

# WHAT'S ON

## WIGAN & LEIGH



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MUSEUM OF WIGAN LIFE



THE TURNPIKE GALLERY



ARCHIVES: WIGAN & LEIGH



WIGAN LIBRARIES



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# WELCOME

## Welcome to Wigan Council's new look What's On Guide!

We mark the 50th anniversary of Wigan Borough with brand new exhibitions at the Museum of Wigan Life and The Turnpike Gallery, talks by Archives: Wigan & Leigh, the Summer Reading Challenge across the borough's libraries and outdoor entertainment at Haigh Hall and in local parks, there's plenty to get involved with.

All our venues are jam packed with family friendly activities for the summer holidays, meaning there's always something to do.

To help you navigate our guide, look out for these icons:



Family Fun



Exhibitions



Talks, Tours and Workshops

**We're sure you'll find something to enjoy - we'll see you there!**



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

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# Museum of Wigan Life



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life exterior © Wigan Council

## Facilities & Accessibility

- Accessible toilet
- Ramped access
- Lift
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Hearing loop available
- Accessible parking nearby
- Baby changing facilities

**museum**  
of WiganLife

In the heart of Wigan town centre, the Museum of Wigan Life and Wigan Local Studies resource library offer a fantastic opportunity for learning and discovery.

Explore our wonderful temporary exhibitions which showcase the best of the borough's collection, as well as displays examining Roman and Egyptian artifacts. You can also delve into your own family history and the local area in our beautiful local studies library. Our friendly staff are always on hand to help!

**Entry to the museum and local studies is FREE**

The Museum will be closed until 18 May, whilst we install What's in Store? (see p5).

*The Museum is closed to the public on Mondays, but open for our Manchester Soul Time group, see p8.*

### Address

41 Library Street, Wigan,  
WN1 1NU

### Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday, 10am-4pm  
Saturday, 10am-2pm

### Contact

01942 828128  
wiganmuseum@wigan.gov.uk  
wigan.gov.uk/museum

## What's in Store? Showcasing the Extraordinary to the Everyday

Museum of Wigan Life

From May 18

10am – 4pm Tue – Fri

10am – 2pm Sat

Free, drop in



Our interactive and family friendly exhibition is crammed with amazing artefacts from the museum collections – from costume to fine art and machinery. Explore our treasures from the familiar to the mysterious including the revamped Roman and Egyptian displays.



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## What's in Store Crafty Saturdays

Museum of Wigan Life

Every Saturday from 18 May

10am – 2pm

Free, drop in

Come and be inspired by our brand new family-friendly exhibition. Become a What's in Store detective and design your own museum trail, get hands-on with our fun interactives, follow our object trails, colour-in, build with Lego, and more!

## Half Term Craft Activities

Museum of Wigan Life

Thu 30 May

12pm – 2pm

Free, drop in

Get crafty and make a name plaque for your bedroom, taking inspiration from the clocks and other items in our collection displayed in our new family friendly What's in Store exhibition.



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## Mega-saurus Dinosaur Day



Museum of Wigan Life

Sat 1 Jun

12pm - 2pm

Free, booking essential

Raaaaaar! Tommy the T-Rex is back at the museum! Have your photograph taken with the world's friendliest dinosaur, have your face painted, get crafty with themed activities, and solve the pterodactyl trail.

## Summer Holiday Fun



Museum of Wigan Life

Tue 23 Jul - Sat 31 Aug

10am - 4pm Mon-Fri

10am - 2pm Sat

Free, drop in

Schools out! Come and get involved with our family-friendly exhibition, What's in Store, design your own museum trail, get hands-on with our interactives, colour, build with Lego, and more!

## What's in Store Exhibition Tour



Museum of Wigan Life

Wed 22 May, Wed 3 Jul

12pm - 12.45pm

Free, booking essential

Fancy something exciting to do during your lunch break? Then look no further! Join our curators for our bi-monthly What's in Store exhibition tours.

## Ancient Egypt Activities



Museum of Wigan Life

Thu 15 Aug

12pm - 2pm

Free, booking essential

Make an Ancient Egyptian mask and a name cartouche for your room, solve our magical trail, have your face painted, and more! We would love to see your fancy dress!



