

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



Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 2016

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

Twenty-four places with stories to tell are opening on Saturday 10 and/or Sunday 11 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.

Saturday 10 September

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Avenham and Miller Parks Heritage Walks

The Pavilion, Avenham Park, PR1 8JT

Avenham and Miller Parks lie on the north bank of the River Ribble, and are two of the finest Victorian parks in the north-west of England. The 60–90 minute tour tells the story of their development and visits key features such as the Swiss Chalet and the Grottos. Meet at the Pavilion, designed by award-winning architect Ian McChesney. Wear stout shoes and appropriate clothes for the weather.

🕒 2pm 10+ ♿

> Access: Steep slopes in some areas of the parks.

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Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library

Market Square, PR1 2PP

The Grade I listed Harris is full of intriguing features - from original radiators and mosaic floors to the ramped access designed by artist Ian Hamilton Finlay. Visit the Egyptian balcony with its stunning views from the top of the building – or enjoy a virtual tour of its features. Discover the history of the building with an Architectural Gem tour.

🕒 Building 10am – 5pm 7+
Egyptian Balcony 1 – 3pm

🕒 Building 12 noon
Virtual Egyptian Balcony 1pm, 2pm 10+



The Harris is currently open every day, and late on Wednesdays until 8pm
www.harrismuseum.org.uk

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Haslam Park Heritage Walks

Blackpool Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, PR2 1JE

Haslam Park was designed by Thomas Mawson, the celebrated Edwardian landscape architect, and is bounded by the Lancaster Canal begun in 1792. The adjoining nature reserve and orchard were created on former farmland. These walks reveal the history of the park and the canal. Meet at the car park on Bristow Avenue, off Blackpool Road. Wear stout footwear and appropriate clothes for the weather.

🕒 Saturday Park 10am, Canal 2pm.
Sunday Park 10am, Canal 2pm.



> Access: Slopes in some areas of the park.

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Hidden 'art nouveau' - P.C. Carpets, Everything Home

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.

🕒 Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 11am – 3pm

> Access: Main features are at the top of 3 flights of stairs.

Also on Sunday 11 Sept

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Lancashire Archives

Bow Lane, PR1 2RE

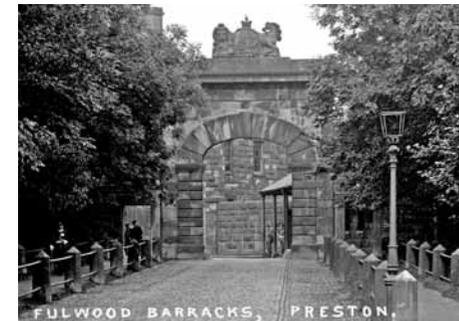
This iconic 1970s building holds 9 miles of shelving and centuries of history. Tour behind the scenes and explore the history of the building. Discover archive treasures from 900 years of Lancashire's heritage, including the first eyewitness account of 'Bonfire Night' and Rules for Servants in the county's historic houses.

🕒 10am – 4pm ♿ P

🕒 11am, 12 noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm 10+

Access: Lift access to all areas. Accessible toilets

The Archives are open Tuesday-Friday and 2nd Saturday of the month
www.lancashire.gov.uk/archives



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Lancashire Conservation Studios

St Mary's Church, St Mary's Street (behind Museum of Lancashire), PR1 5LN

St Mary's Church was designed by John Latham and built in an Italian Gothic revival style in the 1830s. Original stained glass and war memorials can still be seen in its new use as conservation studios. The churchyard of 50 remaining graves is now a haven for wildlife. Join a tour of the studios where sculptures, paintings, gasmasks and wolves are carefully cleaned and restored.

🕒 Churchyard only 11am – 3pm ♿ P

🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm 12+



Essential. Ring 01772 534068 or email conservation.unit@lancashire.gov.uk

> Access: Full wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Disabled parking.

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Lancashire Infantry Museum

Fulwood Barracks, Watling Street Road, PR2 8AA

Visit the museum and take a tour of the historic Fulwood Barracks, seeing areas that are normally restricted. Find out why the barracks was built and discover stories of ghostly activity! Talk to members of the Great War Society demonstrating soldiers' kit, and see Second Lieutenant Gabriel Coury's Victoria Cross, awarded for bravery on the Somme 100 years ago.

