



Stockport Museums

WHAT'S

ON

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STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

WHAT'S ON AT STOCKPORT MUSEUMS



We're back with more events, activities, workshops and performances to keep you entertained over Easter, spring half term and summer.

Our new 'Museum Lates' programme sees the launch of a Book Club, an evening with 'Mrs Beeton', a Warhammer Night and Prosecco Tour. There's fascinating talks on Jane Austen, Henry VIII, the raunchy lives of the Tudors, plus live music in the intimate setting of Hat Works.

We mark 200 years since the Peterloo Massacre; a peaceful protest by workers for better pay, conditions and representation which led to government troops 'charging the crowd', wounding 700 people and causing the death of 18. Commemorations will feature a theatrical performance, illustrated talks, an evening of ballads and the re-display of authentic items relating to Peterloo.

We bring you the Stockport Open Exhibition, a millinery school, open air Shakespeare, our popular 'Meet The....' programme as well as craft sessions, trails, concerts and family events.

Come and discover us amongst the dragons, pirates, witches and kings.

Cover image:
'The Tempest' from Illyria

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PETERLOO EVENTS IN STOCKPORT



A series of **FREE** events organised by Stockport Libraries and Stockport Heritage Trust to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre.

Unless otherwise stated, the following events take place at:

**Stockport Central Library,
Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3RS**

Friday 12 April

Meet the Author

Brent Shore's novel 'Blessed are the Meek' is based on the 1848 Plug Riots around the mills of Hyde in the years after Peterloo.

Suitable for ages 14+

7pm - 8.30pm

Booking essential:

<https://brent-shore-plug-plot.eventbrite.co.uk>

Wednesday 29 May

Radical Riots Comic Strip

Create your own graphic novel style story panels depicting a scene from one of the protests that took place in Stockport.

Suitable for ages 7+

2pm - 4pm

Booking essential:

<https://radical-riots-comic-strip.eventbrite.co.uk>

Friday 28 June

Peterloo: From Stockport to Manchester

An illustrated talk on Peterloo and its Stockport connections by expert, Dr Robert Poole. Books will be available for sale.

Suitable for ages 14+

7pm - 9pm

Booking essential: <https://peterloo-from-stockport-to-manchester.eventbrite.co.uk>

Friday 2 August

The Ballads and Songs of Peterloo

A talk by Alison Morgan on the ballads and songs of Peterloo, with live music by Pete Coe, Laura Smyth and Brian Peters.

Suitable for ages 14+

7pm - 9pm

Booking essential: <https://ballads-and-songs-of-peterloo.eventbrite.co.uk>

January to September

Radical Reform in Stockport

A series of displays and resources on the history of radical reform in Stockport.

Suitable for ages 12+

For library opening times visit www.stockport.gov.uk/libraries

23 April to 25 August

Stockport at Peterloo

An exhibition on the events in Stockport which led up to the Peterloo Massacre.

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday from 10.30am - 3.30pm and Thursday from 10am to 3pm

Just drop in

**Stockport Heritage Trust,
St. Mary's Church, Market Place**

What's on at...

AIR RAID SHELTERS

Stockport's intriguing network of underground tunnels offers visitors unparalleled insight into life in 1940s wartime Britain. When the Shelters opened in 1939 with room for 3,850 people, they were the largest purpose built civilian shelters in the country. An audio-guide, information panels and authentically recreated settings illustrate the extent of Stockport's air raid precautions for life on the home front.

Admission

Adults £5, Concessions £3.75
Leisure Key and KIDS GO FREE

Opening Hours

Tue – Fri: 1pm - 5pm, Sat: 10am – 5pm
Sun & Bank Holidays: 11am – 5pm

Find us at

Tel: 0161 474 1940
61 Chestergate
Stockport, SK1 1NE



AIR RAID SHELTERS

MUSEUM LATE

Wednesdays 10 April, 8 May,
12 June, 10 July, 14 August,
11 September & 9 October

Explorer Tunnel Tours - Going Underground

Take an evening tour around the shelters and see the extent of Stockport's air raid preparations. Visit areas not usually open to the public, including unlit and reinforced tunnelling.

Suitable for ages 11+

7pm - 8.30pm

£6.50, concessions/under 16s £5.50

Booking essential: 0161 474 1940



MUSEUM LATE

Wednesdays 17 April, 5 June,
7 August & 21 August

Children's Explorer Tours

Exciting Children's Tours exploring the shelters. Brave the darkened tunnels to go back in time and experience life as a child during WWII.

Suitable for ages 7+

6.45pm - 8.15pm

Children £4 (accompanying adults £3)

Booking essential: 0161 474 1940

SHOPPING AND TICKETS

Our museum shops stock a range of beautiful, bespoke and original gifts not available on the high street. You can now visit our online shop at: <https://museumshops.uk>

Annual Pass

Adults £25

Concessions £20

Enjoy unlimited access to our museums for 1 year and 10% off in all our museum shops. Charges apply for special events.

