



heritage open days

Discover Burnley and Padiham

6–15 September 2024



Discover Burnley's rich heritage, from historic buildings and landmarks to exhibitions, tours and talks. Whether you're a local resident or a visitor, Heritage Open Days invites you to step back in time and discover the stories that have shaped our borough.

For more information about Heritage Open Days visit heritageopendays.org.uk

BURNLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Grimshaw Street, Burnley, BB1 1 2BD
6th - 15th September • 9am – 5pm

Local history displays downstairs in the library meeting room next to the community history library. The public lift is currently unavailable, if you are unable to use stairs, please contact the Library to check accessibility before travelling.

0300 123 6703
burnley.library@lancashire.gov.uk



LOWERHOUSE CRICKET CLUB DISPLAY

Established in 1862, discover the origins of the club and the cricketing journeys of some of its players over the years.

lowerhousecc.com/historybooks/

KEEPING EAST LANCASHIRE IN THE PICTURE DISPLAY

An exhibition of photographs of shops and markets from Burnley and the local area.

lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/keeping-east-lancashire-in-the-picture/

BURNLEY AND PENDLE METHODIST CIRCUIT HERITAGE GROUP METHODIST HERITAGE TRAIL DISPLAY

Highlighting the vast Methodist Heritage within the area find out more about the trail following the stories of significant figures including William Pickles Hartley and Thomas Dugdale.

FRIENDS OF BURNLEY CEMETERIES DISPLAY

Stories linked to guided walks at Burnley Cemetery and St Leonard's Cemetery on the theme of travellers at rest or remembered at the two cemeteries.

e-voice.org.uk/friendsofburnleycemeteries/

BURNLEY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY DISPLAY

CLARETS COLLECTED

7th & 10th September • 2pm

A talk about the Clarets Collected collection located in Burnley Library, and highlighting and showing some of the more unusual holdings in the collection that are not always on public view.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/clarets-collected/



TOWNELEY HALL ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Towneley Park, Burnley BB11 3RQ

FREE TALK: THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNELEY HALL AND SUMMARY OF THE REPAIRS PROJECT

6th September • 2pm-2.40pm

Architect Fiona Johnson from Knox McConnell is working on the current major restoration and repair project at Towneley Hall. The talk will be held in the Lecture Theatre.

Bookable by Eventbrite, in person or over the phone: 01282 477130
towneleyhall@burnley.gov.uk
<https://towneley.org.uk/>



DEMONSTRATIONS BY LOCAL CRAFTERS IN TOWNELEY HALL'S MUSEUM OF LOCAL CRAFTS & INDUSTRIES

6th & 7th September • 12-4pm



FREE STONE MASONRY DEMONSTRATIONS

6th & 7th September • 12-4pm

Outside the Hall and a chance to speak to the team undertaking the restorations.



FREE PUBLIC SCAFFOLD TOUR

10th & 11th September • 11-12pm & 1-2pm

A one-off opportunity to go behind the scenes at Towneley Hall. Climb the scaffold, take a look at the restoration works on the roof and hear all about the project. Strict safety rules apply. See booking page for information.

Bookable by Eventbrite



BURNLEY YOUTH THEATRE

Burnley Youth Theatre,
Queens Park Road, BB10 3LB
7th September • 10am-3pm

Come down to BYT for a free open day for children, young people and families. Expect behind the scenes theatre tours, an interactive heritage exhibition, drama taster classes and lots more throughout the day.

Book at burnleyyouththeatre.org
01282 427767
info@burnleyyouththeatre.org
burnleyyouththeatre.org



BURNLEY PRIDE OF PLACE PROJECT HUB

55 The Mall, Charter Walk
Shopping Centre, Burnley
7th September • 11am-4pm (with talk 11-11.45am)

Join us for a talk about travelling acts who performed at the Burnley Empire with the opportunity to view the Burnley Empire Trust archive collection featuring previously unseen items that celebrate all things Burnley Empire.

Book via Eventbrite for talk.
info@burnleyempiretrust.co.uk
www.burnleyempiretrust.co.uk



BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 9SA
4th September • 7pm

Burnley Civic Trust and Burnley Historical Society present The Development of Burnley's Railways with Tony Mitchell. An illustrated talk considering the far-reaching social changes that the railway brought to the town and its people.



