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MARKET ST

Sentinel - Studio Vertigo
Sentinel is a light sculpture whose sweeping form recalls a protective wing — a sheltering presence held in luminous motion.



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illumaphonium
"illumaphonium is a dynamic and interactive, multi sensory, music making installation - the first of its kind".

The pioneers of interactive light and sound works illumaphonium bring to you their very first installation, also called illumaphonium. A name so good they named the company after it! 2026 marks the tenth year this incredible creation has been touring. Seen by audiences of over 7 million world wide this 3.5m high musical sculpture is made of 108 hand tuned chime bars and invites you to play!



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MARKET ST

The Relic of Mirchwood Forest - Laura Spark, Sound Design Jonathan Hering
A mythical ecosystem brought to life with stop motion animation and projection mapping, eternally suspended in an otherworldly terrarium



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ALBION ST

Eternal Ensemble - ONYVA! Studio - Scott Parkin & Andrew J Brown
A repeated performance, suspended in time, creating a powerful connection between cellist and listener that evokes a sense of joy; feeling utterly personal, yet wholly shared.



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OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH

Strands - Florence
Strands is a colourful light and sound installation inspired by the idea of home, created through a collaboration between Florence (Venture Arts), Things That Go On Things, Vicky Clarke, Jonny Godsmark, and Lazerian, working with community groups in Hulme, Wigan, and Oldham.



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OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH GARDENS

Things That Light Up - Things That Go On Things
Things That Light Up is a new artwork by Things That Go On Things and creative technologist Chris Ball. It is a flexible artwork designed to combat the use of disposable lights in light artworks. Here the lights are presented in a hypnotic spiral vortex aimed to beguile the viewer and highlight the church gardens.



Parade Route:
Starts at civic Centre.
Ends at Old Town Hall.
Please refer to route.

HIGH STREET

Dancing Threads - Global Grooves, Dancing Diyas, Saddleworth Women's Morris and Clog
Dancing Threads is a unique display of dance as dialogue, inheritance and celebration, and is led by two Oldham dance groups: The Dancing Diyas and Saddleworth Women's Morris and Clog, and a part of **The Worker Becomes Queen**. Commissioned by XTRAX for La Mercè Festival 2025 in Barcelona, this year's Illuminate Parade will celebrate the homecoming of the project and highlight the collective momentum of Oldham Communities. Incredible puppets will pass by, leading the way for three distinct sections with music, movement, costume and characters before culminating in a collaborative finale spectacle.



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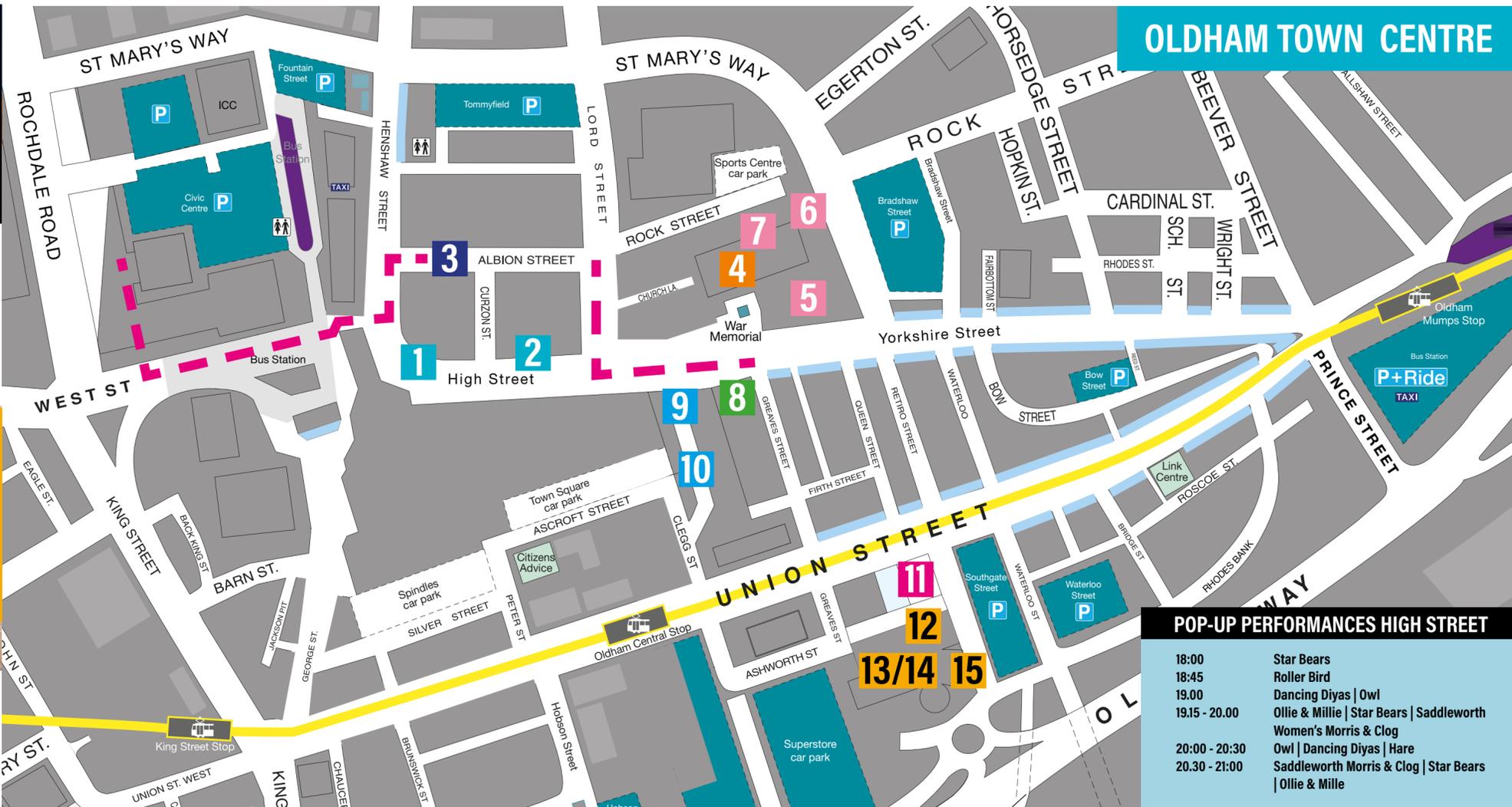
GALLERY OLDHAM & OLDHAM LIBRARY