Multi-Site Ticket

Adults £13

Concessions £10

Visit all our museums once.
Valid for Staircase House, Bramall Hall, Hat Works and Air Raid Shelters.
Charges apply for special events.

Kids Go Free*

No charge for children under 16 when accompanied by an adult. Advance booking is required for parties of 10 or more. Contact individual venues for details.

*Excludes school visits and supervised groups.
Charges apply for special events.



What's on at...

BRAMALL

HALL

Bramall Hall is one of England's most striking black and white timber-framed buildings. Set in 70 acres of parkland, this magnificent house has witnessed 7 centuries of colourful history from Medieval beginnings to the present day. Following a £2 million restoration project it has undergone dramatic improvements to the historic features, room settings, interpretation and visitor facilities.

Please note:

Only rooms on the ground floor are accessible for wheelchairs. Rooms on the first floor can only be reached by a staircase.



Admission

Adults £5, Concessions £3.75
Leisure Key and KIDS GO FREE

Opening Hours

Tuesday - Thu & Sun: 1pm - 5pm
Fri & Sat: 1pm - 4pm
Bank Holidays: 11am - 5pm

The Hall will occasionally be closed for private functions. Please check our website before travelling to avoid disappointment on arrival.

Find us at

Tel: 0161 474 2020
Bramhall Park, Bramhall
Stockport, SK7 3NX



Tel: 0161 474 4444 stockport.gov.uk/museums

EASTER FUN



Tuesday 9 April Tudor Explorers

Find out about the people who brought us chocolate and potatoes and discovered a whole new world. Create your own explorer's map and compass.

Suitable for ages 7+

2pm – 4pm

£4

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

Wednesday 10 April Make a Mini Knot Garden

Learn about herbs and other plants the Tudors used. Make a mini knot garden to take home.

Suitable for all ages

2pm – 4pm

£3.50 per person making a garden

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399



Thursday 11 April Design a Coat of Arms

Create a coat of arms to paint onto a shield, inspired by the ones around the Hall.

Suitable for ages 7+

1pm – 4pm

£5 per person taking part

Booking essential 0161 474 2399

Friday 12 April The Beasts of Bramall Hall

Join us on a magical tour of the Hall for our younger visitors, as we tell stories and look for the friendly Red Dragon.

Suitable for ages 3 to 6

10am – 11.30am

£3.50 per child (accompanying adults free, maximum two per child)

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

Sunday 14 April Let's Go Fly A Kite!

Watch your kite as it soars up into the sky. Make a kite in our workshop or bring your own.

Suitable for all ages

11am – 4pm

£5 for the workshop, kite flying free

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

BRAMALL HALL

EASTER FUN

Tuesday 16 April

If You Go Down To The Woods Today...

Help us to look for the bears, elves and fairies that live in the woods and make an elf or fairy door for your garden.

Suitable for ages 3- 6

10am - 11.30am

£4.50 per child

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

Thursday 18 April

Print an Easter Card

Print your own cards to give to family and friends - and maybe one for the Easter Bunny to get in her good books!

Suitable for all ages

1pm - 4pm

£1 per card printed

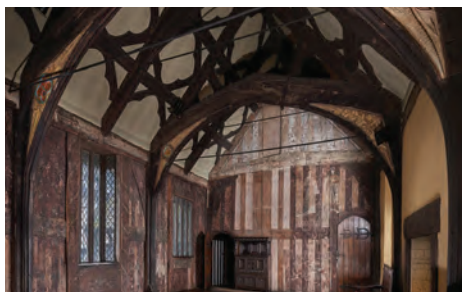
Just drop in



Every Saturday & Sunday

Guided Tours at the Hall

Discover Bramall Hall with one of our expert guides.



Suitable for all ages

2pm (Tour is 1 hour long)

£2 plus standard admission

Just drop in - limited places available

**Sundays 7 April, 12 May, 16 June,
21 July, 25 August & 29 September**

Autism Early Bird

An early opening for families and adults with Autism and other sensory processing conditions who would prefer a quieter time to visit. Staff are on hand to help you and we have sensory sacks, trails and activity hampers available.

Suitable for all ages

10am - 11.30am

Free, when booked in advance:

Call 0161 474 2020



BRAMALL HALL

Sunday 7 April

Plant Hunters' Fair in the Walled Garden

Find rare, unusual, heritage and brand varieties of plants from top specialist nurseries.

11am - 4pm

Entry to Fair £2

HISTORIC TALK

Thursday 18 April

'Ladies of a Certain Age' by History Wardrobe



Lively readings from Jane Austen's novels will be interspersed with insights into the realities of life for women past their first blush of youth in Regency England; not forgetting praise for literature's most marvellous spinster - Jane Austen herself.

