

HOLDSWORTH HOUSE

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HOLDSWORTH HOUSE - AT A GLANCE

- Independent, family-owned hotel for over 60 years, now in its third generation
- 32 individually styled bedrooms within a Grade II* listed Jacobean manor
- The only four-star hotel in Calderdale
- Award-winning food with a long-standing reputation for Yorkshire hospitality
- Farmhouse Treatment Rooms on-site
- Hosts over 100 weddings each year
- Winner: Best Hotel in Yorkshire, Muddy Stiletto Awards 2025
- A inspirational base for writers, creatives and film & television productions.
- Within 20 minutes Bradford or Haworth and Emily Bronte's original Wuthering Heights setting.
- 30-minute train journey to Leeds city centre





A HOUSE SHAPED BY STORY

Holdsworth House is a place people tend to discover rather than seek out. Once they've found it, they return to it for years. A Jacobean manor built in 1633, it has been lived in, worked in and written about for centuries. Still independently owned and family-run, now in its third generation, Holdsworth House operates with an easy confidence born of experience.

Hospitality here is warm, discreet and instinctive. Everyone is treated the same, whether arriving for a quiet night away, returning from a day on set or getting married. With 32 bedrooms, award-winning food, Farmhouse Treatment Rooms and more than 100 weddings hosted each year, Holdsworth House is quietly confident in what it does and, in typical West Yorkshire fashion, never feels the need to say it loudly.



CALDERDALE & WEST YORKSHIRE

Calderdale and West Yorkshire offer a different expression of Yorkshire — one that feels lived-in rather than labelled. This is a landscape shaped by writers, weather and working lives; by deep valleys, moorland tops and close-knit towns with stories still unfolding.

While the county's noisier neighbours may draw the bulk of the crowds, Calderdale has long appealed to those looking for something more authentic. With the Brontë Parsonage in Haworth, Shibden Hall, Hebden Bridge and Halifax's historic Piece Hall, the region has always carried cultural weight. Recent years — through films such as *Wuthering Heights*, television dramas including *Gentleman Jack* and *Happy Valley*, and world-class concerts at The Piece Hall — have simply brought wider recognition to what has long been here.

Like Holdsworth House itself, the region is quietly confident in its character — rich in culture, history and creative energy, and never in a hurry to announce it.



WUTHERING HEIGHTS (2026) — A NATURAL ALIGNMENT

In preparation for the 2026 release of *Wuthering Heights*, Holdsworth House welcomed director Emerald Fennell and members of the production team during an early location recce in West Yorkshire. Following the final day of filming, Margot Robbie, Jacob Elordi and the wider cast stayed and dined at Holdsworth House as they wrapped the shoot.

While the film draws on the dramatic moorland landscapes of the region, Holdsworth House offers a quieter counterpoint a place to stay, think and gather, rooted in the same literary geography that shaped Emily Brontë's world. Just twenty minutes from Haworth and the Brontë Parsonage, Holdsworth House sits comfortably within a landscape that continues to inspire writers, filmmakers and storytellers drawn to its depth, mood and authenticity.



FILM, TELEVISION, MUSIC — AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN

For decades, Holdsworth House has played a quiet role behind the scenes of Britain's cultural life. Its historic interiors, calm atmosphere and discreet service have made it a trusted base for film and television productions, touring musicians, writers and public figures, including two British Prime Ministers, all drawn by the same thing: somewhere that feels welcoming and genuine.

The house has been used both as a filming location and as a place to stay during production, with cast and crew returning time and again while working across the region. Its proximity to dramatic landscapes, historic towns and major cultural venues makes it particularly well suited to productions that require atmosphere, flexibility and discretion.

Recent projects to have stayed or filmed at Holdsworth House include BBC dramas by Sally Wainwright; *Last Tango in Halifax*, *Happy Valley*, *Gentleman Jack* and *Riot Women*, alongside international productions such as *A Gentleman in Moscow*, *Marvel's Secret Invasion* and the forthcoming 2026 adaptation of *Wuthering Heights*. In several cases, rooms and suites have been transformed into working film sets, while the wider house continues to operate as a hotel — something productions value for its authenticity and sense of normality.

Music has long been part of the story too. In October 1964, The Beatles stayed at Holdsworth House to celebrate John Lennon's 24th birthday following a concert in Bradford — a moment now commemorated with one of only four official Blue Plaques. In 1994, R.E.M. chose the house while touring the UK. More recently, Holdsworth House has become a familiar base for major international artists headlining Halifax's Summer Concerts at The Piece Hall, offering a place to stay away from the spotlight before and after performances.

What links everyone who stays here is the way they are welcomed. There is no hierarchy at Holdsworth House. Everyone is treated with the same warmth, discretion and care, which is why so many guests return privately long after the cameras, crowds or applause have gone.



SOMEWHERE SPECIAL. SOMEWHERE UNIQUE

There are hotels that shout for attention, and places that earn it by reputation. Holdsworth House belongs to the latter. It tends to arrive as a recommendation passed on because it feels personal, genuine, and quietly exceptional. Paired with the Industrial Revolution landscapes of Calderdale and West Yorkshire, our hidden gem offers something increasingly rare: the sense that you've discovered a place before everyone else starts talking about it.

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