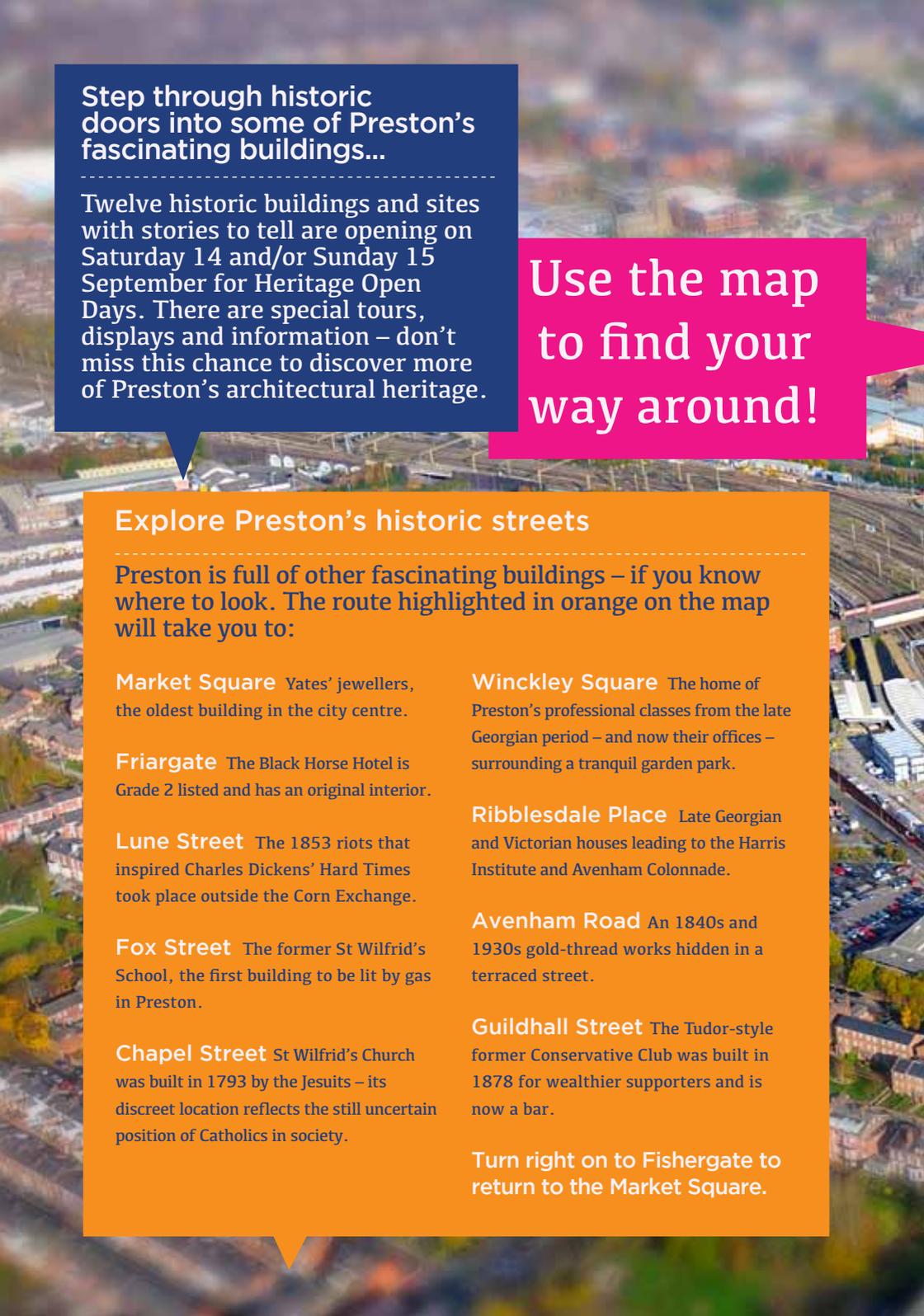


An aerial photograph of Preston, Lancashire, showing a mix of residential and commercial buildings, green spaces, and a golf course. A white speech bubble is overlaid on the image, containing text. At the bottom of the speech bubble is a pink graphic of a castle tower.

Heritage Open Days in Preston

Your chance to
explore some of
Preston's intriguing
buildings...

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2013



Step through historic doors into some of Preston's fascinating buildings...

