



# PRESTON HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

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

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September 2017

[www.prestonguildcity.co.uk/events](http://www.prestonguildcity.co.uk/events)






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# Your chance to discover some of Preston's intriguing buildings.

Twenty-seven places with stories to tell are opening on Saturday 9 and/or Sunday 10 September for Heritage Open Days.

Explore the city centre and beyond and discover new aspects of Preston's heritage.

## Saturday 9 September

### 1 Avenham and Miller Parks Heritage Walk

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 tour lasts about 2 hours and 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.

1pm

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

### 2 Church Cottage Museum

Church Lane, off Garstang Road Broughton, PR3 5JB

Also on Sunday 10 Sept

Church Cottage

Museum is a 16th century gem. It tells the story of its many lives as a Tudor dwelling, an 18th century inn, a Victorian schoolroom and 20th century home. Outside the museum are a cartshed and gardens, alongside St John the Baptist Parish Church and the National School still in use as today's primary. Together they form Broughton in Amounderness Village Heritage Centre.

12 noon - 5pm

> Access: Steps to ground and first floors

<http://broughtonparish.org.uk/church-cottage-museum/>



### 3 Furness Railway Trust

Ribble Steam Railway, Chain Caul Road, PR2 2PD

Also on Sunday 10 Sept

A rare opportunity to visit the Furness Railway Trust in the building where the FRT group undertake restoration work on a variety of railway rolling stock. A must see for the enthusiast, or anyone interested in engineering or restorations. This building is not normally open to the public.

10.30am - 5pm

> Access: Full access.

### 4 Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library

Market Square, PR1 2PP

The Grade I listed Harris is full of intriguing details - with original radiators, mosaic floors and ironwork. Visit the Egyptian balcony with its stunning views through the building - or enjoy a virtual tour.

Building 10am - 5pm  
 Egyptian Balcony 1 - 3pm

> Access: Egyptian Balcony is up steep, narrow steps.   
[www.harrismuseum.org.uk](http://www.harrismuseum.org.uk)

### 5 Haslam Park Heritage Walks

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

Also on Sunday 10 Sept

Haslam Park was designed by Thomas Mawson, the celebrated Edwardian architect, and is bounded by the Lancaster Canal. The nature reserve and orchard were created on former farmland. The walks reveal the history of the park and canal. Meet at the Bristow Avenue car park.

Saturday 11am, 2pm.   
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> Access: Slopes and rough paths in some areas.

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

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

Also on Sunday 10 Sept

Grade 2 listed late-Victorian former friendly society with original interiors and a Baroque-style exterior. At the top is the wood-panelled manager's office 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.

### 7 Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory

Moor Park, Off Blackpool /Garstang Roads

Also on Sunday 10 Sept

Discover the newly refurbished observatory in Moor Park, named after the famous Lancashire astronomer who first observed the transit of Venus. It was built in 1927 and houses a historic Cooke 8 inch refractor telescope, as well as displays of meteorites and astronomical history. Preston and District Astronomical Society will give short talks on astronomy and, weather permitting, show visitors solar observing. Also open Friday 11am - 2pm

10.30am - 4pm

> Access: Fully accessible

### 8 Lancashire Archives

Bow Lane, PR1 2RE

This iconic 1970s building holds millions of historic documents on 9 miles of shelving. Take a look in a strongroom at archive treasures from 900 years of Lancashire's history and find out how they are being kept safe for future generations. Watch a conservator demonstrate how documents are repaired when they arrive in a damaged condition and enjoy a display of architectural drawings of some of Preston's most important buildings.

10am - 4pm   
 11am, 12 noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/archives)

#### Icon Key



Tour Times



Booking Details



Opening Times



Refreshments



Suitable Age



Toilets



Parking


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### Lancashire Conservation Studios

St Mary's Church,  
St Mary's Street, 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, archaeology and taxidermy are carefully cleaned and restored.

 Churchyard only 10am – 3.30pm  
 Every 30 mins: 10am – 3.30pm

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

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### Lancashire Infantry Museum

Fulwood Barracks, Watling Street  
Road, PR2 8AA

Want to hear the ghostly tale of Private McCaffery or find out about the grisly murder of Bombardier Short? Join in a guided tour of Fulwood Barracks, visiting parts of the grounds normally prohibited. The tour will take in the Infantry and Cavalry Squares and end in the museum. Great War Society members will show kit and equipment dating back to WW1 and explain how gunshot wounds were treated on the battlefield and what soldiers ate for breakfast in the trenches.

