

HOLDSWORTH HOUSE

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

THE TOURIST TRAIL SUGGESTED ITINERARY

1/2 DAY OR A LEISURELY FULL DAY
Shibden Hall - Bankfield Museum - The Piece Hall - Halifax Minster

West Yorkshire has long been a cultural centre, now it is emerging as a hub for the literary, art, film and TV world. Here are a few of the highlights. Let us know your favourite and any more we should add!

SHIBDEN HALL

Lister's Road, Halifax, HX3 6XG

An historic hall dating from 1420, three miles from Holdsworth House. Once home of the 19th century diarist, Anne Lister, and the setting for one of BBC/HBO's biggest period dramas, Gentleman Jack. The interior was used extensively for filming; you'll recognise it immediately plus many similarities to Holdsworth House.



TOP TIPS FOR VISITING

Take cash for parking, Hall entry fee (£8 per person) and the gift shop

In 2020, Shibden Hall will open from Monday the 2nd March. We currently expect the Hall to be closed for filming for a number of weeks during June-July and September-November 2020. If planning ahead, aim to visit March to May or August when we expect it to be open. See their website and social media for further details.

www.museums.calderdale.gov.uk/visit/shibden-hall

GENTLEMAN JACK

Pictured:

Gemma Jones (Aunt Anne Lister)
Suranne Jones (Anne Lister)
Rhodry the Deerhound (Argus)

All three actors stayed at Holdsworth House before or during filming the series.

Anne Lister knew another Halifax diarist – Elizabeth Wadsworth – who owned Holdsworth House in the early 1800s. On Wadsworth's death in 1837, Lister notes in her diary '...Miss Wadsworth of Holdsworth had £700 a year.' Halifax Antiquarian Society.

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BANKFIELD MUSEUM

www.museums.calderdale.gov.uk/visit/bankfield-museum
Akroyd Park, Boothtown Road, HX3 6HG

After visiting Shibden Hall, drop in at Bankfield Museum to see the Fashion Galleries (until 24 December 2020) and costumes from famous TV dramas (until 5 September 2020).

Bankfield is a Grade II Listed historic house museum, incorporating the fascinating Duke of Wellington's Regimental Museum and one of the best textile collections in the country. It's free entry and free to park.

**The
Fashion
Gallery.**



Bankfield Museum is Victorian mansion built by local mill owner and philanthropist, Colonel Edward Akroyd.



Halifax Minster



Halifax Piece Hall, where The Antiques Roadshow was filmed in 2019 featuring our 'Witches Cupboard' (right), valued by expert Lisa Lloyd



THE PIECE HALL

www.thepiecehall.co.uk HX1 1RE

Travel into Halifax town centre to visit the magnificent Piece Hall. This is one of Britain's most outstanding Georgian buildings and the sole survivor of the great 18th century northern cloth halls. The Piece Hall is home to independent shops, restaurants, bars and open air events. Next to the Piece Hall is Halifax Library with a number of Anne Lister's actual diaries on display.

Park at The Woolshops Shopping Centre Car Park, Charles St, HX1 1SA

HALIFAX MINSTER

www.halifaxminster.org.uk HX1 1QL

A short walk from The Piece Hall is Halifax Minster, a magnificent example of 15th century ecclesiastical architecture.

See the font where Anne Lister was baptised and her headstone, plus the stunning stained glass windows. A warm welcome from the volunteers awaits plus plenty of interesting literature on the church's history.