Suitable for history and literature lovers

7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

£13.50

Booking essential: <https://ladiesofacertainage.eventbrite.co.uk>

MUSEUM LATE

**Tuesdays 21 May, 25 June, 23 July,
27 August & 17 September**

Bramall Hall Book Club

A new book club, discussing historical fiction in the atmospheric Victorian Kitchen. We will start with the King's Witch by Tracy Borman which is available to buy in our shop now.

Suitable for ages 15+

7.30pm - 9.30pm

(refreshments available including pay bar)

One-off fee adults £25, concessions £20
(includes an annual pass to Stockport
Museums and 10% off books)

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

MUSEUM LATE

Thursday 23 May

Rhymes and Reasons

An after-hours visit with a twist. Rooms will be littered with clues which link to nursery rhymes. Your challenge is to find them and decipher the meaning behind the rhyme.

Suitable for ages 16+

7pm - 9pm

£13.50 (includes a light supper)

Booking essential: <https://rhymesandreasons.eventbrite.co.uk>

BRAMALL HALL

Monday 27 May – Sunday 9 June

Knights Quest Trail

Are you brave enough to train to be a Knight? Take part in our quest and pass a series of challenges to begin your apprenticeship.

Suitable for ages 6+
(younger people may need adult help)

Normal opening hours

£1.50 per child taking part plus standard admission for accompanying adults

Just drop in

MUSEUM LATE

Thursday 13 June

An Evening with ‘Mrs Beeton’

The Delia Smith of the 19th century, the story of Mrs Beeton is a fascinating one. We talk about her life and work and there will be the chance to try some of her recipes.

Suitable for ages 16+

7pm - 9pm

£13.50 (includes a light supper)

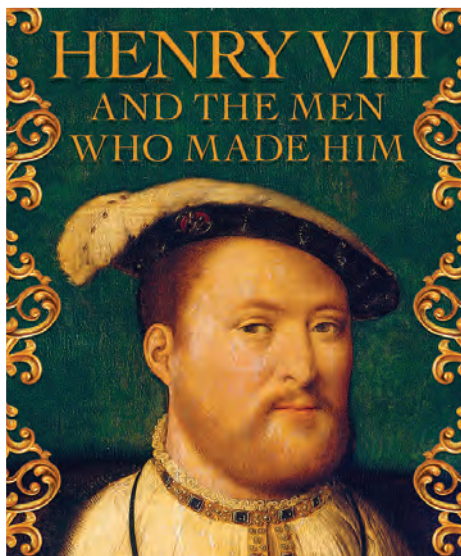
Booking essential: <https://mrsbeetonatbramall.eventbrite.co.uk>



HISTORIC TALK

Thursday 27 June

Tracy Borman - Henry VIII and the Men Who Made Him



Based upon her new biography, Henry VIII and the Men Who Made Him, Tracy Borman will tell the story of England's most famous monarch through the eyes of the men who surrounded him. She will introduce a dazzling cast of characters: some mad, some bad but none as dangerous to know as Henry VIII himself.

Suitable for ages 16+

6.30pm (doors open at 6pm)

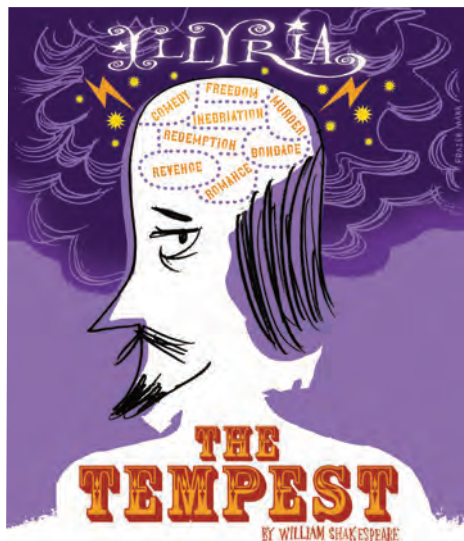
£13.50

Booking essential: <https://tracybormanatbramall.eventbrite.co.uk>

BRAMALL HALL

Friday 28 June

Open Air Shakespeare - The Tempest



Pack a picnic and enjoy Shakespearean comedy in the beautiful surroundings of Bramall Hall. This play by award-winning Illyria is lyrical, thought-provoking and raucously funny.

Suitable for adults 12+

7.30pm, gates open at 6pm

Early bird tickets £13* plus booking fee.

Standard tickets £15 plus booking fee.

All tickets include a visit to the Hall before the performance

www.illyria.co.uk

*First 50 tickets

"Illyria supports Equity's 'Professionally Made, Professionally Paid' campaign for fair pay and working conditions" *

Equity compliance guarantees that Illyria upholds minimum professional and legal standards. Adherence to Equity's guidelines gives venues a hallmark of higher standards and distinguishes Illyria from companies using illegal employment practices.

LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 July

Who Lives in a House Like This? The 1635 Household at Bramall Hall

Be transported back in time to the early 17th Century. Gentry re-enactors, the 1635 Household will introduce you to what domestic life would have been like in a house like this for a well-to-do family, their friends, servants and visiting tradesmen during the reign of King Charles I. An authentic, interactive and painstakingly researched glimpse into the past.