🕒 10am – 4pm ♿ P

🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2pm 10+

> Please check the museum's website to find out up-to-date arrangements.

> Access: All public areas apart from the Chapel are accessible to wheelchair users.

The Museum is open Tuesday–Thursday and Saturday www.lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk

Icon Key



Tour Times



Booking Details



Opening Times



Refreshments



Suitable Age



Toilets



Parking

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The Minster Church of St John the Evangelist

Church Street, PR1 3BU

Preston's parish church is a Grade 2* listed building. It was almost entirely rebuilt in the mid-1850s by EH Shellard, with fittings by Lancaster architect, EG Paley, and stained glass by Shrigley and Hunt. During the 1715 Battle of Preston, the Jacobite army used the tower as an observation post, and later over 1,000 Jacobite prisoners were held for weeks in the church.

Also on
Sunday
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 Saturday 10am - 4pm
Sunday 2 - 4pm   

> **Access:** Disabled parking behind church. Ramped access. Accessible toilet.

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Museum Of Lancashire

Stanley Street, PR1 4YP

Travel back in time to the Museum's days as a Court of Quarter Sessions. Journey around the building with our guide as he strips away the current interior to reveal the stories and architecture from when the Court was known as the worst in the whole Kingdom.

 10.30am - 5pm   
 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm 

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

Museum open Wednesday-Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays

www.lancashire.gov.uk/museums

Don't miss more
Sunday openings
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Preston Cleansing Department

Argyll Road, PR1 6JY

Discover the fascinating history of dealing with Preston's rubbish, on the site of an early 'manure depot'. Tour the former 'refuse destructor' built in the 1880s to collect, sort and burn waste. The stables for the council's horses still have their original fittings. Meet outside reception building.

 10am, 11am, 1pm    

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access.

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Preston Dock and Riversway Control Centre

Navigation Way,
Riversway, PR2 2YP

Visit the Dock Control Tower and discover the history of Preston Dock. You can follow up the tour with a self-guided trail of more highlights of the Dock's history. Meet at entrance to building - latecomers cannot be admitted.

 10am, 11.30am, 1pm 

 **Essential.** Email booking on Riversway@preston.gov.uk preferred. Or leave clear message on 01772 726711.

> **Access:** Stairs to control centre - no lift.

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Preston Markets Heritage Tour

Fish Market, Earl Street, PR1 2QE

Discover the history of Preston's markets and the Grade 2 listed canopies built in 1875 and 1920, currently being refurbished. These 30-minute tours are led by the Markets Manager and will reveal fascinating tales and facts about the market. All participants will receive a free drinks voucher for the market cafes once the tour finishes. Meet at the smaller outdoor market on the Birley Street side.

 11.30am, 12.30pm   

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access

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Preston Masonic Hall

Ashlar House, Saul Street, PR1 2QU

The Masonic Hall opened in 1944 on the site of Saul Street Methodist Church - the gable of the 1860 Sunday School is still visible. Visit the lodge rooms and museum, see an exhibition of Masonic regalia and discover the history and role of masons in Preston.

Also on
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 11am - 4pm  On the hour  

> **Access:** Stepped access to entrance and some areas. Ramp access to side. Accessible toilet.

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Preston Railway Station

Fishergate, PR1 8AP

The first station on the site was built in 1838, and the current building dates from 1880. The large central platform was larger than any of the major London terminals at the time. By World War I there were 15 platforms, and in both wars a volunteer-run buffet in the current waiting room provided free refreshments for servicemen. The station is being refurbished, but if possible the tour will include normally inaccessible areas. Meet at the front of the station.

Also on
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 11am, 1pm, 3pm   

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access via ramps and lift. Accessible toilet.

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Preston Town Hall

Lancaster Road, PR1 2RL

Visit the Council Chamber at the heart of the Town Hall and discover how it works. See the splendid civic regalia and learn about its fascinating history. Meet the Mayor of Preston in the Mayor's Parlour.

 9.30am, 10.45am, 12noon  

 Ring 01772 906818 or email c.little@preston.gov.uk

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access via lift. Accessible toilet.

