

## GANDER & GAB

### A trail for older people and their carers

Find and discuss objects in the Gallery. Start on the first floor landing by taking the stairs to the left of the café. Alternatively take the lift in the foyer to the first floor. Ask a friendly member of staff for help if you get lost.

#### First Floor Landing: What's in Store? case

##### Teapots

- Who owned this teapot? Look carefully at the decoration.
- When, if ever do you use a teapot? Do you prefer a mug or a cup and saucer?
- What is your favourite blend or brand of tea? Which biscuits do you enjoy alongside?



##### Irons and Washing Equipment

- Do any of these irons look familiar?
- Is ironing at home a pleasure or a chore? Which items of clothing are most difficult to iron?
- When is laundry day? Which brand of washing powder do you use? How do you get clothes dry?



##### 1950s Ferranti Wireless

Ferranti's was an electrical engineering firm that employed lots of local people.

- Do you recognise the brand name Ferranti? What other sorts of products did they make? Where was the factory?
- What radio stations did you listen to as a young person? What sort of music did you like? Did you go dancing? Where?

#### First Floor Landing: Art of the Potter cases

##### Clay Circles

- Look at these samples of pottery. Can you feel the difference between porcelain and stoneware? Which is the smoothest? What type of pots are made from terracotta?

##### Jugs

- How easy would these jugs be to use? Which design do you think is most useful?



Climb the stairs or take the lift to the second floor.

#### Second Floor Landing

##### Stained Glass Window from Oldham Infirmary

- Did you visit the old infirmary? Where was it and what was it like?

Turn round and walk straight ahead to the glass bridge linking the old and new gallery buildings. Look at the large, black and white photograph to your right.

## Second Floor: Glass Link Bridge

### The Oldham Panorama 1876

- Do you remember when Oldham was famous for cotton spinning? Did anyone you know work in the industry? What was their job?
- How many mill chimneys can you count in the photograph?
- Can you spot Oldham Parish Church?

Head back into the new gallery building. Follow the open corridor through Gallery Two, until you reach the furthest exhibition space.

## Gallery One: Oldham Stories exhibition

### Owls

- How many stuffed owls can you see on display? Which is the 'Oldham Owl'? Why do you think owls are associated with Oldham?
- Look out for other owls—on objects and in paintings—as you look round.



### Hats

- Did you know Oldham was famous for hats before it was famous for cotton?
- When, if ever, do you wear a hat?
- How many different types of hat can you spot in the paintings on the opposite wall?

### The Procession by L. S. Lowry

- What kind of people and scenery did Lowry paint?
- Look at the picture. How many banners can you spot? What colour are they? When do people carry banners?

### Chips

- Do you love chips like the two adoring cherubs on the blue banner?
- What do you like to eat with chips? Fish, pies, gravy?
- Do you remember getting chips wrapped in newspaper? How much did it cost for a fish supper ?



Take the stairs next to the Gallery One exit and descend two flights.

## Ground Floor: Foyer

### Football

- On your way out, see if you can spot the old Oldham Athletic turnstile.
- Do you have a favourite football team? Who's your favourite footballer?



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