Suitable for all

11am - 4pm

Adults £5, Concessions £3.75, Children £2

No need to book



BRAMALL HALL

**Wednesday 31 July -
Sunday 1 September**

Dragon Tales

Follow our trail and discover how dragons can protect themselves from those nasty knights and scheming princesses.

Suitable for ages 6+
(younger children may need adult help)

Normal opening hours

£1.50 per child taking part, plus standard admission for accompanying adults

Just drop in

Wednesdays & Thursdays in August Brass Rubbing in the Great Hall

This will be run by the Friends of Bramall Hall. Materials provided.



Suitable for all ages

1pm - 4pm

from £1 depending on the size of the brass

Just drop in (advanced booking applies for parties of 9 or more)



HISTORIC TALK

**Thursday 12 September
Sex and the Tudors**



This lecture given by Lesley Smith, Tutbury Castle Curator, is a rip-roaring tumble through the sexual exploits of the Tudors. This promises to be an engaging and highly entertaining evening!

Strictly 18+ only

7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

£13.50

<https://sexandthetudors.eventbrite.co.uk>

UNDER FIVES ACTIVITIES

**Fridays 5 April, 3 May, 7 June,
5 July, 2 August & 6 September**

Bramall Hall Dragon Club

An exciting discovery session for children with a different theme each month. Stories, explorations and lots of play designed to engage children.

Suitable for children aged 2-5 years. No under 2s except babes in arms with older siblings

10am - 12noon

£7 per child (accompanying adults free, maximum two per child)

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399



**Thursdays 25 April, 23 May, 20 June,
18 July, 15 August & 26 September**

Bramall Babies Sensory Stories

A sensory story and play session for babies who are not yet walking.

Suitable for babies from birth until walking

11am - 11.45am

£5 per baby (accompanying adults free, maximum two per child)

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

What's on at...

CHADKIRK

CHAPEL

A beautifully restored 18th century chapel set in the heart of the Chadkirk Country Estate. Relax and enjoy the peace and tranquillity in this unique setting and learn about the history of the chapel and the legends that link it to the 7th century missionary, St Chad. Take a walk around the Chadkirk Trail and woodlands and enjoy the beauty of the wildflower meadow.

Events and activities are organised by a friendly team of volunteers; the Friends of Chadkirk.



Admission

FREE

Opening Hours

Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays: 1pm - 5pm

The Chapel will occasionally be closed for private functions. Please check our website before travelling to avoid disappointment on arrival.

Find us at

Tel: 0161 474 4444
Vale Road, Romiley
Stockport, SK6 3LD



1st Saturday & 3rd Thursday of the month Task Days in the Chadkirk Gardens

Help maintain the wonderful Chapel gardens. A great day out for those with a passion for gardening. No previous skills required.

Suitable for adults

Saturdays: 2pm – 4pm

Thursdays: 10am – 12noon

Contact: Mrs Pat Baker 0161 430 5782

Sunday 21 April Easter Sunday Service

Celebrate Easter Sunday within the beautiful setting of Chadkirk Chapel.

Suitable for all ages

3pm

Free

Just drop in (spaces limited)

Monday 22 April Easter Monday Children's Trail

Outdoor fun for the younger members of the family.

Suitable for the under 10s

2pm - 4pm

50p per child

Just drop in

Saturday 27 July Plant Sale in the Walled Garden

Brighten your garden with plants and flowers at bargain prices.

2.30pm - 4pm

Free

Just drop in

Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 July Well Dressing in the Making

Discover the ancient art of well dressing. Learn the secrets of 'puddling' and 'petalling' and have a go if you wish.

11am - 3pm

Free (refreshments available)

Just drop in

For group visits call: 0161 474 2020

Saturday 27 July Well Dressing Celebration

See this year's wonderful Well Dressing. Plants, cakes and other treats will be on sale. Enjoy performances by the Stockport Silver Band.

Everyone welcome

1pm: Blessing of St Chad's Well

2pm & 3pm: Stockport Silver Band

Free - No booking required

Sunday 28 July Peterloo Picnic

Bring along a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Chadkirk whilst watching the Free Radicals present 'Peterloo - Soldiers On The Rampage'. A musical commemoration of the Peterloo Massacre.

3pm

Free - Donations to the Friends of Chadkirk Chapel are welcome.





What's on at...

HAT WORKS

The UK's only museum dedicated to the hatting industry, hats and headwear. Visit our recreated hat factory with machinery dating back to Victorian times and an exquisite collection of 400 hats. Hat Works is also an explosive hub of excellence, creativity and innovation for milliners, designer-makers and those with an interest in couture fashion and cutting edge design.