BURNLEY NOW AND THEN

Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 9SA
11th September • 7pm

Burnley Civic Trust and Burnley Historical Society present a talk by Edward Walton of Burnley Civic Trust. Journey across Burnley from station to station to explore how the town has changed over 120 years.



BURNLEY TOWN HALL TOUR

6th and 10th September • 2pm - 4pm

Discover the beautiful Grade II listed landmark of Victorian architecture and one of the most historical buildings in the borough which has undergone a 4-year restoration programme.

Email ksmith@burnley.gov.uk or call 07974 581366 to book.

THE STORY OF BURNLEY AT THE PEAK OF ITS VICTORIAN IMPORTANCE TOUR

Friday 13th September • 1pm - 2.30pm.

Meet local historian Roger Frost outside of Burnley Town Hall

Email ksmith@burnley.gov.uk or call 07974 581366 to book.



WEAVERS' TRIANGLE VISITOR CENTRE

85 Manchester Road, Burnley BB11 1JZ
7th, 8th, 14th & 15th September • 2-4pm

Visit the Wharf Masters office & store built in the 19th century and explore the history of Burnley and its cotton industry. Includes a working model fairground and Victorian schoolroom.

Open every Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday in August & September. Canal walks for parties available with local historian.

Booking required for walks
Theresa Livingstone: terri.54@hotmail.co.uk
weaverstriangle@yahoo.co.uk
weaverstriangle.co.uk/



THE SALON

160 St James Street, Burnley, BB11 1NR
Open Fri/Sat/Sun 2nd-30th September • 12-4pm

Historical Plans and Local History Exhibition
For more information visit burnleyhaz.org.uk

HERITAGE ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR FAMILIES

Saturday 14th September • 10am - 4pm.

With artist Fiona Hornby.



BURNLEY EMPIRE

Cow Lane, Burnley, Lancashire, BB11 1NN
6th & 14th September • 10am-2pm

The Burnley Empire is the only surviving purpose-built Music Hall of Varieties in Lancashire, and one of very few examples throughout the whole of the UK. In its heyday it established itself as a key staging point on national tours by major stars, including Marie Lloyd, Florrie Ford, Vesta Victoria, Madame Paula the Reptile Queen, Harry Houdini and many more from across the world. See inside the auditorium, learn about the significance of the building, the ongoing restoration project and future plans. Tickets are limited and each group visit will last approximately 30 minutes. Guests will be asked to wear hard hats and hi-viz vests. Please wear sensible shoes, no open toe shoes or sandals. For questions regarding access, contact the Trust via email.

Tickets available through Eventbrite from Friday 2nd August. Search Burnley Empire Trust on Eventbrite or look for links on social media and the Burnley Empire Trust website.
info@burnleyempiretrust.co.uk
www.burnleyempiretrust.co.uk



ST PETERS CHURCH

Church Street, Burnley, BB11 2DL
9th September • 6.30pm

A guided tour of St Peters Church and possibly including the grave yard with local historian Roger Frost. Meeting point at the main entrance to the church.



AROUND TOWN

LOOK UP HERITAGE TRAIL

When you look up more you discover heritage details and features you have never seen before! Take part in a heritage trail around Burnley's Conservation Area.

Grab a trail leaflet at one of our participating locations and start discovering: Burnley Town Hall, Burnley Library, Burnley Markets rest area, The Salon, 160 St James Street, Charter Walk Management Office
For more details visit burnleyhaz.org.uk

RESTORATION WORKS

Discover the works involved with the restoration of 123 - 125 St James Street, Burnley, BB11 1PP

Restoration works will be displayed in the windows for you to view or you can book on a tour to see the restored works and the beautiful stained glass windows for yourself.

Email ksmith@burnley.gov.uk or call 07974 581366 to book.

MAINTAINING AND CARING FOR YOUR HERITAGE PROPERTY

Pick up your FREE Pocket Guide.

Available at various locations see, website for full list or download from:
www.burnleyhaz.org.uk/pocket-guide

BURNLEY CEMETERY

Cemetery Lane, Burnley, BB11 5QB
10th September • 11am - 12.30pm

Meeting at the original cemetery archway at the bottom of Cemetery Lane, join the Friends of Burnley Cemetery to explore the history of this extensive cemetery, its heritage features and focusing on gravestones and tales of travellers at rest or remembered in the cemetery. The walk will mainly be along hard surfaced pathways but some are uneven and it is recommended that suitable footwear and warm clothing be worn.

