

EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Visit www.whitworth.gov.uk for information on these events:

mid-April: St George Celebrations
mid-June: Sports Festival
end June / early July: Scarecrow Festival
early July: Family Fun Day
early Sept: Rushcart
end Nov: Christmas Lights Switch On
New Year's Day: Duck Race

The Riverside (Whitworth Civic Hall):
see right for contact details

SCHOOLS:

Our Lady & St Anselms RC Primary School
www.olsa.lancs.sch.uk
St Bartholomew's CE Primary School
www.st-bartholomew.lancsngfl.ac.uk
St John with St Michael CE Primary School
www.sjsm.lancs.sch.uk
Tonacliffe Primary School
www.tonacliffe.lancs.sch.uk
Whitworth Community High School
www.whitworth.lancs.sch.uk

PLACES OF WORSHIP:

Hallfold United Reformed Church: 01706 344632
www.hallfold.urc.org.uk
St Bartholomew's Parish Church: 01706 853931
St John the Evangelist Church: 01706 853931
St Anselm RC Church: 01706 853562
www.stmaryandstanselm.org.uk
Shawforth Methodist Church: 01706 874529
Whitworth Methodist Church: 01706 646566

WHITWORTH READING:

Visit www.whitworthvalley.com for a list of books, fact and fiction, relating to Whitworth and the surrounding areas.

DID YOU KNOW...

A train line ran the entire length of Whitworth, along what is now Cowm Park Way and Leavengreave. The last train goods train ran in 1967; passenger trains stopped in 1947.

CONTACTS & FURTHER INFORMATION:

Whitworth Town Council:

01706 852018 • info@whitworth.gov.uk • www.whitworth.gov.uk

Whitworth Tourism & Leisure Committee:

c/o Whitworth Town Council (see above for details)

Whitworth Valley website: www.whitworthvalley.com

The Riverside (Civic Hall):

01706 854130 • riverside-whitworth@zen.co.uk
www.whitworthriverside.co.uk

Whitworth Historical Society & Museum:

www.whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Rossendale Borough Council:

01706 217777 • www.rossendale.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council: 0300 123 6701 • www.lancashire.gov.uk

Visit Rossendale: www.visitrossendale.com

Visit Lancashire: www.visitlancashire.com



DID YOU KNOW...

The Riverside is one of only two venues in Lancashire with a sprung dance floor - the other is Blackpool's Tower Ballroom!

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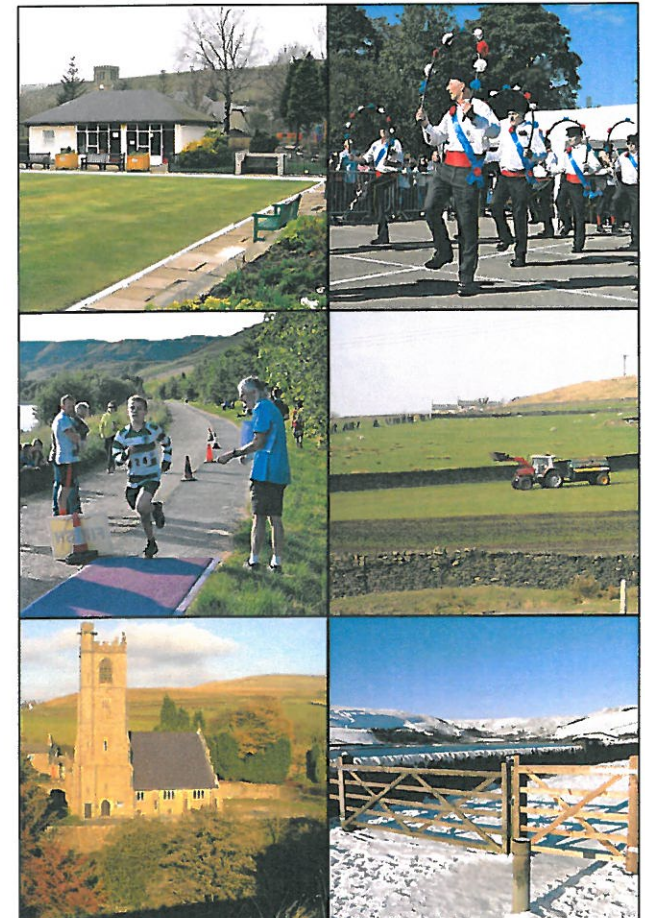
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Welcome to Whitworth



VISITOR GUIDE

Whitworth is a popular, thriving town, nestled in the stunning foothills of the south Pennines. It is situated in the Rossendale Valley, right on the tip of the Lancashire boundary bordering Greater Manchester to the south, with West Yorkshire just over the easterly hills in Todmorden. The township of Whitworth is long and thin, consisting of the communities of Healey, Whitworth, Facit and Shawforth all linked by part of the great turnpike road built in the 18th century, now the A671.