Admission

FREE

Guided Tour: Adults £5, Concessions £3.75
Leisure Key and KIDS GO FREE

Opening Hours

Tue – Sat: 10am – 5pm

Sun & Bank Holidays: 11am – 5pm

Find us at

Tel: 0161 474 2399

Wellington Mill

Wellington Road South

Stockport, SK3 0EU



**Saturdays 6 April, 11 May, 15 June,
20 July, 24 August & 28 September**

Autism Early Bird

An opportunity for families with Autism and other sensory processing conditions to explore the museum when it is quiet. An optional craft activity will be available.

Suitable for all ages

10am – 11.30am

Free, £3 for the craft activity

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399



Saturday 6 April

This Gigantic Robot Kills The 10 Year Anniversary Tour

MC Lars performs as part of his UK tour with support from Koo Koo Kanga Roo and Ruled by Raptors.

Suitable for all ages

5pm (doors open at 4pm)

£11 plus booking fee

<https://www.seetickets.com>
(search Stockport MC Lars)

Saturday 6 April

Hip Hop Shakespeare

An opportunity to hear US Nerd Core rapper, MC Lars, talk about the origins of Hip Hop culture and how literature influences his work. Understand the rhythm of rap and rhyme and learn how to write your own lyrics.

Suitable for ages 10+

1pm – 3pm

£3.50 per person

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399



EASTER FUN

**Tuesday 9 - Thursday 11 April
& Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 April**

Craft Works

Three craft activities to keep you busy in the Easter holidays! Tuesday: Felt, Wednesday: Decoupage, Thursday: Press Print.

Suitable for ages 5+

(all children must be accompanied by an adult)

2pm – 4pm

£3.50 per person

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

HAT WORKS

MUSEUM LATE

Second Thursday of the month

Visit the museum after hours for a different experience. Pay bar available.

11 April: Prosecco Tour

Find out about the history of hatting whilst enjoying a glass of Prosecco.

9 May: Board Games Night

We supply old school board games or you can bring one of your own to share.

11 July: Batik Workshop

Learn how to make beautiful patterns on cloth using this wax resist technique.

8 August: Warhammer Night

Learn the basics of this fantasy battle game and have a go with help from experienced players.

12 September: Screen Printing

Screen Print a design onto a cloth bag.

6pm to 10pm

Each event £7.50

Suitable for ages 18+

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

HALF TERM FUN

Sunday 26 May

Super Sunday - All about Hats!

Explore our hat collection at this popular familiar activity day. Make hats, try on hats and find out how they were made. Under fives activities included.

Suitable for all ages

11am – 4pm

£2.50 per person

Just drop in

Tuesday 28 May

Make a Pirate Hat!

Make a pirate hat and eye patch then get ready to sail the high seas!

Suitable for all ages

1pm – 3pm

£3.50 per person making a hat

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

Wednesday 29 May

Top Hat Toddlers

A stay and play session for children aged 2- 5 years with activities linked to hats.

10.30am - 12.30pm

£3.50 per child with two free accompanying adults

Adults must supervise their children at all times

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

Thursday 30 May

Quilling Workshop

Learn how to “quill” (roll paper into tight shapes) and create a design on a card.

Suitable for all ages

1pm – 3pm

£3.50 per person

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

MUSEUM LATE

Thursday 13 June

Drink and Draw with Andrea Joseph



Life-drawing with a twist. Think of this as a murder mystery for sketchers. Come and be creative, enjoy the experience and the music. Andrea Joseph is a freelance illustrator, arts practitioner, creative writer and events facilitator.

Suitable for ages 18+ and all abilities

6pm – 9pm

£15

<https://stockportmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk>
or call 0161 474 2399

Tuesday 23 July - Sunday 1 September

The Great Hat Works Hat Hunt

A self-guided activity trail. Collect your discovery pack, full of ideas and activities.

Suitable for ages 6+ (younger children may require adult help)

Just drop in during normal opening hours

£3 per pack



PETERLOO

PROTEST.
DEMOCRACY.
FREEDOM.

Saturday 8 June

RIOT ACT

Performance by Breathe Out Theatre

On 12 August 1842, just 23 years after the Peterloo Massacre, Lancashire cotton-workers again marched in protest at appalling pay and conditions. Reaching Preston's Lune Street, they were confronted by the authorities and read the Riot Act. By 13 August, 7 men had been shot and 4 were dead.

Written by Rob Johnston, winner of Best Drama at the Greater Manchester Fringe Festival, 'Riot Act' mixes humour and tragedy to tell the story of all those caught up in the momentous events of 1842.

Suitable for ages 14+ Advisory

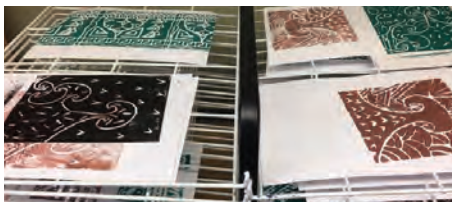
Performances 12 noon and 2pm

FREE

Booking essential:
<https://stockmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk>

HAT WORKS

Saturday 27 July Print Workshop



Learn the art of screen and lino print using our millinery collection as your inspiration. You will print cards and a cloth bag as we take you through the basic techniques. Suitable for absolute beginners and those with a little experience.