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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. It was 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. Displays by the Students Union explore the history of the university and its place in the community.

 11am - 3pm  11am, 12noon, 2pm  

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

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St Walburge's Church

Weston Street, off Pedder Street, PR2 2QE

Discover Preston's Grade I listed church, designed by Joseph Hansom - the man responsible for the Hansom cab. The hammerbeam roof spans a vast open space seating 1,000 people. You can climb the highest parish church spire in the UK. The Presbytery will also be open serving refreshments.

Also on
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 Saturday 11.30am - 2.30pm 
Sunday 2 - 5pm

> **Access:** Steps to Presbytery. Spire accessed by spiral staircase.



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St Wilfrid's ChurchChapel Street, off
Fishergate, PR1 8BUAlso on
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St Wilfrid's is a Grade 2* listed Jesuit church, which opened in 1793. Father 'Daddy' Dunn, who made Preston the first gas-lit town outside London, was the driving force behind its construction. Originally a simple and discreet building, it was remodelled in the late 19th century both internally and externally. Planned refurbishment work may restrict some features.

🕒 Saturday 1.30 – 5pm Sunday 1 – 4pm

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

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The Twelve Tellers14-15 Church Street,
PR1 3BQAlso on
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This Grade II listed building opened as the Preston Savings Bank in 1907, on the site of an older bank dating from 1776. Now restored as a pub, you can still see features of the former banking hall, including the vaults, security gates and panelled boardrooms, as well as old photos showing the twelve bank tellers at the counter.

🕒 Saturday 8am – 6pm
Sunday 8am – 6pm 🗿 ♿

> **Access:** Lift to first floor – unsuitable for wheelchair users. Disabled parking.

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Winckley Square Gardens

off Fishergate, PR1 3JJ

Also on
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Gardens is a small park

set in one of Preston's most historic areas. The Gardens are currently closed for renovation, so this is a chance to discover the amazing history of the square. Have a guided tour and get a behind-the-scenes look at the work in progress. Tours will start from the entrance opposite Garden Street.

🕒 10.30am – 4pm 🗿 11am, 1pm, 3pm

> **Access:** Most of the tour is on the surrounding streets and wheelchair accessible.



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St George's ChurchBetween Lune Street and
Friargate, PR1 2NP

St George's is tucked away behind the shopping centre that takes its name. The Grade 2* listed church is the oldest surviving in Preston. It was built in 1725–26 as a chapel of ease to St John's Church, Preston, and was enlarged in 1799. The stone exterior was added in 1843 and the following year, St George's became a parish in its own right. Further work added the chancel, a remodelled nave and a gallery.

🕒 12noon – 4pm ♿ ♿ ♿

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Disabled parking.

22

Moor Park Heritage Walk

Off Moor Park Avenue, PR1 6AS

Horses to Hospitals - join a guided walk round Moor Park looking at the rich history of the park and the current restoration works. The walk will feature Guild celebrations, the old horseracing starting stone, and the grotto and decorative garden, which are being refurbished. There will also be a tour of the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory, subject to completion of scheduled works. Meet at Bowling Pavilion.

🗿 1pm 🅇 ♿ ♿

> **Access:** Partial wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Disabled parking.



23

Preston Cemetery

New Hall Lane, PR1 4SY

The cemetery opened in 1855 when many of Preston's overcrowded churchyards were closed by Act of Parliament. Join a one-hour guided tour of the old cemetery visiting the graves of famous and infamous Prestonians, including Joseph Livesey, the founder of teetotalism, and Matthew Brown, the brewer. Meet at Cemetery office by main gates.

🗿 11am, 12 noon, 1pm 🅇 ♿ ♿ ♿

> **Access:** Uneven paths. Suitable for wheelchair users with assistance. Disabled parking.

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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.

🕒 10am – 4pm

> **Access:** Wheelchair access to ground floor only. Tour involves three floors with no lift. Disabled parking. Accessible toilet.

www.prestonplayhouse.com

Also open on Sunday:

Haslam Park,
P.C. Carpets,
Preston Dock,
Preston Masonic Hall,
Preston Railway Station,
St Walburge's,
St Wilfrid's,
Twelve Tellers.

See Saturday's listings for full details.



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