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PADIHAM LIBRARY

Padiham Town Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham, BB12 8BS
11th September • 6.30pm-8pm

Meeting at Padiham Library, join local historian Duncan Armstrong for an evening walk exploring Padiham and taking in the architectural heritage of the town, including mills, bridges and buildings such as the Grade 2 listed Town Hall which opened in 1938. The library retains Art Deco features with original curved shelves, wooden counter and metal windows. The Library will be open to visitors during the walk. In partnership with Newground Together, more details can be found at: newgroundtogether.co.uk/the-great-outdoors/healthy-active/guided-walks/

Padiham.library@lancashire.gov.uk
www.lancashire.gov.uk



ST LEONARD'S CEMETERY

Blackburn Road, Padiham, BB12 8LB
12th September • 11am - 12.30pm

Join the Friends of Burnley Cemetery to explore the history of the cemetery, its heritage features and focusing on gravestones and tales of travellers at rest or remembered in the cemetery. The walk will mainly be along hard surfaced pathways but some are uneven and it is recommended that suitable footwear and warm clothing be worn.



ALL SAINT'S CHURCH WITH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, HABERGHAM

Padiham Road, Burnley BB12 6LG
14th September • 12-4pm

Discover the history of this lovely Victorian church with memorials to the local community and links to the Kay-Shuttleworth family of nearby Gawthorpe Hall. See the stunning east window by renowned artist Brian Clarke.



GAWTHORPE HALL

Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham, Burnley, BB12 8SD
14th September • 12-4pm

Explore the fabulous historic rooms of Gawthorpe Hall and discover the story of the Shuttleworths and their family home. See the new Gawthorpe Textiles Collection displays, visit the Victorian kitchen in the basement and meet the housekeeper. Outside you can explore the grounds and Walled Garden, which is also open for the day.

01282 771004
gawthorpehall@lancashire.gov.uk
lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/gawthorpe-hall/



QUEEN STREET MILL TEXTILE MUSEUM

Queen Street, Harle Syke, Burnley, BB10 2HX
14th September • 12pm - 4pm

The last steam-powered weaving shed in the world, Queen Street Mill is a unique survivor of Britain's industrial age. Discover the story of life in the cotton-weaving mills, and the innovation of engineers throughout the decades. See demonstrations of original textile machinery including 130-year-old Lancashire Looms. With authentically dressed staff, traditional entertainment, and exclusive access to some behind-the-scenes areas.

01282 459996
Queenstreetmillburnley@lancashire.gov.uk
lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/queen-street-mill-textile-museum/



BURNLEY TOWN CENTRE

VINTAGE AND PERFORMANCE CAR SHOW

14th September • 11am-4pm

Get revved up for a fun day out that the whole family will enjoy! Building on the success of last year's show, 2024's event will feature an array of classic and retro cars and motorbikes lining up on St James's Street all the way down to Curzon Street. Also at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm you'll find Optimus and Bumblebee eyeing up the competition and sniffing out any Decepticons hiding in the ranks!



BURNLEY MECHANICS THEATRE

Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 1BH
15th September • 11am-3pm

Originally opening as Burnley's Mechanics Institute in 1855, this Grade 2 star listed building was designed by Architect James Green of Todmorden. Still a centre of local cultural activity, join us for a day of history, live Jazz, film and family fun.

Mechanics Box Office
01282 664400
burnleymechanics@blcgroup.co.uk
blcgroup.co.uk/locations/burnley-mechanics-theatre/



