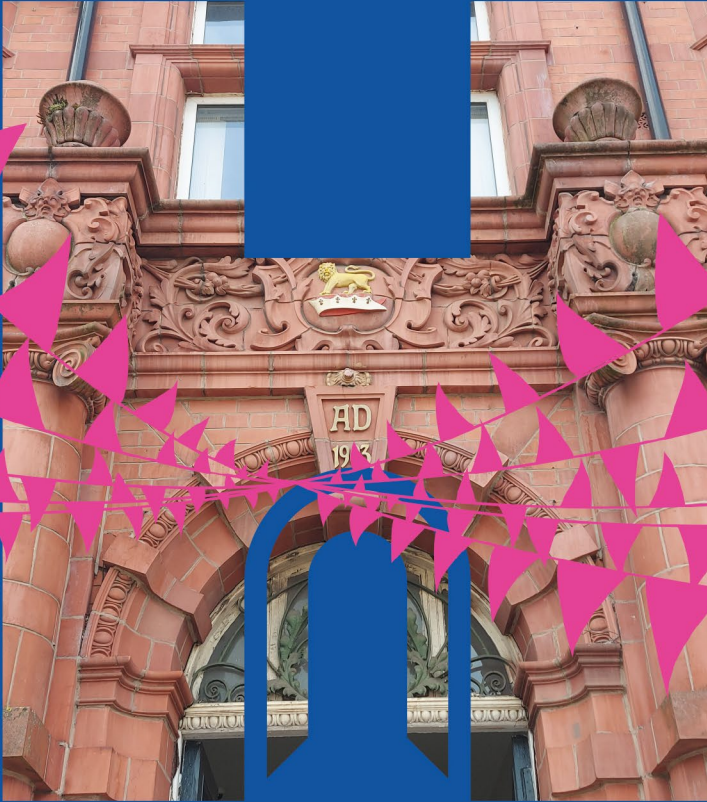




heritage open days



# WIGAN BOROUGH

**FREE EVENTS**

Fri 12th – Sun 21st September 2025



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# Properties and events in Wigan Borough

## Heritage Building Crafts Festival at St Wilfrid's Church, Standish

**St Wilfrid's Church, Church Street, Standish, Lancashire, WN6 0JT**

Join us for a celebration of traditional building crafts at St Wilfrid's Church in Standish. Watch our master craftsmen demonstrate a range of traditional skills from stonemasonry to stained glass making, take part in our family arts and crafts workshops, tour our newly opened Peace Gate exhibition, and take a look inside the church itself. Paid refreshments available.

**Saturday 20 September: 11am - 4pm**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** Partial wheelchair access

**Contact on day:** 07713694590



## Damhouse, Historical Manor House with Tea Room



**Damhouse, Astley Hall Drive, Astley, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M29 7TX**

Damhouse is a Grade II\* listed Manor House in 17 acres of Woodland and houses a Tea Room, offices and function rooms. The historical part of the building remains as it was in the 1500s. On the Heritage Open Days there will be access to the top floor of the building, which has a short passage long gallery with many ancient timbers. There will be information displays, talks and tours throughout the weekend.

**Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September:  
10am - 4pm each day**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** lift access available

**Contact on day:** 07762808274



## Heritage Open Day Tour - Wigan Museum

**Library Street, Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN1 1NU**

Join our expert team to explore our Grade II listed building. Opened in 1878, it is an Alfred Waterhouse designed building who also designed the Natural History Museum in London and Manchester Town Hall. In 1936 George Orwell researched his book 'The Road to Wigan Pier' in the reference library upstairs.

**Tuesday 16 September: 1pm - 2pm**

**Pre-booking required:** Please book through our Eventbrite - [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-tour-tickets-1558726455789?aff=oddttdtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-tour-tickets-1558726455789?aff=oddttdtcreator)

**Accessibility:** lift access available

**Contact on day:** 01942828128



## Ince Cemetery Tour



**Ince Cemetery Gates, Warrington Road,  
Ince-in-Makerfield, Wigan, Greater  
Manchester, WN3 4NH**

A walking tour of this Victorian gem of a cemetery. The tour features notable graves monuments and buildings within the cemetery. Meet at the entrance to Ince Cemetery on the main road – Warrington Road.

**Sunday 14 September: 11am**

*Pre booking is essential. Please book by emailing [seanjinks@hotmail.com](mailto:seanjinks@hotmail.com)*

**Accessibility:** Please note there are uneven footpaths during part of the tour, and we will leave the footpath in some locations

**Contact on day:** 07563836658

## Ince Heritage Tour

**War Memorial, Smithy Green, Ince Green Lane, Ince-in-Makerfield,  
Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN2 2AT**

A guided heritage tour revealing the hidden history and heritage of Ince. Come and stroll along Ince Green Lane with local historian Jim Meehan and learn about the rich history of the area. The tour starts on Smithy Green and ends at the historic Waterhouse Chapels in Ince Cemetery. It is just over a mile in length and will last for 1 hour 30 minutes. It is not a circular walk. The tour will assemble on Smithy Green at the corner of Manchester Road and Ince Green Lane.