 10am – 4pm     
 10.30am, 12 noon and 1.30pm 

> **Photo ID needed.** Please check museum website for 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](http://www.lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk)



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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.

 Saturday 10am – 4pm    
 Sunday 2pm – 4pm

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

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### 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 recent restoration works. The walk will feature Guild celebrations, the old horseracing starting stone, and the grotto and decorative garden, which have been refurbished. There will also be a visit to the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory. Meet at Bowling Pavilion.

 1pm  

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

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### Preston Dock and Riversway Control Centre

Navigation Way,  
Riversway, PR2 2YP

Also on  
Sunday  
10 Sept

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](mailto: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 see behind the hoardings round the new market. The Markets Manager will reveal fascinating stories of the markets and the Grade II listed canopies built in 1875 and 1920. All participants receive a free drinks voucher for the market cafes after the one-hour tour. Meet at the smaller outdoor market on the Birley Street side.

 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon   

 **Essential.** Call 01772 906048 or email [markets@preston.gov.uk](mailto:markets@preston.gov.uk)

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access

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### Preston Masonic Hall

Ashlar House, Saul Street, PR1 2QU

Also on  
Sunday  
10 Sept

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

 11am – 4pm  On the hour  

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

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### Preston Railway Station

Fishergate, PR1 8AP

Also on  
Sunday  
10 Sept

The first station was built in 1838, and the current building is from 1880. The central platform was then larger than any major London terminal. By World War I there were 15 platforms, and in both wars a volunteer-run buffet in the waiting room provided free refreshments for servicemen. Meet at the front of the station.

 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.

 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm  

 Ring 01772 906818 or email [c.sutton@preston.gov.uk](mailto:c.sutton@preston.gov.uk)

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

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### St Michael and All Angels Church

Tulketh Road,  
Ashton-on-Ribble, PR2 1AJ

This Grade 2\* listed, red sandstone building dates from 1908 and is by Lancaster architects, Austin and Paley. Wander round the gardens and enjoy a self-guided tour inside the church, including an exhibition on the work of Austin and Paley and music recitals. Church history on sale.

 10am – 4pm   

> **Access:** Fully accessible  
[www.stmichaelspreston.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelspreston.co.uk)

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**St Peter's Church Arts Centre**

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

St Peter's is now an arts centre at the University of Central Lancashire. Grade 2\* listed, it was built in the 1820s as an early 'Waterloo' church – an act of Parliament in 1818 financed the building of Anglican churches after the Napoleonic Wars. See displays on UCLan Through the Ages. Take a guided tour of the university campus and discover its development over 150 years from Victorian institute to today.

🕒 11am – 3pm ♿ ♿

🚶 Church: 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm  
UCLan Campus: 1pm

> **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.

🕒 Saturday 11.30am – 2.30pm  
Sunday 2 – 5pm 🚶

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



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**St Wilfrid's Church**

Chapel Street, off Fishergate, PR1 8BU

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.

🕒 Saturday 1.30 – 5pm  
Sunday 1 – 4pm

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

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**Winckley Square Gardens**

off Fishergate, PR1 3JJ

Winckley Square Heritage weekend is celebrating the Georgian and Regency history of the Square and recently restored gardens. Meet some of the former residents, join a guided tour or take a look at the Winckley Square Inside Out exhibition. Games and quizzes for children.

🕒 10am – 4pm

🚶 10am, 12noon, 2pm, 3.30pm

> **Access:** Guided walks can be adapted to avoid steps. Partial wheelchair access.

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**A Rubbish History of Fishwick Bottoms**

Fishwick Recreation Ground, London Road, PR2 5AN

Discover the heritage underlying Fishwick Local Nature Reserve from the ice age to the Vikings, Oliver Cromwell, an apple orchard and old brickworks. Meet at the Recreation Ground car park for a 2–3 hour walk. Wear sturdy shoes and suitable clothes for the weather.

🚶 1pm 10+ ♿ ♿ ♿

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

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**St George's Church**

Between 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 enlarged in 1799. The stone exterior was added in 1843, just before 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.

Twelve sites are open on both Saturday and Sunday. See Saturday's listings for details.

More information on [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

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**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 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 10+ ♿ ♿ ♿

> **Access:** Full wheelchair access.

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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. Also open Friday.

🕒 10am – 4pm

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

[www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)