Suitable for ages 16+

10am – 4pm

£30 per person to include all materials and tea/coffee

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

Sunday 8 September Hatting Walk



Walk in the footsteps of hatters with hatting expert Sue Lea. This popular guided walk takes in the key sites and characters that played a part in Stockport's hat trade. Wear comfy shoes and dress for the weather. Please meet at Hat Works.

Suitable for ages 10+
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

1.30pm – 4pm

£8

<https://stockportmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk>
or call 0161 474 2399

UNDER FIVES ACTIVITIES

**Fridays 12 April, 10 May, 14 June,
12 July, 9 August, 13 September**

Messy Milliners

An exciting and innovative messy play session with a hatting theme!

Suitable for babies to walkers

11am – 11.45am

£4 per baby (accompanying adults free, maximum two per baby)

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

**Fridays 26 April, 31 May, 28 June,
26 July, 30 August & 27 September**
Mad Hatters Arts & Crafts Club

An action packed session of arts & crafts with the emphasis on fun and age ability skills development. Dress to get messy!

10am – 12noon (2 - 5 year olds)

£6 per child (accompanying adults free, maximum two per child)

2pm – 3pm (babies and early walkers)

£4 per baby (accompanying adults free, maximum two per baby)

Booking essential: 0161 474 2399

MILLINERY GET INVOLVED

DAYTIME COURSES



**Wednesdays 1, 8,
15, 22 & 29 May**

Cloche Workshop - A Walk in the '20s

Design, create and make a beautiful 1920s felt cloche hat. Work with wool felt, learn the techniques of how to block and sculpt your hat. Wiring, trimming and finishing are some of the skills you will master and develop on this course.

Tutor: Lorna Young

Suitable for adults

1.30pm – 4pm

£100

[https://stockportmuseums.
eventbrite.co.uk](https://stockportmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk)
or call 0161 474 2399

**Wednesdays 2, 9,
16, 23 & 30 October**

Fabric Hats: A Very Skilful Art

This 5 week course will focus on blocking

foundation fabrics such as buckram. The course will cover millinery techniques such as blocking, wiring, finishing and trimming. Students will aim to make one finished percher hat.

Tutor: Lorna Young

Suitable for adults

1.30pm – 4pm

£100

[https://stockportmuseums.
eventbrite.co.uk](https://stockportmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk)
or call 0161 474 2399

TALKS TO INSPIRE

Saturday 29 June

An afternoon of talks designed to spark new ideas and feed your curiosity.

Heads UP: Hat Works

Find out more about our current collections project as we share the surprises and stories being uncovered as we catalogue our hatting collection.

Speakers: Bronwen Simpson & Emma Hadley



Millinery Courses Cancellations
Hat Works reserves the right to cancel a course due to unforeseen events. We will notify you with as much notice as possible. Transfer onto an alternative course (if possible) or a full refund will be offered. We cannot offer refunds in the event of you cancelling your place. Where possible, we will offer you a place on another course subject to availability.

HAT WORKS

Feathers

A story of skulduggery, extinction and an act of parliament. How feathers caused such a stir.
Speaker: Sharon Bainbridge

Suitable for adults

2pm – 4pm

£10

[https://stockportmuseums.
eventbrite.co.uk](https://stockportmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk)
or call 0161 474 2399

MILLINERY SUMMER SCHOOL

**Tuesday 30,
Wednesday 31 July
& Thursday 1 August**

Millinery 3 Day Summer School

Immerse yourself in 3 days of millinery. Hone your skills, try a new technique, tackle a more challenging project or take your work in a new direction. Students aim to make one felt and one straw hat and will be guided through the process.

Tutors: Sue Carter & Marie Thornton

Suitable for adults

10.30am – 4pm each day

£180

[https://stockportmuseums.
eventbrite.co.uk](https://stockportmuseums.eventbrite.co.uk) or call
0161 474 2399

What's on at...

STAIRCASE HOUSE

Discover Stockport's oldest town house situated in the Historic Market Place. The house and its rare Jacobean cage-newel staircase have been beautifully restored. Come along and take an historic journey back in time to discover how our ancestors lived from the 15th to the 20th centuries.

Admission

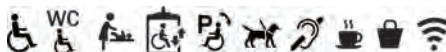
Adults £5, Concessions £3.75
Leisure Key and KIDS GO FREE

Opening Hours

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Sun & Bank Holidays: 11am – 5pm

Find us at

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30/31 Market Place
Stockport, SK1 1ES



STAIRCASE HOUSE

Tuesday 2 April – Monday 22 April

Easter Trail

Follow our Easter Trail. A fun, family event with some 'hands on' activities.