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## What's in Store End of Summer Crafts



Museum of Wigan Life

Thu 29 Aug

12pm - 2pm

Free, booking essential

Be inspired by the colourful circus themed objects on display and design your own circus bingo game, make a clown or animal mask, have your face painted, and more!



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## Museum Minis



Museum of Wigan Life  
Every Wed from 5 Jun  
10.30am - 11.45am  
£1.50 per child includes drinks  
for child and parent/carer.  
Booking essential

Calling all parents and carers  
with little ones - Museum Minis  
is back! Join us at the museum  
for a fun and relaxed session  
full of engaging storytelling,  
songs, and craft activities.

Suitable for age 0 - 5 years.



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## Soul Time - Music and Chat Group



Museum of Wigan Life  
Mon 3 Jun and then every other Mon  
1pm - 3pm  
Free, drop in

Join Manchester Camerata for Soul  
Time - a music and chat group  
for people living well with  
dementia and their families.  
Come to the museum for a  
relaxed and informal session  
set to music.



Image Credit: Manchester Camerata

## Spiderman (and other Heroes) Day



Museum of Wigan Life  
Thu 1 Aug  
12pm - 2pm  
Free, booking essential

Dress up as your favourite  
superhero and join us for  
themed activities, crafts,  
trails, face painting, and  
more!



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## How to Care for Your Vinyl Records



Museum of Wigan Life  
Wed 12 Jun  
12pm - 12.45pm  
Free, booking essential

Do you have a treasured record  
collection? Ever wondered how  
to care for it? Join us for a  
look at how to store, clean,  
and look after your cherished  
vinyl.

## A Lindsays' Story - The Man Called Jeremiah with Ripton Lyndsay



Museum of Wigan Life  
Sat 15 Jun  
1pm - 3.20pm  
£5, booking essential

Ripton Lindsay is a descendent  
of Alexander Lindsay (6th Earl  
of Balcarres) and great x4  
grandnephew of Jeremiah.  
This talk will give an in-depth  
look as to why the 6th Earl  
became a slave owner and how  
he became one of the most  
powerful and successful slave  
and plantation owners in  
Jamaica.



Image Credit: Ripton Lindsay



Image credit: Janet Howkins

## Maker's Session – Clay Casting Workshop



Museum of Wigan Life

Sat 29 Jun

10am – 1.30pm

£15, Booking essential

Join Mixed Media artist Janet Howkins from Step in the Picture for a plaster casting experience. Janet will take you on a journey of discovery through the museum's objects and walk you through techniques of mould making and casting using the medium of clay and plaster. By the end of the workshop, you will produce a texture-rich plaque inspired by the museum objects to hang in your home.

## Wigan's Wonderful Women Weavers with Yvonne Eckersley



Museum of Wigan Life

Thu 11 Jul

12pm – 1pm

£3.50, booking essential

Local historian Yvonne Eckersley looks back and explains why Wigan's weavers formed their own trades union, how this union was established, and how it developed into an organisation of significance beyond supporting its members. Yvonne will also look at their role in the Women's Suffrage movement, municipal and parliamentary politics, and more.

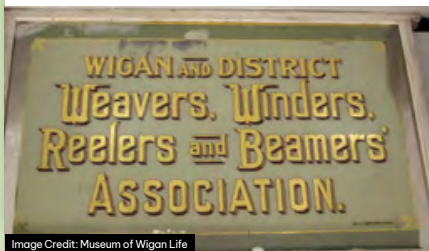


Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life



Image Credit: Wolf Workshop

## Leather Making Talk



Museum of Wigan Life

Sat 3 Aug

12pm – 1pm

£3.50, booking essential

Taking inspiration from the fantastic leather pieces in What's In Store, join Pipa from The Wolf Workshop to take a deep dive into the history of leather making.



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

## Permanent exhibition and building tour



Museum of Wigan Life

Wed 7 Aug

12pm – 12.45pm

Free, booking essential

Fancy something exciting to do during your lunch break? Then look no further! Join our curators for our bi-monthly permanent exhibition and building tour.

## How to Care for Your Silverware



Museum of Wigan Life

Wed 14 Aug

12pm – 12.45pm

Free, booking essential

Do you have a treasured silver collection? Ever wondered how to care for it? Join us for a look at how to store, clean, and look after your cherished silverware.