Gallery Exhibitions
Oldham Stories
Oldham Stories features selected objects from our extensive collections to tell and show the stories of Oldham and its local and natural communities.

Women Portraits: Trades and Professions by Charlotte Hodes
This exhibition, by Charlotte Hodes, is engaged with the representation of trades and professions. It focuses on the contributions made by women from Oldham and Manchester regions from the late 1800s, a period of increasing demand for equal rights for women, through to the present day.

Connecting Threads 2 by Lynn Setterington
Lynn Setterington is an ethnographic embroiderer who engages with the world through stitch. Lynn has worked with communities worldwide and she combines popular culture, folk art and the everyday to make extraordinary artworks that celebrate what it means to be human.

150 Years of Oldham Rugby League Football Club
The Oldham Rugby League Heritage Trust is pleased to present an exhibition in collaboration with Gallery Oldham to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Oldham RLFC. Acknowledged as one of the finest collections of rugby memorabilia in the world, the displays will feature shirts, caps, medals, photographs programmes and much more.



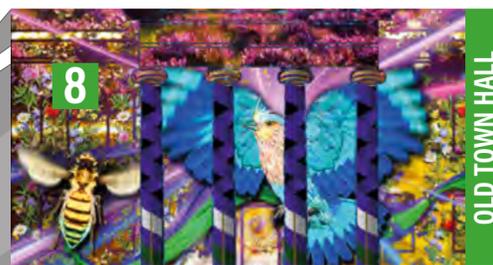
OLDHAM TOWN CENTRE



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OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH GARDENS

POLAR - Gemma Wood
Powerful yet playful, POLAR invites you into an Arctic moment of wonder.



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OLD TOWN HALL

A Dance of Bee and Bird - A Churning of the Ocean - Illuminos
Join us for a unique projection artwork in a story of the Indian Roller Bird and the Queen Honey Bee. Drawing inspiration from traditional Hindu narratives and the significance of the worker bee to our region, reflecting the Global Grooves 'Worker becomes Queen' project, the town hall comes alive in blues, purples and yellows, a dance of bird and bee, as the fable of the immortal nectar plays out.

POP-UP PERFORMANCES HIGH STREET

18:00	Star Bears
18:45	Roller Bird
19:00	Dancing Diyas Owl
19:15 - 20:00	Ollie & Millie Star Bears Saddleworth Women's Morris & Clog
20:00 - 20:30	Owl Dancing Diyas Hare
20:30 - 21:00	Saddleworth Morris & Clog Star Bears Ollie & Mille



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Light Painting - Tim Simpson
Hugely successful Light Painting Workshops return by popular demand. Play with light sources and paint a stunning piece of art in the dark.