Suitable for all ages

Normal opening hours and charges apply
£1 per trail

MUSEUM LATE

Friday 17 May

Night Night, Sleep Tight!



Night caps, slumberings, lotions and potions! Discover intriguing recommendations to induce sleep!

Suitable for ages 11+

7.30pm – 9pm

£10

Booking essential: 0161 474 4444

Sunday 8 June

Crafty Saturday

Make a cardboard loom, thread it and weave a coaster. Resources and instructions provided on how to finish it at home.

Suitable for ages 5+

10am – 12noon

£5

Booking essential: 0161 474 4444

Tuesday 23 July –

Sunday 8 September

Household Helpers' Trail

Looking after Stockport's oldest town house was hard work. Find the figures hiding in the House and discover what life was like for the servants who once lived here.

Suitable for all ages

Normal opening hours and charges apply

£1 per trail

Just drop in

Saturday 8 October

Crafty Saturday

Make salt dough and discover ways to colour and decorate it. Spell your name or make ornaments to take home.

Suitable for ages 5+

10am – 12noon

£5

Booking essential: 0161 474 4444

Thursday 24 October

Crime & Punishment

Discover gruesome deeds and how the guilty were punished. An interactive child friendly family event.

Suitable for ages 7+

11am – 12noon

£3

Booking essential: 0161 474 4444

What's on at...

STOCKPORT MUSEUM

Time-travel through Stockport and experience the town's history all under one roof. With five floors of fierce facts and fantastic fun there's plenty to do for the whole family. We've even got a gallery just for kids!

Admission

FREE

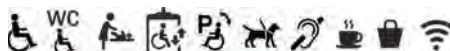
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Saturday 6 April – Sunday 28 July

Museum Mouse's Shape Trail

Museum Mouse is thinking about his favourite shapes. Help him to find them.

Suitable for ages 2 - 7

During normal opening hours

Free

Just drop in

Second Friday of the month

'Object of the Month'

Introducing our next 'Object of the Month' programme. A fascinating lunchtime short talk featuring an object from our collections. Meet in the browse area.

12 April: Scarab amulet

10 May: Embroidered Sampler

14 June: SSS Centenary window

12 July: Foam making branch

9 August: Constable Birch's breastbone



13 September: Town crier's bell

11 October: Trevor Grimshaw print
'The Viaduct'

Suitable for all ages

1pm

Free

Just drop in

Mondays 15 April, 3 June & 5 August

Visits for Families with Autism

Explore Stockport Museum when it is closed to the public.

Suitable for families with autistic children

10am - 11.30am

Free

Just drop in

Contact: 07800 618600 on arrival

STOCKPORT MUSEUM

Wednesday 17 April

Meet the Fireman



Speak to a Fireman in our Museum.
Handle and interpret some real items.

Suitable for all ages

11am - 12noon and 2pm - 3pm

Free

Just drop in during the above times

Tuesday 23 July

Peterloo Revealed



Be the first to see the redisplayed Peterloo items in the Museum collection. See Constable Birch's breastbone in its new setting and hear about John Benjamin Smith's report of the day.

Suitable for all ages

1pm - 3pm

Free

Just drop in during the above times

STOCKPORT MUSEUM



Thursday 25 July

Meet the Archaeologist

Speak to an Archaeologist in our Museum. Handle and interpret real archaeological items and ask questions.

Suitable for all ages

11am – 12noon and 2pm – 3pm

Free

Just drop in during the above times

Tuesday 30 July –

Saturday 30 November

Museum Mouse's Sun Trail

Museum Mouse loves the sun. Can you find his favourite objects which remind him of the sun?

Suitable for ages 2 - 7

During normal opening hours

Free

Just drop in

Thursday 15 August

Meet the WVS lady

A Women's Voluntary Service lady will be in the Museum. Look at WWII rations, Make do and Mend, handle some authentic items and ask questions.

Suitable for all ages

11am – 12noon and 2pm – 3pm

Free

Just drop in during the above times

Thursday 22 August

Meet the Peterloo Witness

Hear first-hand accounts of what really happened at Peterloo.

Suitable for all ages

11am – 12noon and 2pm – 3pm

Free

Just drop in during the above times

MUSEUM LATE

Wednesday 25 September

'PUT THAT LIGHT OUT!'

Meet our Air Raid Precaution Warden and be enlightened on the work and life of wardens in WWII. Handle authentic items which are not usually available to the general public and ask questions.

Suitable for ages 11+

7.30pm – 9pm

£10

Booking essential: 0161 474 4444



What's on at...

STOCKPORT

WAR

MEMORIAL

ART GALLERY

Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery presents an inspiring programme of temporary exhibitions showcasing the work of local and regional artists. The Hall of Memory is a fitting tribute to the men and women of Stockport who gave their lives during times of conflict.

Admission

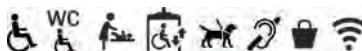
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Stockport, SK3 8AB



STOCKPORT WAR MEMORIAL

ART GALLERY

Every Tuesday

Mindfulness Colouring for Adults

Take time out to relax and colour in beautiful designs. All materials provided or bring your own books. Refreshments available.

