If you’ve enjoyed your visit please come again – we promise to ensure that at least one of our exhibition spaces is family friendly throughout the year. We also offer a range of fun activities, check the website for regular updates.

Monday – Saturday 10am–5pm (last admission 4.45pm)
Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays, Free admission.

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The building has large fits, accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. There is a baby feeding room in the library.
Welcome

Gallery Oldham has been collecting since 1883 and is still collecting today. We care for over 12,000 items relating to the history of Oldham; more than 2,000 paintings, prints and sculptures; 1,000 pots, glasses, metalwork and textiles and around 80,000 plant samples, stuffed animals and shells.

All of these items belong to the people of Oldham, and tell the story of our area. You can see a wide variety in the Gallery’s changing exhibitions or by making an appointment with a curator.

A selection of our best loved treasures are dotted throughout the building on long-term display. Follow this trail to track them down and find out more ...

1 Test Tubes
   by Michael Trainor/ Pop Empires Ltd, 2002

As daylight fades these coloured tubes appear to get brighter due to the properties of the neon gas contained within.

Can you name all the colours in this rainbow?

2 Wildflowers
   by Ruth Moilliet, 2006

Did you know? Wildflowers provide food for bees. A third of a bumblebee’s daily intake is spent foraging for more nectar and pollen. With furry ‘woolly jumpers’ and by shivering their muscles bumblebees stay warm and active on cool days. Some bumblebees even live north of the Arctic Circle!

Can you identify the flowers in this sculpture?

3 Ceramics

A chance to find out more about our ceramics collection. Look, touch, play.

Many items are made of clay.
How many can you think of?

4 What’s in Store
   social history

A changing display of treasures from our stores.

Stars like these feature on many national flags. How many can you think of?

5 Gravy for the Navy
   by Peter Phillips, 1963

This painting uses bright colours, repeat patterns and images from magazines to create the look of an advertisement.

Can you identify the flowers from our stores?

6 John Charlesworth Window
   Stained glass, 1870s

This window came from a grand Victorian house which was knocked down to make room for the Oldham Way. It belonged to a wealthy mill owner whose initials are included in the pattern at the top.

Did you know? Stained glass dates back to the ancient Romans and Egyptians. They used it to make cups, bowls and trinkets.

Can you spot the symbols that stand for peace and progress?

7 The Oldham Panorama

A widescreen view of Victorian Oldham including mills, factories and a railway that made Oldham the biggest cotton spinning town in the world.

Look closely at the panorama. Can you spot the sleeping cat?

8 Sedum roof

Did you know? Green roofs keep buildings warm as well as providing food for animals and a place for them to live. This one also filters rainwater, used to flush the library’s toilets!

We have spotted birds and minibeasts. What can you see?

9 The Death of Cleopatra
   by Hon. John Collier, 1890

An epic painting about love, war, money and tragedy in ancient Egypt. Activity stations help younger children learn about the artwork.

Can you identify the flowers in this sculpture?

10 What’s in Store
    natural history

A changing display of treasures from our stores.

Don’t forget...

Did you take a ride in one of our amazing lifts? They both contain an extraordinary light installation that will get you thinking...

These lights play with your senses. When you come out of the pink lift, things appear green and on leaving the green lift things appear pink.

Our café welcomes families and serves meals, snacks and drinks at reasonable prices. Look out for seasonal offers