Light Up Art and Crafts - Oldham Play Action Group
Come and create your very own bright light-up, crafty artworks.

Performance: 19:30 - 20:00 Jubacana



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Hero Shot Frame - SLX
Picture yourself in a frame and take the shot!



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LIBRARY GARDENS

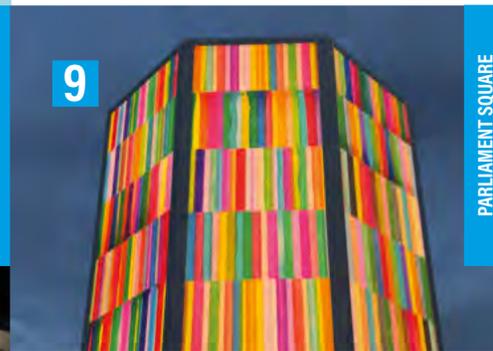
Happy as the Day is Long - Stellar Creates
A Joyful Mirrorball Silent Disco. Put your dancing shoes on and get ready to move under the glow of our giant colourful mirrorball! Constructed from a kaleidoscope of brightly coloured mirrored pieces, Happy as the Day is Long creates geometric rainbow patterns that will make your head spin. The artwork reflects beautiful beams of light which will transform the space into a mesmerizing environment, where light dances with the night.



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PARLIAMENT SQUARE

Love Oldham - Co-created with Blackpool Illuminations
Putting it in words, showing how much we love Oldham



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PARLIAMENT SQUARE

Colour Rush - Liz West
Colour Rush stands as a bold and vibrant light beacon that showcases intricate colour relationships, juxtapositions and patterns. This spatial drawing began with a recent ink study as its foundation and colour palette.

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DANCING THREADS



ILLUMIN-LATE

WHY NOT STAY OUT LATER THAN USUAL THIS ILLUMINATE? 26

THE EGYPTIAN ROOM
IMOGEN PAIGE - LIVE SINGER
& TAKE OUT SPECIAL OFFERS 7 - 9 PM

BEES KNEES OLDHAM
A DAZZLING CHER TRIBUTE, FOLLOWED BY
A DJ WHO'LL KEEP THE PARTY GOING 7 PM

WHITTLES @ TOKYO
AN AFTERNOON OF SABRINA CARPENTER
WITH KATY MCKENNA 1 - 5 PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY

WHITTLES @ TOKYO
THINK PURPLE CLUB NIGHT
SUPPORTING EPILEPSY ACTION 7 PM - LATE

KEEP THE NIGHT LIT AND HEAD TO ONE OF OLDHAM'S NIGHT-TIME SPOTS

FOX & PINE | BANK TOP TAVERN | OLD BANK | TOMMYFIELD INN | LIQUID & ENVY
MOLINO LOUNGE | TOWN HALL TAVERN | BILLINGTONS | BEES KNEES
WHITTLES | ASHTON ARMS | THE EGYPTIAN ROOM | THE GEORGE TAVERN | UP STEPS

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SEE OLDHAM IN A NEW LIGHT!

Join us and celebrate Oldham illuminated at night!! It's a relaxed way to spend time with friends and family and discover incredible light art and performances created by artists from the UK and beyond.

Everything is free, suitable for everyone and the route is fully accessible. Activities run from 6-9pm, look at the event map to find our venues and to see the parade route.

Each year Oldham Illuminate delights audiences and 2026 is no exception, just turn up and enjoy!

Share your pictures on social media using #LoveOldham

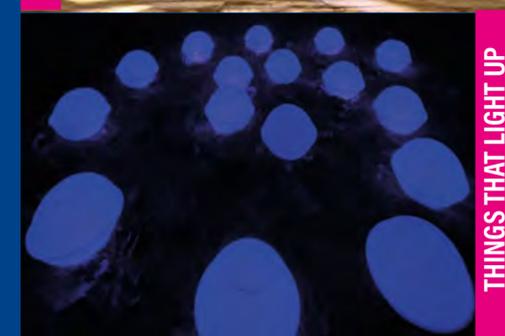
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ETERNAL ENSEMBLE



HAPPY AS THE DAY IS LONG



THINGS THAT LIGHT UP



COLOUR RUSH

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Saturday 21 February 2026,
6pm - 9pm Oldham Town Centre