Oldham; presented by Oldham Historical Research Group.

**To book your place via Eventbrite:**

Curry & Culture – a Story of Curry, Heritage and Giving  
Wed 15 September 7pm

## Thursday 16 September

### Oldham Lyceum, 11am–12noon

A guided tour of one of the most iconic buildings in Oldham Town Centre.

95 Union St, Oldham OL1 1QG

**Meet at the entrance to the Lyceum on Firth Street.**

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or archives@oldham.gov.uk

### Greenacres Cemetery WW1 Walk, 2–3.30pm

Take a guided tour of the cemetery's World War One graves.

**Greenacres Road OL4 3HT**

Meet at entrance to the cemetery.

**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654  
or archives@oldham.gov.uk

## Friday 17 September

### History and heritage of Waterhead Church

10am–4pm

The Church will be open with staff available for tours. Books and guides introducing the Church and its history will be available.

**Holy Trinity Church**, Church Street East, Waterhead, Oldham OL4 2JQ



## Oldham Edge Walk

**10.30am–12 noon**

A walk on some of the very old roads/paths in Oldham. Route will be along part of Old Edge Lane then down into Higginshaw. Included will be how the area has changed with time and possible solutions to two questions which have vexed local historians. Stout footwear is recommended due to some of the paths being uneven and rough.

**Meet at the White House, Henshaw Street, Oldham Edge, OL1 3EN.** Parking available  
**Booking required** on 0161 770 4654 or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)

## Saturday 18 September

### Family History Advice,

**10am–12noon**

Family history advice for beginners and those with a problem.

**Oldham Local Studies and Archives,**  
84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN



### History and heritage of Waterhead Church

**10am–4pm**

The Church will be open with staff available for tours. Books and guides introducing the Church and its history will be available.

**Holy Trinity Church,** Church Street East, Waterhead, Oldham OL4 2JQ



## The Buildings of the Town Centre Conservation Area

**11am–12.30pm**

A walk looking at the buildings included in the revised (2019) Town Centre Conservation Area.

**Meet in the Oldham Library**

**Gardens;** walk concludes on Henshaw Street. **Booking required** on 0161 770 4654 or [archives@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:archives@oldham.gov.uk)

## Sunday 19 September

### History and heritage of Waterhead Church

**10am–4pm**

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## On-line trails

As part of Oldham's Histories Festival we are also offering some on-line trails you may like to follow:

[www.oldham.gov.uk/town\\_centre\\_trail](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/town_centre_trail)

[www.oldham.gov.uk/alex\\_park\\_trail](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/alex_park_trail)

[www.oldhamtheatreworkshop.co.uk/ghost-trail](http://www.oldhamtheatreworkshop.co.uk/ghost-trail)

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