Image Credit: Museum of Wigan Life

# The Turnpike Gallery



Image Credit: Livia Lazar

The Turnpike Gallery is an arts and exhibition space based in Leigh, offering cultural activity for all ages.

The gallery is based in the heart of Leigh town centre, neighbouring Leigh Town Hall on the Civic Square. You can find us on the top floor of the Turnpike Centre, above Leigh Library. The Turnpike Gallery offers an exciting visual arts programme, collaboration with our communities, platforming youth voices and nurturing new connections in the town of Leigh, the Wigan borough and beyond.

**Entry to the gallery is FREE**

## Facilities & Accessibility

- Accessible toilet
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- Lift
- Baby changing facilities
- Assistance dogs welcome
- Accessible parking nearby



## Address

1st Floor Leigh Library, Civic Square, Leigh, WN7 1EB

## Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday, 10am - 4pm  
Saturday, 10am - 2pm

## Contact

01942 404469  
theturnpikegallery@wigan.gov.uk  
theturnpikegallery.org.uk



Image Credit: The Turnpike Gallery

## Saturday Family Workshops

The Turnpike Gallery  
Every other Sat from 11 May  
11am - 1pm  
Free, drop in

Join us every other Saturday for free family fun in the gallery. Suitable for children aged 5+ and their families.

## Turnpike Tots

The Turnpike Gallery Studio  
Every Thu, Term-Time only  
10.30am - 11.30am  
Free, booking essential

Turnpike Tots is a creative play session for little artists aged 0-5 years and their grownups! Visit [bit.ly/turnpike-events](https://bit.ly/turnpike-events) to book.



Image Credit: The Turnpike Gallery

## May Half Term at The Turnpike

The Turnpike Gallery  
28 May 2 - 4pm  
29, 30 May 11am - 1pm  
Free, drop in

Creative activities inspired by our contemporary exhibitions programme. Suitable for children aged 7+ and their families.



Image Credit: The Turnpike Gallery



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## Chance Encounter: Jeanette Orrell & Len Green



The Turnpike Gallery  
Until 22 Jun

10am - 4pm Tue - Fri

10am - 2pm Sat

Free, drop in

Meet two artists originally from Leigh who have established national careers. Jeanette Orrell's reflective nature-inspired textiles and drawings are presented with Len Green's evocative and vibrant paintings.



Image Credit: Blanket by Jeanette Orrell, photo by Dewi Tannatt LLoyd



Image Credit: Leonard Green, 'That's The Way He Is' (detail)

## Trinity Buoy Wharf Drawing Prize



The Turnpike Gallery

13 Jul - 14 Sep

10am - 4pm Tue - Fri

10am - 2pm Sat

Free, drop in

Known as the UK's most prestigious annual open exhibition for drawing, and now celebrating its 30th year, the Trinity Buoy Wharf Drawing Prize received 3,000 submissions from artists located across the world in 2023.

Over 120 works selected for this exhibition reflect a broad scope of contemporary drawing practice - and includes traditional works on paper as well as moving image.

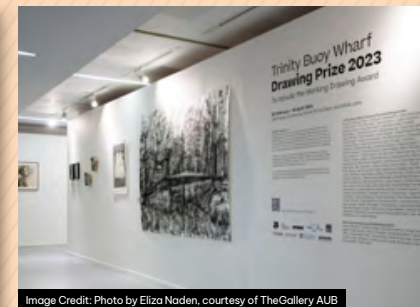


Image Credit: Photo by Eliza Naden, courtesy of TheGallery AUB



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## Summer Festival of Drawing



Various locations  
across the borough

13 Jul - 14 Sep

Free

This summer explore drawing in all its forms at pop up locations across the borough!

For more events at The Turnpike Gallery [click here](#)



# Archives: Wigan & Leigh



Image Credit: Archives: Wigan & Leigh © Wigan Council

Discover your local history and get involved in a range of activities and workshops for all ages at Archives: Wigan & Leigh, found inside the newly renovated Grade II listed Leigh Town Hall.

The archives and local studies service collects, preserves and makes public thousands of records from schools, churches, hospitals, businesses, families, estates and people. Explore the new exhibition space and the state-of-the-art facilities, including a dedicated searchroom, conservation studio and strongrooms which store and preserve records dating back 800 years.