Twelve historic buildings and sites with stories to tell are opening on Saturday 14 and/or Sunday 15 September for Heritage Open Days. There are special tours, displays and information – don't miss this chance to discover more of Preston's architectural heritage.

Use the map to find your way around!

Explore Preston's historic streets

Preston is full of other fascinating buildings – if you know where to look. The route highlighted in orange on the map will take you to:

Market Square Yates' jewellers, the oldest building in the city centre.

Friargate The Black Horse Hotel is Grade 2 listed and has an original interior.

Lune Street The 1853 riots that inspired Charles Dickens' *Hard Times* took place outside the Corn Exchange.

Fox Street The former St Wilfrid's School, the first building to be lit by gas in Preston.

Chapel Street St Wilfrid's Church was built in 1793 by the Jesuits – its discreet location reflects the still uncertain position of Catholics in society.

Winckley Square The home of Preston's professional classes from the late Georgian period – and now their offices – surrounding a tranquil garden park.

Ribblesdale Place Late Georgian and Victorian houses leading to the Harris Institute and Avenham Colonnade.

Avenham Road An 1840s and 1930s gold-thread works hidden in a terraced street.

Guildhall Street The Tudor-style former Conservative Club was built in 1878 for wealthier supporters and is now a bar.

Turn right on to Fishergate to return to the Market Square.

Saturday 14 September

1

Avenham and Miller Parks Heritage Walking Tour

The Pavilion, Avenham Park, PR1 8JT

Avenham and Miller Parks lie side by side on the north bank of the River Ribble, near the city centre, and are two of the finest Victorian parks in the north-west of England. The 60-90 minute tour tells the fascinating story of their development and visits their key features – Belvedere, Swiss Chalet, Boer War Memorial, Fountain, Derby Statue, Grottos. The tour begins from the modern pavilion, designed by award-winning architect Ian McChesney.

Also on
**Sunday
15 Sept**

> **Tour at 2pm. No need to book.**

Access: *Steep slopes in some areas of the parks.*
Café, toilets.

2

Harris Museum & Art Gallery and Library

Market Square, PR1 2PP

Take a tour of this ‘architectural gem’, a Grade 1 listed neo-classical building designed by James Hibbert. Visit the Egyptian balcony at the top of the building. And if you’re not sure about stairs or heights, enjoy the experience as a ‘virtual tour’. Discover how the museum might have looked if Hibbert had included steps at the front – it’s the last weekend of our ‘Harris Flights’ public art project.

- > **Building open 9am – 5pm** (Museum 10am)
- > **Building tours at 11am and 3pm**
- > **Family Egyptian balcony tours at 12 noon and 2pm** (children must be aged 7+)
- > **‘Virtual’ Egyptian balcony tour at 1pm**

Pre-booking recommended for all tours – contact 01772 905414

Access: *Lift access to all areas except Egyptian balcony. Accessible toilet on ground floor.*
Café, toilets.

The Museum & Art Gallery is open Monday–Saturday

www.harrismuseum.org.uk

3

Lancashire County Hall Tours of the Council Chamber

Fishergate Hill, PR1 8XJ

Take a tour of the main Council Chamber and Assembly Hall, dating from the 1930s, with fine decoration, wood carving and stained glass.

> **Tours at 10am, 10.30am, 11am, 11.30am, 12 noon and 12.30pm.**
No need to book, but numbers limited
Enter by Pitt Street entrance.

Access: *Full wheelchair access.*
Toilets.

4

Lancashire Archives

Bow Lane, PR1 2RE

This iconic 1970s building holds 9 miles of shelving and 900 years of history. Tour behind the scenes and take a look at the exhibition on the building’s history.

> **Building open 10am – 4pm**
> **Tours at 11am, 12 noon, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. No need to book.**

Access: *Lift access to all areas. Accessible toilets.*
Parking, toilets

The Archives are open Monday–Friday and 2nd Saturday of the month
www.archives.lancashire.gov.uk

5

Lancashire Infantry Museum

Fulwood Barracks, Watling Street Road, PR2 8AA

The Lancashire Infantry Museum and Archive is the largest regimental museum in the north-west of England. Special events for the day include guided tours of the historic Fulwood Barracks enabling guests to see parts of the grounds that are normally restricted to visitors. Members of the Great War Society are on hand to share information about WWI. Take part in family-friendly activities – fun trails, try on new and old uniforms and design your own cap badge.

