

LANCASTER HERITAGE GUIDE

Lancaster has a rich heritage dating right back to Roman times.

A Roman fort once stood on the site of Lancaster Castle – which itself has dominated the Lancaster skyline for almost 1,000 years. In Georgian times, Lancaster thrived due to its part in the triangular slave trade with Africa and the West Indies. This is when many key heritage buildings were built including Dalton Square, the Old Town Hall, which is now the City Museum, and the Custom House on St George's Quay – now the Maritime Museum. The museums are two of several places in which you can learn about the city's history.

This guide highlights some of the finest heritage features of the city alongside some lesser-known hidden gems. We hope you enjoy exploring our wonderful city and discovering its rich heritage as well as the unique range of businesses which continue to make Lancaster such a special place.

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Mill Race Area Heritage Trail

Hidden under our feet, the Mill Race is a channel of water that once powered industries and shaped the development of this area to the north-east of the city centre.

This trail guides you through the restored and new heritage plaques and other interesting features. Together these help reveal stories of some of the people, businesses and activities that shaped this area's rich heritage.

MAP INSIDE SHOWS THE MILL RACE AREA

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Lancaster Digital Heritage Trail

The Heritage Digital Trail has been inspired by the work done for Lancaster Rewind Festival in 2022.

Thanks to HPA who secured access to photographs of Lancaster for a special edition of the Architect's Journal in 1972, the Digital Heritage Trail shows photographs of how Lancaster looked in those same places over 50 years ago. It covers the city centre as well as St George's Quay and Williamson's Park. We encourage you to walk the trail to see all the other hidden gems across our city, but be warned there are some steep hills along the way.

We hope you enjoy the trail.

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LANCASTER DAY WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

'Lancaster Day' will be a celebration of our fantastic city, a city of heritage and history. We want to tell the story of Lancaster like it has never been told before...

Marking the signing of the original charter on June the 12th 1193, the festivities will be taking place on its anniversary. The original charter will be showcased in Lancaster City Museum, alongside a day of entertainment for the community.

To help us commemorate, we will have a town crier interacting with the public, and announcing Lancaster's brand new, very own 'town cry'. We'll have FREE walks, talks and tours, showcasing the amazing heritage around the city and telling tales of the past, as well as a vintage mobile DJ strolling the streets.

Make sure to add 'Lancaster Day' to your diaries...

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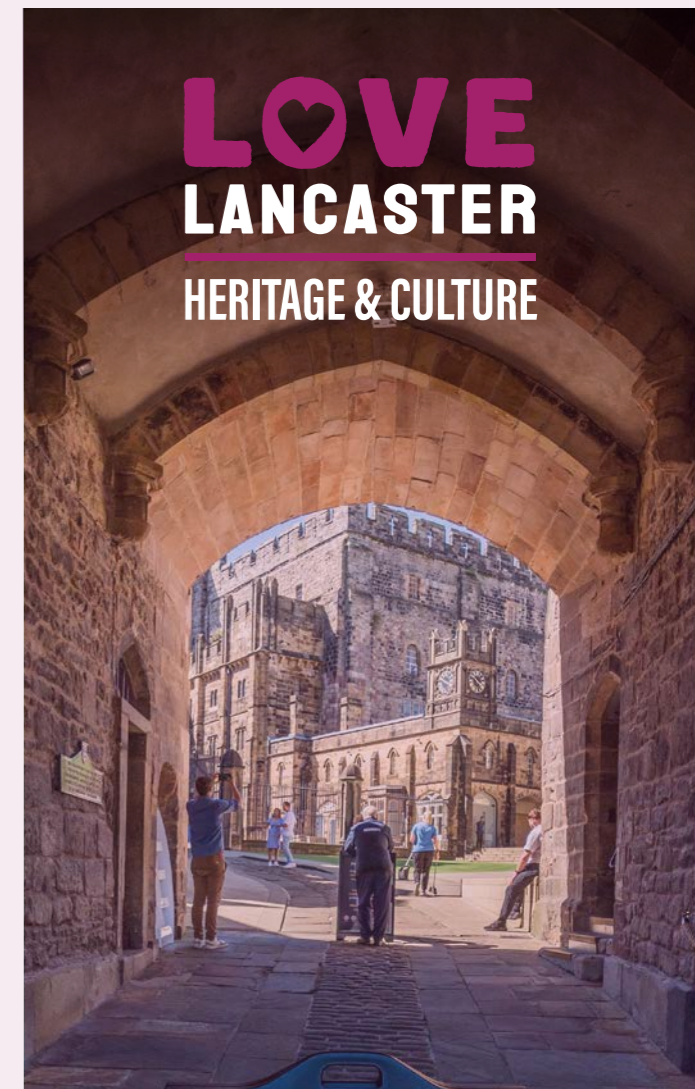
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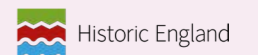
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LANCASTER'S HERITAGE Points of Interest

As part of The Digital Trail

- 1 Ashton Memorial
- 2 Butterfly House
- 3 Lancaster Castle
- 4 Castle Hill
- 5 Charter Market
- 6 Dalton Square
- 7 Damside Street
- 8 Dukes Theatre
- 9 Edward Street
- 10 Lancaster Canal
- 11 Lancaster Market
- 12 Lune Aqueduct
- 13 Quaker Meeting House
- 14 The Music Room
- 15 Odeon Cinema
- 16 Lancaster Priory
- 17 Sun Square
- 18 Raised Terrace Houses

More Heritage Points

- 19 Assembly Rooms
- 20 Lancaster City Museum
- 21 Lancaster Grand Theatre
- 22 Judges Lodging Museum
- 23 Lancaster Town Hall
- 24 Lancaster Maritime Museum
- 25 Market Square
- 26 Lancashire Police Museum
- 27 Royal Kings Arms Hotel
- 28 Sir Richard Owen Monument
- 29 St John's Church
- 30 St Peter's Cathedral
- 31 The Cottage Museum
- 32 The Gregson Centre
- 33 The Storey & Gardens

i Wayfinder Signs

Scan the code to take part!

Lancaster Digital Heritage Trail



Scan the QR codes found in the window of buildings at each point on the map to discover fascinating facts and see photos old and new. Alternatively, scan the QR code above to find links to the information on each location.



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Take a walk and follow in the footsteps of Romans, merchants, factory workers, craftsmen and soldiers.



To Williamson Park

To Preston