**Entry to the archives and exhibition is FREE**

## Facilities & Accessibility

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- Accessible parking nearby
- Assistance dogs welcome

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ARCHIVES:  
WIGAN&LEIGH

## Address

Leigh Town Hall, Civic Square,  
Leigh, WN7 1DY

## Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday, 10am – 4pm,  
(closed 1pm – 1.30pm)  
Saturday, 10am – 2pm

**Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
will be closed from Mon 15 July  
to Mon 29 Jul, reopening  
10am Tue 30th Jul.**

## Contact

01942 404430  
archives@wigan.gov.uk  
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Image Credit: Carried By The Wind © Goofus Theatre

## Goofus Theatre Presents: Carried by the Wind

Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Wed 29 May  
12pm and 2pm, 45 mins each  
Free, booking essential

Come and join Margarinee and Basket, two strolling carnival players as they hit the road and follow a beautiful feather that could lead them anywhere. Carried by the wind is a pop up, playful non-verbal journey with puppetry, masks, and music for all ages.

## Family Creative Lab – where creativity and history meet!

Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
4 May, 1 Jun, 3 Aug  
10am – 11.30am  
Free, booking essential

The Archives' Family Creative Labs offer a space to learn and get making as a family, with creative activities guided along by the Archives' team and inspired by local history. A unique opportunity to go behind the scenes at the archives and interact with original records from our collection! Suitable for families with children aged 5+

## SEND-Friendly Family Day at the Archives

Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
4 May, 1 Jun, 3 Aug  
12pm – 1.30pm  
Free, booking essential

This session is specially designed for families who may prefer a quieter, calmer environment. Taking place in the Leigh Town Hall there will be a relaxed tour of the Archives, open-ended play objects to explore, as well as a creative 'making' activity.

## May Half Term craft at The Archives



Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Fri 31 May  
11am - 1pm  
Free, drop in

Creative activities inspired by our new temporary exhibition Catch as Catch Can Wrestling. Suitable for families with children aged 5+

## Bring the family!



The exhibition offers a perfect space for families to play and learn with plenty of creative resources and interactive elements. Children's library, Lego area, and a super fun arcade game will make your family's visit one to remember!

Leigh Town Hall ground floor offers a welcoming environment where you can eat your picnic lunches.



Image credit: © Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Relaxed Mornings



Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Last Sat of the month  
10am - 12pm  
Free, drop in

This time is specially dedicated to visitors with special needs. What's special about it? It will be a SEND-friendly environment with low number of visitors, sensory resources to use during your visit and staff will be available to help with anything you need.

## Windows into History: Wigan Little Theatre



Market Street, Leigh  
Every day  
Anytime  
Free

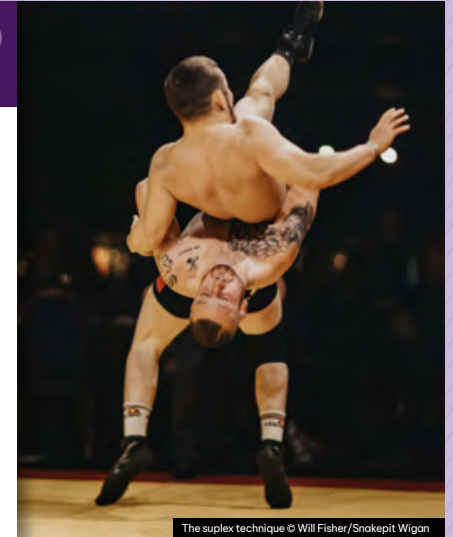
Come and see the magic of the theatre in this show-stopping window display produced with Wigan Little Theatre. You can also find out more about their performances for 2024.

## Catch as Catch Can Wrestling Exhibition



Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
10am - 4pm Tue - Fri  
10am - 2pm Sat  
Free, drop in

Did you know that Wigan was long known as a hot bed of wrestling? Discover the history of the unique Catch-as-Catch-Can wrestling style, and the stories of the fighters keeping the sport alive.



The suplex technique © Will Fisher/Snakepit Wigan

## Windows into History: Damhouse



Market Street, Leigh  
Every day  
Anytime  
Free

Find out more about the history of the Grade II\* listed Damhouse in Astley through this window display produced with Morts Astley Heritage Trust.



Image credit: Astley Hospital garden party 1958. Archives: Wigan & Leigh.