> **Building open 10am – 4pm.**

No need to book.

Access: *All public areas apart from the Chapel are accessible to wheelchair users. Parking, toilets.*

The Museum is open Tuesday–Thursday and Saturday

www.lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk

6

The Minster Church of St John

Church Street, PR1 3BU

Preston's parish church is a Grade 2* listed building almost entirely rebuilt in the mid-1850s by the north-west architect EH Shellard, and considered to be his best work. The font and other internal fittings are by EG Paley, the Lancaster architect later known for his work with Herbert Austin. Memorial brass and Shrigley and Hunt stained glass. Preston Historical Society's archives on view.

> **Building open 10am – 2pm.**

Access: *Disabled parking behind church. Ramped access. Refreshments, toilets.*

7

Museum of Lancashire

Stanley Street, PR1 4YP

Also on
Sunday
15 Sept

Take an interactive tour of the Museum with a difference? Did you know that it was built almost 200 years ago as a court house for the Preston area? Meet some characters from what was branded the worst court in the whole of the kingdom. Discover some of the trials held here and how the building has changed over the years.

> **Building open Saturday from 10.30am – 5pm. Sunday from 12 noon.**

> **Saturday – Tours at 11am, 12 noon, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.** (suitable for ages 7+)

> **Sunday – at 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 3pm. No need to book, but numbers limited.**

Access: *Majority of site is wheelchair accessible, but only stair access to upper floor. Accessible toilet.*

Café, toilets, parking.

Museum open Tuesday–Sunday and

Bank Holiday Mondays

www.lancashire.gov.uk/museumoflancashire

8

P.C Carpets and Beds Hidden 'art nouveau'

1 and 2 Lune Street (on corner with Fishergate), PR1 2NL

Grade 2 listed late-Victorian former friendly society offices with original interior features within a Baroque-style exterior. The manager's office at the top of the building includes wooden panelling and – open only for Heritage Open Day – his bathroom with beautiful 'art nouveau' tiling.

> **Open 10am – 5pm.**

Access: *Main features are at the top of 3 flights of stairs. No facilities.*

9

Preston Town Hall

Lancaster Road, PR1 2RL

Take a guided tour of the Town Hall, including the Council Chamber. See the splendid civic regalia and learn about its fascinating history. Meet the Mayor of Preston in the Mayor's Parlour. Discover the construction of the building through old plans and photos.

> **Tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm.**

(suitable for children aged 10+)

Pre-booking recommended – contact the Visitor Information Centre on 01772 253731

Access: Full wheelchair access via lift. Accessible toilet.

Refreshments, toilets.

10

St Peter's Church Arts Centre

St Peter's Square, off Fylde Road, PR1 2HE

St Peter's is a redundant Grade 2* listed church, now used as an arts centre at the University of Central Lancashire and not normally open to the public. Built in the 1820s as an early Commissioners' 'Waterloo' church – an act of Parliament in 1818 financed the building of nearly 100 Anglican churches after the Napoleonic Wars. A bequest funded the addition of the tower and spire 30 years later.

> **Tours at 12 noon and 2pm.**
No need to book, but numbers limited.

Access: Gallery accessible by stairs only. Some features restricted by current use. Toilets.

11

St Walbuge's Church

Pedder Street, PR2 2QE

Discover Preston's only Grade 1 listed church, designed by Joseph Hansom – the man responsible for the Hansom cab. The hammer-beam roof spans a vast open space seating 1,000 people. Fine stained glass and an intriguing war memorial, once part of a medieval northern-French abbey. Climb the highest parish church spire in the UK.

> **Open 10.30am – 2.30pm.**

Access: Spire accessed by steep spiral staircase (age and height restrictions). Toilets.

The church is open to visitors most Saturday mornings

Sunday 15 September

12

Preston Playhouse

Market Street West, PR1 2HB

Join a guided tour of the theatre including backstage and technical areas and see a stage set under construction. Find out about the history of the building – formerly a Friends Meeting House.

> **Building open 10am – 4pm.**
No need to book.

Access: Wheelchair access to ground floor only. Tour involves three floors with no lift. Disabled parking on site. Accessible toilet. Complimentary refreshments, toilets.

www.prestonplayhouse.com