**Friday 12 September:  
10.30am – 12.00pm**

*Booking is essential: Please book by emailing [jmeehan2202@gmail.com](mailto:jmeehan2202@gmail.com)*

**Accessibility:** The tour is alongside public roads. There are some cobbled surfaces to negotiate.

**Contact on day:** 07749293030



## Leigh Spinners Heritage Centre extended opening

### **Park Lane, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 2LB**

The Heritage Centre on floor two is manned by volunteers who are looking forward to showing you around - and making you a brew or getting you a cold drink whilst you look around. We will have additional exhibits you can see as you browse around the higher floors of the Mill. These will include photographs of the development of the Mill from empty floors to the building of units housing a great variety of tenants whilst maintaining and showcasing the Grade 2\* listed building.

**Saturday 20 September & Sunday 21 September: 10am - 4pm each day**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** The Heritage Centre is on the first floor and is accessible by a lift or stairs.

**Contact on day:** 07854347844

## **St George's Church - Bicentenary - Bishop Of Bolton Celebrating 200 Years of The Church.**



### **St George's Church, 45 School Street, Tyldesley, Greater Manchester, M29 8GX**

A celebration of St George's Church - marking 200 years of the Church being open. The Bishop Of Bolton is leading the ceremony.

**Sunday 21 September: 10am**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** No restrictions

**Contact on day:** 07976314012



## Visiting Ringing Chamber and St George's Church Registrar

**St George's Church, 45 School St,  
Tyldesley, Greater Manchester,  
M29 8GX**

A full event of viewing St George's Church. The 200 year old Church is open for people to view the ringing chamber and viewable for the public to check out all of the Registrars...



**Sunday 14 September & Tuesday 16 September: 2pm - 4pm each day**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** No restrictions

**Contact on day:** 07951260804

## St James with St Thomas Church

**St James with St Thomas Church, Church Street, Poolstock, Wigan,  
Greater Manchester, WN3 5AZ**

Our church will be 159 years old on this day September 13th 2025. So please come along and join us for refreshments, side shows and stalls. Rev Alison Brown is the perfect person to guide you through both the history of the Church and the local history (Think - The Vicar of Dibley). The tower will be open for anyone who can manage the winding stairs (54 steps). Our gorgeous church welcomes photographers where they can come and set up and click away. Also any artists are welcome to bring along their easels and paints. Come and enjoy the lighting that bursts through the stained glass windows. You will not be disappointed.



**Saturday 13 September:  
11am - 5pm**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** There are 54 steps up to the ringing room where we can see the bells being rung.

**Contact on day:** 07910009888

## St Peter's Church, Firs Lane

### Firs Lane, Leigh, Leigh, Greater Manchester, WN7 4SB

St Peter's Church is situated in Leigh Greater Manchester and is a Grade II\* listed building built in 1881. One of the most interesting features in our church is the pulpit, which came from Manchester Cathedral during the Second World War. St Peter's Church is an Austin Palen design. As well as being a beautiful church, we also have a World War I war memorial which is believed to be one of the best in the North West, which is also listed.

**Friday 12 September & Saturday 13 September: 10am - 2pm each day**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** No restrictions

**Contact on day:** 07411220286

## Tour of Leigh Town Hall & Archives: Wigan & Leigh

### Town Hall, Market Street, Leigh, Greater Manchester, WN7 1DY

Join us for a guided tour of the Grade II listed Leigh Town Hall and the collections of Archives: Wigan & Leigh. Leigh Town Hall was between 1904-06 by J. C. Prestwich.

We will explore the historic features of the building and then head down into the strong rooms of Archives: Wigan & Leigh where we keep 800 years' worth of records relating to the Wigan Borough.

**Saturday 13 September:  
11am - 12:30pm**

*Pre-booking required: Please book through our Eventbrite link - [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-tour-leigh-town-hall-tickets-1559278256239?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-tour-leigh-town-hall-tickets-1559278256239?aff=oddtcreator)*

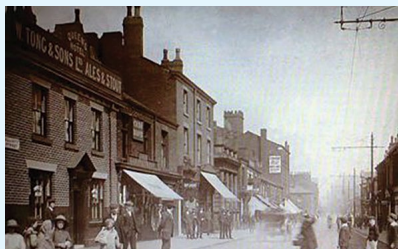
**Accessibility:** No restrictions

**Contact on day:** 01942404430





## Tyldesley Heritage Walk



### **St George's Church, 45 School Street, Tyldesley, Greater Manchester, M29 8GX**

Walk through some of the hidden history of Tyldesley. You'll see why the town is called "Historic Tyldesley" lots of stories. Iconic Buildings and history in this town.