Suitable for ages 16+

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Free

Just drop in

Sunday 15 September

Palette Knife Painting Workshop

Artist Judith Donaghy will show you the techniques to achieve lively and colourful paintings. All materials supplied.

Suitable for ages 16+ and all abilities

11.15am - 3.30pm

£45 Bring a packed lunch

Booking essential: 07886 338285

Email: judithdonaghy2@gmail.com

Sunday 14 April

'Rendezvous with Nature' Photography Talk by Saleel Tambe

Join acclaimed Indian wildlife photographer and conservationist, Saleel Tambe. Charity partner for this event is International Association for Human Values and all money raised goes to the 'Read Library Project'.

Suitable for ages 4+

3pm - 5pm

£12 adult, £7 children,

£30 for families (2 adults & 2 children)

<https://rendezvous-with-nature.eventbrite.com>

Friday 26 April

Textile Collage Introductory Workshop

Explore the creative possibilities of joining pieces of fabric together to produce a picture. Visual inspiration will be provided or bring your own pictures. Please bring needles, thread and a small pair of scissors.

Suitable for ages 12+

1pm - 4pm

£35

Booking essential: 07776 352901

Email: teresasutcliffe@hotmail.com



STOCKPORT WAR MEMORIAL ART GALLERY

**Saturdays 27 April,
8 June, 27 July & 28 September**

Pastel Painting Workshop



Pastel artist Paul Pigram will guide students through the process and techniques of this wonderful medium. All materials supplied including pastel card and Unison pastels. Refreshments available.

Suitable for ages 16+

10am - 4pm

£45 Bring a packed lunch

Booking essential: 07909 333929

Sunday 28 April

Woodcutting & Relief Multi Blocks Workshop with Kevin Holdaway

Learn how to prepare, transfer and cut up the blocks, register and print an edition during the day. Suitable for beginners to the more advanced.

Suitable for ages 16+

11am - 5pm

£60

Booking essential: 07981 027543

Email: aquatint@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 18 May

Vision Board Workshop

Create your ideal world and identify the things that truly matter. Let expert Nicola Hulme guide you through the process. Materials and refreshments provided.

Suitable for ages 16+

10.30am - 1.30pm

£25

Booking essential: 07817 324294

Sunday 26 May

Graphite Pencil Masterclass

Bee Morrison will deliver an informative and practical session resulting in small pencil studies. All materials provided, including reference/workbook.

Suitable for ages 16+ and all abilities

1pm - 4pm

£39

Booking essential: 07974 943707

Email: beemorrison1@yahoo.co.uk



STOCKPORT WAR MEMORIAL ART GALLERY

Sunday 2 June

Watercolour Landscape using Flat Brushes

A landscape workshop by Bee Morrison to create an impressionistic scene using only flat brushes. All materials supplied.

Suitable for ages 16+ and all abilities

1pm - 4pm

£39

Booking essential: 07974 943707

Email: beemorrison1@yahoo.co.uk

THE STOCKPORT OPEN EXHIBITION

The annual Stockport Open Exhibition showcases the North West's best artists!

Sculptors, visual artists, photographers, textile artists and digital designers are invited to submit entries for this year's exhibition. There is also a Children's Open Exhibition displaying work from children from Key Stages 1 - 4.

This year, we have created a special category to give artists the opportunity to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre and Stockport's involvement in the lead up to this horrifying event.



For full details and entry forms visit:
www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/stockport-war-memorial-art-gallery

Visitors are invited to vote for their favourite artworks in the People's Choice Award.

Preview for Artists & Guests
Saturday 20 July, 1pm - 4.30pm



Exhibition Dates

**Sunday 21 July to Saturday
7 September**

People's Choice Awards

Saturday 31 August, 2pm - 4pm

Winners and awards presentation
at 3pm

During normal gallery opening
hours

LEARNING AT OUR MUSEUMS

Our dedicated learning team deliver an inspirational and exciting range of programmes which span the centuries and link directly into the National Curriculum and Stockport's rich heritage.

Our 'hands on' approach is designed to meet the needs of all learners, at any key stage. We can offer bespoke workshops and arrange loan boxes. All our museums which offer learning opportunities hold the prestigious Sandford Award for heritage education.

For further details visit
www.stockport.gov.uk/museums



GROUP VISITS

We offer a range of tours for parties of 15 people or more inside standard opening hours from as little as £3.75 per person. Choose from a single or two site visit (town centre sites only).

Evening tours are also available at a higher rate and all our group tours can be customised to suit your individual requirements.

Booking is essential.
Prices available on request

For further details call:

0161 474 1940 Air Raid Shelters
0161 474 2020 Bramall Hall
0161 474 2399 Hat Works
0161 474 4444 Staircase House



Stockport Museums

WHAT'S

ON

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