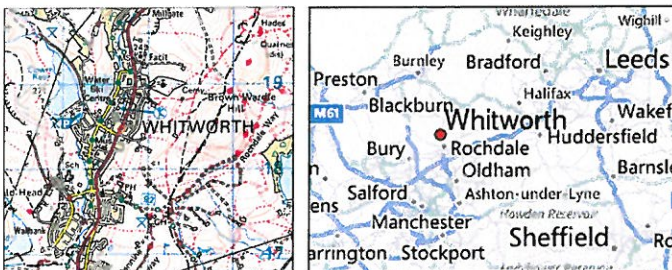
Whitworth has much to offer for lovers of The Great Outdoors - the town is surrounded by the rolling Pennine hills, providing ample walking opportunities, and located to the south of the town is Rossendale's only designated nature reserve, the beautiful Healey Dell. The Whitworth Cycleway runs the entire length of the town, and Cowm Leisure offers a variety of off-road motor sport activities. No visit is complete without a walk around Cowm Reservoir, tucked away within beautiful countryside and offering a choice of watersports for the more adventurous.

Whitworth boasts a great historical tapestry - the town played a significant role in the former cotton industry, and relics of its industrial past can be found scattered across the town. The Whitworth Square Conservation Area is a step into the past where you can find great food and drink at the Red Lion Inn, and wander round the grounds of St Bartholomew's Church; you can even sit in the stocks! The Historical Society and Museum has a huge archive of materials for anyone interested in the town's past.

Whitworth hosts a number of events throughout the year, including the Rushcart celebrations in September, the Scarecrow Festival in June and the New Year's Day Duck Race. There are a number of bed and breakfasts within the town and close by providing the perfect base, and the town offers a great variety of restaurants and pubs to suit all tastes.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Whitworth Rushcart is one of only four that still take place, and the only one in the country to cover the cart with heather rather than rushes.



HISTORY & HERITAGE:

Whitworth Historical Society & Museum

North Street, Whitworth, OL12 8RE • www.whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk
Open Tues 7.30pm - 9.30pm / Sat 2pm - 4pm

FOOD & DRINK:

Annabella's: restaurant & pizzeria
01706 550303 • www.annabellawhitworth.co.uk
142 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8SZ

Ashoka Indian Restaurant:
01706 854550 • 526 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8QW

Band Club: traditional English pub with real ales
01706 852484 • 498 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8QW

Basil's: traditional English restaurant
01706 344896 • www.basils-restaurant.co.uk
264 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8PW

Berni Inn: steaks, pizza, pasta and more
07918 176723 • www.berniinn.co.uk
The Fudge Factory, Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8DN

Birches Public House: food & drink, incl. bowling green
01706 344119 • 145 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8RU

Cock & Magpie: traditional pub grub and drink
01706 852226 • www.cockandmagpie.robinsonsbrewery.com
Tong End, Whitworth, OL12 8BJ

Halfway House Public House:
01706 852113 • www.halfwayhousewhitworth.com
755 - 757 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8LS

Healey Conservative Club: bar, bowling green
01706 343245 • Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8RW

Healey Dell Heritage Centre & Tea Rooms
01706 524425 • www.healeydel heritagecentre.org.uk
Healey Dell Nature Reserve, Rochdale, OL12 6BG

Posh Pig: lunches, warm sandwiches etc
01706 343726 • 7 Hall Street, Whitworth, OL12 8TL

Red Lion Inn: traditional pub & restaurant
01706 861441 • www.redlionwhitworth.co.uk
Whitworth Square, Whitworth, OL12 8PY

Sportsman Public House:
01706 854402 • 464 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8QN

Sybil's Wine Bar:
01706 344896 • 264 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8PW

Whitworth Workers:
01706 746757 • 273 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8PW

PLUS a great variety of sandwich shops and takeaways

DID YOU KNOW...

The Whitworth Doctors were 18th century bone setters, whose skill and success saw patients travel from across the UK and overseas; they even treated a future Archbishop of Canterbury. They resided and worked in Whitworth Square, now a conservation area.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS (& INDOORS):

All open to non-members. For a full list of all sporting activities and organisations, visit www.whitworth-sports-council.co.uk

Cowm Leisure: off-road motor sports
07970 101879 • www.cowmleisure.com
Back Cowm Quarry, High Barn Lane, Whitworth, OL12 8XG

Festival Park Bowling Club: bowling • 01706 852242
Adjacent to The Riverside, Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8DP

Lee Quarry: world class mountain bike trail
Rear of Futures Park, Bacup, Lancashire OL13 0BB

Lobden Golf Club: golfing with outstanding views
01706 343228 • www.lobdengolfclub.co.uk
Lobden Moor, Whitworth, OL12 8XJ

Whitworth Leisure Centre: two pools and fitness centre
01706 852694 • www.whitworthleisure.co.uk
John Street, Whitworth, OL12 8BT

Whitworth Water-Ski Academy: all manner of water sports
01706 852151 • Cowm Reservoir, Tong Lane, Whitworth, OL12 8BE

PLACES TO STAY:

The Britannia Bed & Breakfast: 01706 879152
No1 Britannia Heights, Rochdale Road, Britannia, Bacup, OL13 9SD
www.thebritanniabandb.co.uk

Hindle Pastures: 01706 643310
Highgate Lane, Whitworth, Lancashire OL12 0TS
www.hindlepastures.co.uk

Sportsman Public House: 01706 854402
464 Market Street, Whitworth, OL12 8QN

Visit www.visitrossendale.com for further accommodation in Whitworth and the wider Rossendale Valley.

DID YOU KNOW...

James 'Treacle' Sanderson, a Whitworth blacksmith in the 1860s, was one of England's greatest runners. There is a monument and information board dedicated to him at Cowm Reservoir, and his ancestors still live in Whitworth today.