## Windows into History: Atherton & District Amateur Photographic Society



Market Street, Leigh  
Everyday  
Anytime  
Free

Come and enjoy this window display produced with Atherton & District Amateur Photographic Society and learn all about their all-year round competitions!



Image credit: ADAPS © Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Forward, Together Wigan Borough 50th Anniversary Exhibition



Market Street, Leigh  
Thu - Sat - Until 28 Sep  
10am - 4pm Thu - Fri  
10am - 2pm Sat  
Free, drop in

Celebrating people, places and communities that have shaped the character of our borough over the past 50 years. Curated with Wigan & Leigh college students.



Women taking part in a darts match, Archives: Wigan & Leigh



1981 Leigh Carnival, Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Town Hall Tours



Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Last Wed of the month  
11am  
Free, booking essential

Discover the history of Leigh Town Hall and explore the Archives' collections on this free guided tour.



Leigh Town Hall © Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Walking Tour of Atherton Cemetery



Atherton Cemetery  
Sat 15 Jun & Thu 11 Jul  
11am - 12.30pm  
£1.50, booking essential  
Please check our [web page for details](#).

Join us on a guided tour of Atherton Cemetery to discover more about the fascinating lives of former residents of the town.

## The Fight For Better by Yvonne Eckersley



Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Thu 16 May 2pm  
Free, booking essential.  
Tea and coffee provided.

Come and join us as we celebrate the launch of historian Yvonne Eckersley's new book 'The Fight For Better' and discover more about the history of women in the local area.



Pit Brow Women, Gibfield Colliery 1918, Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Leigh In The 40s and 50s: War Then Austerity Talk by Michael Caine



Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Wed 14 Aug 2pm  
Sat 17 Aug 11am  
£2, booking essential  
Refreshments provided.

Join Michael Caine as he takes us through Leigh as it was during the 1940s and 1950s, and learn about the impact of the Second World War on Leigh and its people.



Boomers 1953 © Michael Caine

## Golborne - Our Town



Golborne Library  
Sat 8 Jun  
10am - 1pm  
Free, drop in

Join us at Golborne's library and discover the rich history of Golborne at our Archives: Wigan & Leigh pop-up stall.

Taylor Bros Golborne bakers 1890, Archives: Wigan & Leigh



# Wigan Libraries



Image Credit: © Ashton Library

In our libraries you will receive a warm welcome from experienced staff, as well as the use of books, audio books, public PCs, and free Wi-Fi.

Free library membership is easy to set up and gives you access to all 15 of our libraries across the borough. With your membership card you can access free eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines via the BorrowBox app. There is a wide range of regular activities for all ages as well as special events throughout the year. Pop in to discover a whole world of exploration, information, and creativity for FREE!

## Facilities & Accessibility

All our libraries differ but all are DDA compliant. For information of facilities at particular branches please visit [wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries](http://wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries)



## Information

With branches based throughout the borough, for information on each branch, opening hours and to find your nearest library please visit [wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries](http://wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries)



For more information and to join for free visit **e-books, audio books and e-magazines** ([wigan.gov.uk](http://wigan.gov.uk))



## Summer of Fun! Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge

All libraries  
20 Jul to 31 Aug  
Free, drop in

The national Summer Reading Challenge is back! Pop into any of our libraries to collect a free starter pack and begin your fun journey towards a Marvellous Makers medal and certificate! Check our social media for details of special events to keep you busy through the summer holidays.

## Hi-VIS Eye Health Marketplace

Wigan Library  
12 Jun  
10am - 1pm  
Free, drop in

Talk to health professionals and organisations about eye health and how to live well with visual impairment. Meet local author, Ben Andrews, from Better Places, Guide Dogs for the Blind, RNIB, Henshaws and Wigan, Leigh & District Society for the Blind.



Image Credit: Wigan libraries

## LibraryFest



Leigh Library  
Sat 15th June  
10am - 1pm  
Free, drop in

Books and SO MUCH MORE!  
Celebrate everything libraries with the fabulous array of facilitators and partners who run activity across our library venues through the year in this free family fun event! See libraries in a different way and discover the unexpected with taster sessions galore.



