

TRANSFORMING OUR TOWN ACCRINGTON THROUGH THE YEARS

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EXHIBITION AT HAWORTH ART GALLERY 25th NOVEMBER 2018 - 3rd FEBRUARY 2019

WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY

The restored **Town Square** commemorates the sacrifice and bravery of the **Accrington Pals**.

AN EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE #AMAZINGACCRINGTON'S NEW TOWN SQUARE



The restored **Town Square** commemorates the sacrifice and bravery of the Accrington Pals. It is the centrepiece of a project which will also see the restoration of some of Accrington's key historic retail and commercial buildings, creating an attractive environment and supporting the local economy. The Town Square was officially opened on 10th November 2018.

The exhibition at Haworth Art Gallery will take you on a journey from past to present, detailing Accrington through the years and the transformation of the town.

There are four gallery areas to visit, showcasing 200 years of development and change. The transformation is shown through architecture, retail and historic images.

EXHIBITION KEY



ACCRINGTON PALS | KEY HISTORIC RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS | 4 GALLERY ROOMS

LOOKING UP TO THE FUTURE



We hope you enjoy your journey through time and you leave inspired by our Amazing Accrington and looking to find out more. If you haven't already, take a visit to the Town Square, see the benches and sculptures for yourself. As you walk along Blackburn Road, look up at the buildings and take in the fine architecture and look out for the different phases in the making of Accrington through time. Watch out for changes during 2019 as more shops sign up for the Heritage Lottery Fund conservation grants.

There's a wealth of expertise and knowledge held within Accrington's community. Here's just a few opportunities you may like to follow up.

- **Hyndburn Heritage and Community Museum**
- **Hyndburn Local History Society**
- **Accrington Library**
- **Acorn News**
- **Amazing Accrington**
- **Social Media**



Above all, enjoy your new Town Square and look out for new events and opportunities as they emerge in the months and years to come.

Please do take the opportunity to give your feedback on the exhibition and Town Square project in the upstairs gallery.

Thank you for visiting.

GROUND FLOOR

AMAZING PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN



Past and present, Accrington has been the birthplace to some amazing individuals and seen some huge crowds grace the Town Square.

In use for many occasions, Accrington Town Square has always been a place for people to come together, celebrating and commemorating people of the town.

Visit this gallery room to see the display of Extraordinary Women from Accrington, the Accrington Pals and see historic images from Royal visits and Accrington Stanley Football Club.

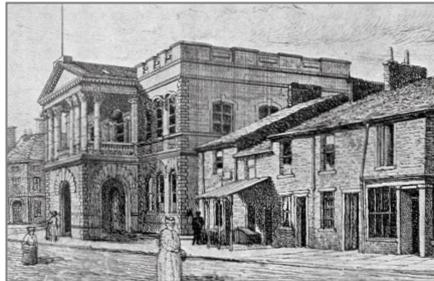
The display houses original models from the new Town Square bronze statues, which have been installed next to the benches.

GROUND FLOOR

TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE PROJECT



Over the years Blackburn Road has seen many changes, remaining a destination for the people of Accrington, be it for a coffee with friends, to catch a cab or to go to the doctors - Accrington Town Centre has changed alongside the people of the town.



This gallery room celebrates the Townscape Heritage Initiative project (THI). Taking you back in time, offering glimpses of Accrington Town Centre and the changing face of Blackburn Road and retail outlets throughout the decades.

Accrington has some exceptional architecture. This area of the exhibition encourages you to visit the town in search of the buildings and there is the opportunity here to share your own memories and feedback.

FIRST FLOOR JOURNEY TO THE NEW TOWN SQUARE



This gallery room details the process of creating the new benches and the new Town Square, from concept and inspiration to completion. In this room see historic videos and models created by a local school and reflect upon the long consultation, research and manufacturing process.

Ever heard the saying: 'Britain's bread by Lancashire's thread'?

The new Town Square plan and 'duckboard trench' benches drew upon the past for inspiration.

Accrington's rich textile heritage is honoured, alongside the Accrington Pals in their design.

The simple, high quality and flexible space encourages community use and local events, enhancing further the listed Town Hall and Market Hall as prominent feature.

THE CORRIDOR

MEET THE TEAM



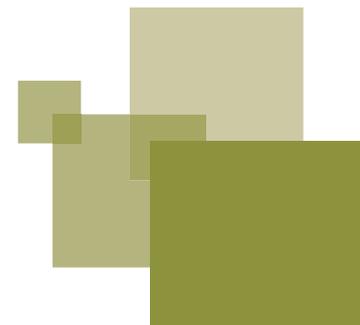
The design brief focussed on the creation of a new Town Square for Accrington and the historic restoration of shops that showcase some of the town's finest architecture.

The Corridor display celebrates the team behind the transformation of the town.



Formed through representatives from various sectors including: business, retail and education, the 'Town Team' have had a pivotal role in the design and development of the project, working closely alongside the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) team, designers, contractors and funders.

The THI team worked in partnership with Lancashire County Council (LCC) throughout the project, underpinning its success.





Haworth Art Gallery

Transforming our Town - Accrington Through the Years Exhibition

25th November 2018 - 3rd February 2019

Opening times:

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 12 noon - 4:45pm

Wednesday 12 noon - 4:45pm

Thursday 12 noon - 4:45pm

Friday 12 noon - 4:45pm

Saturday 12 noon - 4:15pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4:15pm

Please note: Haworth Art Gallery will be closed from 4pm Friday 21st December 2018 and will re-open to the public Saturday 5th January 2019.

There is no charge to visit the gallery, however donations are gratefully received.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge that the completion of this exhibition would not have been possible without the contributions from all involved.

Thank you for all of your benefactions, knowledge, wisdom, hard work and dedication that made this possible.



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