**Friday 12 September: 2pm - 4pm**

**Thursday 18 September: 6pm - 8pm**

**Pre-booking preferred:** Contact Haydn Warwick on 07951260804 or [haydn@fortyldesley.co.uk](mailto:haydn@fortyldesley.co.uk) clearly stating number of places on which tour.

**Accessibility:** No restrictions

**Contact on day:** 07951260804

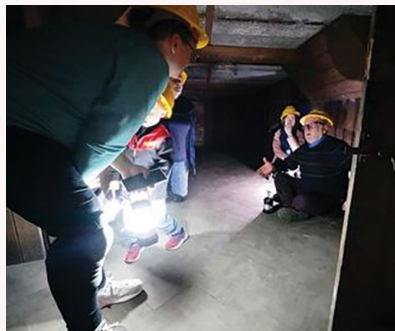
## Tyldesley Miners Training Suite

### **Upper George Street, Tyldesley, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M29 8HQ**

A look in the historic miners training suite – the only miners training suite left in the UK.

**Saturday 13 September:**  
**10am - 11am & 11am - 12pm**

**Saturday 20 September:**  
**10am - 11am & 11am - 12pm**



**Pre-booking preferred:** Contact Haydn Warwick on 07951260804 or [haydn@fortyldesley.co.uk](mailto:haydn@fortyldesley.co.uk) clearly stating number of places on which tour.

**Accessibility:** The suite is in the basement of a basement and is the same height an old mining shaft would be. Small space not very accessible for people who struggle with access.

**Contact on day:** 07951260804

## Chowbent Unitarian Chapel

**Alderfold Street, Atherton, Manchester, Greater Manchester, M46 9DS**

Take a guided tour of the 1721 non-conformist chapel with gallery and three tier pulpit, Grade II listed. There will be an archive of the chapel and school memorabilia in the new hall (which is adjacent). Tea and coffee will be served in the hall.

**Saturday 20 September: 10am - 4pm**

*Pre-booking not required*

**Accessibility:** Access to gallery area is by steps only

**Contact on the day:** 07885414410

## Wigan Architectural Heritage Tour

**The Royal Arcade, Standishgate, Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN1 1QH**

A guided town centre tour, highlighting the many buildings of Wigan Architect George Heaton. Come and join local historian Marianne Howell on this fascinating tour to learn some of the stories of these Victorian buildings and their occupants. Meet outside the Royal Arcade, Standishgate, Wigan.

**Tuesday 16 September: 10:30am - 12pm**

*Pre booking is essential via email to [mariannerh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariannerh@hotmail.co.uk)*

**Accessibility:** No restrictions

**Contact on day:** 07779677730



## Wigan Athletic Heritage Museum with free match tickets

**The Brick Community Stadium, 15 Loire Drive, Robin Park Road, Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN5 0UH**

Explore the Wigan Athletic Heritage Museum celebrating the Club's heritage from formation in 1932 and our old home Springfield Park, to FA Cup victory and the modern era. The Heritage Project was created in 2023 by a dedicated team of volunteers to share the achievements, memorable moments, and cultural impact of the Latics.

The newly renovated Museum is now in the Boston (East) Stand, open from 1300-1430 on matchday. During your visit, pickup your free ticket(s) to the match versus Doncaster Rovers. Please note tickets must be collected from the Museum on Saturday 13th September only.

**Saturday 13 September: The Museum is open 1pm - 2:30pm to collect your match tickets. Kick-off is at 3pm.**

**Pre booking essential:** [bit.ly/WIGDON139](https://bit.ly/WIGDON139)

**Accessibility:** Please see the Club website for access information: [wiganathletic.com/info/disability-information/](https://wiganathletic.com/info/disability-information/) Please note that wheelchair accessible tickets are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you require a wheelchair accessible ticket, please first contact our Disability Liaison Officer Louise Peet regarding availability. Phone: 01942 311111, Email: [l.peet@dwstadium.com](mailto:l.peet@dwstadium.com)





# Wigan Borough Heritage Open Days

Every September events are organised across the country to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. Wigan Borough is proud to take part.

All properties are open at the kindness and discretion of their owners and guardians.

Opening times are restricted to the hours stated and may be subject to alterations.

All events are FREE but many are put on by charities so donations to their causes is always very welcome.

Please see site entries at:

**[www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on/search-2025-events.html](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on/search-2025-events.html)**

for full access and restriction details, facilities, locations and parking.



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