Image Credit: Wigan libraries

## Crime Fiction Writers Panel



Leigh Library  
20th June  
6pm - 8pm  
£9.38 including Eventbrite booking fee

Delve deep into the world of crime fiction at our panel event with crime fiction authors Caroline England, Paul Finch, and Antony Johnston. Ticket includes fish and chip supper from Bridgewater Fish Bar. Booking essential via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/WiganLibrariesEvents>



Image Credit: Wigan libraries

## Remake, Reuse, Replay!



Wigan library  
Sat 15th June  
10.30am - 1pm  
Free, booking essential

Join game designers from Manchester Metropolitan University for a game jam challenge to make new games from existing games! Work in teams and the rules are simple: take the components you have and make something new. Perfect for age 16+ Booking essential via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/WiganLibrariesEvents>



Image Credit: Manchester Game Centre

## Art for Wellbeing



Wigan library  
Every Friday and Saturday  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
£3.41 including Eventbrite booking fee

A relaxed art and wellbeing workshop for adults to encourage positivity and harmony. Explore a range of art forms such as handmade crafts, painting, illustrating, ceramics and photography as well as mindful activities such as journaling, letter writing or poetry. Booking essential via <https://bit.ly/4cEmmAP>



Image Credit: Ellesha Doubleday

## Star Wars Clay Modelling

Wigan library  
Sat 4th May  
11am - 12.30pm  
£4.50 (including Eventbrite booking fee)

From a galaxy far, far away, join visual artist Paul Pickford to design and sculpt a creature inspired by the Star Wars Universe. Rebels, Jedi, Wookies and even Banthas are welcome, just this once. May The Fourth Be With You! Booking essential via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/WiganLibrariesEvents>



Image Credit: Paul Pickford



Image Credit: Wigan libraries

## Dads and Diddies

Lamberhead Green Library  
Every Sat  
10am - 11.15am  
Free

Enjoy jigsaws, games, creative colouring, stories, and rhymes - mums welcome too! Quality family time in a relaxed, friendly environment.

Perfect for ages 0-10 years, every Saturday both term time and school holidays.

## Mindful Colouring Club

Tyldesley library  
Every Tue  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
Free

Relax and colour in mindful worksheets with local author, Liz King - helps to reduce stress and anxiety, improve vision & motor skills, and can enhance sleep quality. All materials provided.



Image Credit: Liz King

## Bits & Bobs

Hindley Library and Community Centre  
Every Wed  
10.30am - 11.30am  
£1 per child.

Enjoy a different story every week with crafts, music, games, and plenty of fun! Perfect for age 2+ Booking essential by calling 01942 255287



Image Credit: Thrive CIC

For more information, including opening times and how to book, go to [Wigan.gov.uk/LibrariesEvents](https://Wigan.gov.uk/LibrariesEvents)

# Out and About

## Flashes Festival of Nature



Pennington Flash  
25 - 26 May  
11am - 3pm  
Free

In line with National Nature Reserve week, come and explore the Flash and learn about its inhabitants with a range of fun and family-friendly activities, including guided walks, crafts, stalls and more.

## The Zen Experience



Haigh Woodland Park  
Sat 8 June  
10.30am - 2.30pm  
£15 per person

Relax with a guided, mindful walk on the Estate, then explore your creativity in Brian Whitmore's calligraphy workshop.



Image Credit: Brian Whitmore

## Wellies and Words



Haigh Woodland Park  
Sun 12 May  
1pm - 2.30pm  
Free

Join Julie McKiernan for a creative writing class inspired by local history and legends. To book email [info@haighwoodlandpark.co.uk](mailto:info@haighwoodlandpark.co.uk) or ring on 01942 828280



Image Credit: Wigan Council

## Proms in the Park Leigh



Pennington Hall Park  
Sat 7 Sep  
6pm - 10pm  
Booking essential; from £9.50

The Tyldesley Brass Band join us again the following weekend, for another night of prom's magic. Come and celebrate the end of summer in true British style.



Image Credit: Wigan Council

## Proms in the Park Wigan



Mesnes Park  
Sat 31 Aug  
6pm - 10pm  
Booking essential; from £9.50

Join us for an evening of fun and fanfare with your family and friends. Bring your own picnic or treat yourself to a VIP package as you sit back and enjoy entertainment from the Tyldesley Brass Band.