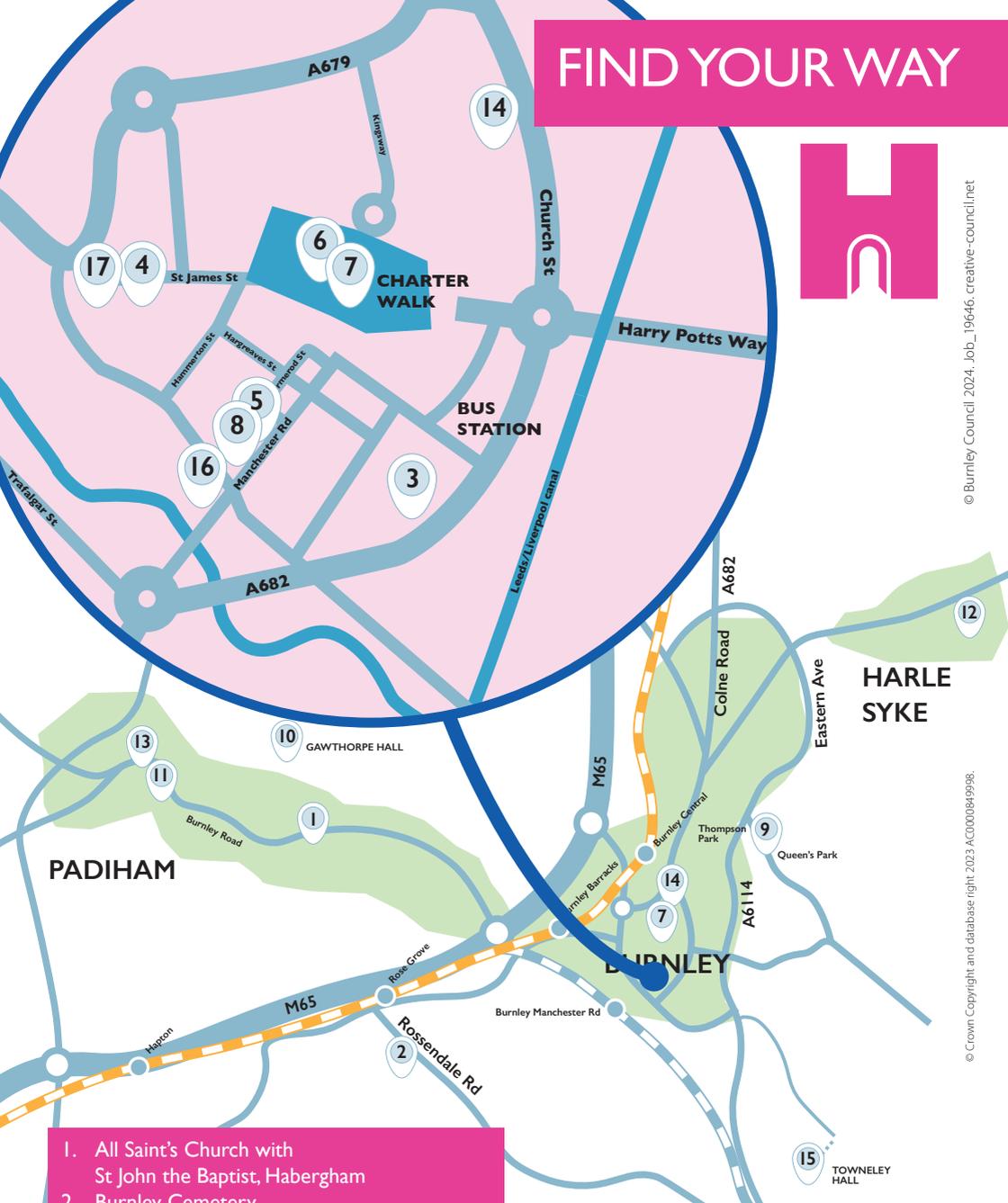
BURNLEY ON FILM

15th September • 11:30, 1pm, 2pm

A film show by Burnley Film Makers featuring films made by amateur film makers in the Burnley area from the 1940s to 1980s. A new film production inspired by Burnley film maker Sam Hanna made by local schools working with Blaze Arts will also be featured at 11.30am on the day.

www.burnleyfilmmakers.org

FIND YOUR WAY



1. All Saint's Church with St John the Baptist, Habergham
2. Burnley Cemetery
3. Burnley Central Library
4. Burnley Empire
5. Burnley Mechanics Theatre
6. Burnley Pride of Place Project Hub
7. Burnley Town Centre
8. Burnley Town Hall
9. Burnley Youth Theatre
10. Gawthorpe Hall

11. Padiham Library
12. Queen Street Mill Textile Museum
13. St Leonard's Cemetery
14. St Peter's Church
15. Towneley Hall Art Gallery & Museum
16. Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre
17. The Salon