Image Credit: Wigan Council

For more information about Proms in the Park, and how to book, [click here](#)

# Get Involved (all venues)

## School Workshops

All venues

We have some amazing workshops at all our venues that have been specifically designed to support the national curriculum. Visit [wigan.gov.uk](http://wigan.gov.uk) to see the workshops we have on offer.

## Reminiscence Workshops

**Archives: Wigan & Leigh** have a range of reminiscence workshops specifically designed to support people with dementia. To book a session or find out more, you can contact the Archives team at [archives@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:archives@wigan.gov.uk)

## Shop Windows into History

Archives: Wigan & Leigh

The Leigh Town Hall shop window displays change regularly and feature a range of local history and work from local heritage groups and artists. If you or your community group want to get involved for our displays in 2025 email us at [archives@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:archives@wigan.gov.uk)



Wigan Little Theatre © Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Secondary School Careers Day

Archives: Wigan & Leigh  
Slots available on Request

Have you ever wondered what life as an archivist is like? How to get into a heritage career? Our team are always happy to speak to your class about their experiences in the sector, just email us at [archives@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:archives@wigan.gov.uk)

## Volunteering Opportunities

All venues

We are always looking for new people to join our volunteer teams and have a range of opportunities available. To find out more, email the venue you're interested in volunteering at or pop in for a chat!

## Past Forward Magazine

Archives: Wigan & Leigh

We're looking for new articles relating to the history of our borough for our next edition of Past Forward! Articles can be up to 1000 words and include images. Past Forward sells for £2.00 at cultural venues across the borough. Submit articles to [pastforward@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:pastforward@wigan.gov.uk)



Past Forward Magazine © Archives: Wigan & Leigh

## Turnpike Youth Collective

The Turnpike Gallery  
Every other Thursday, 6 - 8pm

Turnpike Youth Collective is a free creative community for young people from Wigan & Leigh. If you're aged 16-25 and would like to get involved in programmes at The Turnpike Gallery and learn about creative careers, come join us!

For full details and a list of upcoming sessions, visit [bit.ly/turnpike-events](https://bit.ly/turnpike-events)



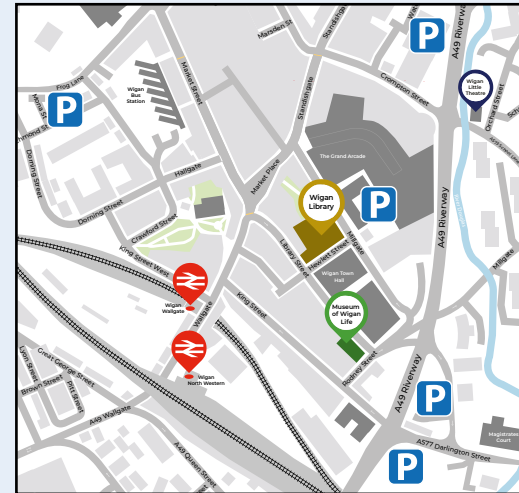
# Culture, Heritage & Special Events

May - August 2024

When	Event/page	Where
Every Day	Windows into History: Atherton & District Amateur Photographic Society	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Every Day	Windows into History: Damhouse	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Every Day	Windows into History: Wigan Little Theatre	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Tues - Sat	Archives: Wigan & Leigh Permanent Exhibition	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Tues - Sat	Catch as Catch Can Wrestling	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Thu - Sat	Forward, Together Wigan Borough 50th Anniversary Exhibition	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Tues - Sat Until 22 Jun	Chance Encounter: Jeanette Orrell & Len Green	The Turnpike Gallery
Every Tue	Mindful Colouring Club	Tyldesley library
Every Wed	Bits & Bobs with Thrive CIC	Hindley Library and Community Centre
Every Sat	Dads and Diddies	Lamberhead Green Library
Every Fri & Sat	Art for Wellbeing	Wigan Library
Every other Mon	Soul Time - Music and Chat Group	Museum of Wigan Life
Last Wed of the month	Town Hall Tours	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Last Saturday of the Month	Relaxed Mornings	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Every Thu Term-Time only	Turnpike Tots	The Turnpike Gallery

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4 May	Star Wars Clay Modelling	Wigan Library
4 May, 1 Jun and 3 Aug	Creative Family Lab	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
4 May, 1 Jun and 3 Aug	SEND-Friendly Family Day at the Archives	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Every other Sat From 11 May	Saturday Family Workshops	The Turnpike Gallery
Thu 16 May	The Fight For Better by Yvonne Eckersley	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
Tues - Sat From 18 May	What's In Store	Museum of Wigan Life
Every Sat From 18 May	What's In Store Crafty Saturdays	Museum of Wigan Life
22 May and 3 Jul	What's In Store Exhibition Tour	Museum of Wigan Life
28, 29, 30 May	May Half Term at The Turnpike	The Turnpike Gallery
29 May	Goofus Theatre Presents: Carried By The Wind	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
30 May	Half-term Craft Activities	Museum of Wigan Life
31 May	May Half Term craft at The Archives	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
1 Jun	Mega-saurus Dinosaur Day	Museum of Wigan Life
Every other Mon From 3 Jun	Soul Time - Music and Chat Group	Museum of Wigan Life
Every Wed From 5 Jun	Museum Minis	Museum of Wigan Life
8 Jun	Golborne - Our Town	Golborne Library
12 Jun	How to Care for Your Vinyl Records	Museum of Wigan Life

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15 Jun	A Lindsays' Story – The Man Called Jeremiah with Ripton Lyndsay	Museum of Wigan Life
15 Jun	LibraryFest	Leigh Library
15 Jun	Remake, Reuse, Replay!	Wigan Library
15 Jun and 11 Jul	Walking Tour of Atherton Cemetery	Atherton Cemetery
20 Jun	Crime Fiction Writers Panel	Leigh Library
29 Jun	Maker's Session – Clay Casting Workshop	Museum of Wigan Life
11 Jul	Wigan's Wonderful Women Weavers with Yvonne Eckersley	Museum of Wigan Life
Tues – Sat 13 Jul – 14 Sep	Trinity Buoy Wharf Drawing Prize	The Turnpike Gallery
13 Jul – 14 Sep	Summer Festival of Drawing	Various locations across the borough
20 Jul to 31 Aug	Summer of Fun! Marvellous Makers Summer	All libraries
Tues – Sat 23 Jul – 31 Aug	Summer Holiday Fun	Museum of Wigan Life
1 Aug	Spiderman (and other superheroes) Day	Museum of Wigan Life
3 Aug	Leather making talk	Museum of Wigan Life
7 Aug	Permanent exhibition and building tour	Museum of Wigan Life
14 Aug	How to care for your silverware	Museum of Wigan Life
14 Aug and 17 Aug	Leigh In The 40s and 50s: War Then Austerity Talk by Michael Caine	Archives: Wigan & Leigh
15 Aug	Ancient Egypt activities	Museum of Wigan Life
29 Aug	What's in Store End of Summe Crafts	Museum of Wigan Life



**How to find the Museum of Wigan Life and Wigan Library:**

If you're using public transport, we are just a 4 minute (0.2 miles) walk away from Wigan Wallgate rail station.

A 5 minute (0.3 miles) walk from Wigan North Western rail station.

A 7 minute (0.4 miles) walk from Wigan bus station.

or

If you're driving, Rodney Street car park is only a minute away.

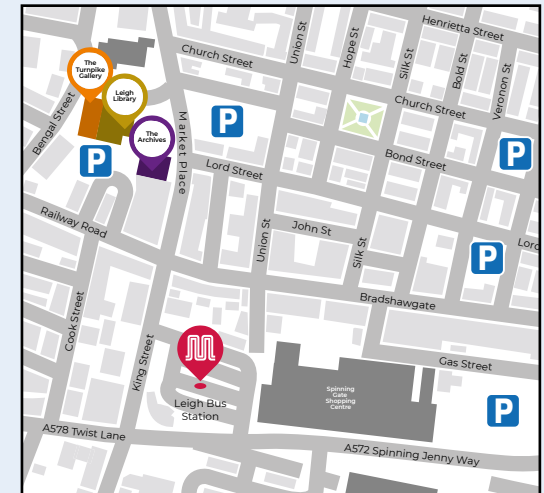
**How to find the Turnpike Gallery, Archives: Wigan & Leigh and Leigh Library:**

Leigh Civic Square is home to both The Turnpike Gallery and the Archives.

It's just a 4 minute (0.2 miles) walk away from Leigh bus station.

or

If you're driving, the Town Hall Surface car park is only a minute away.



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