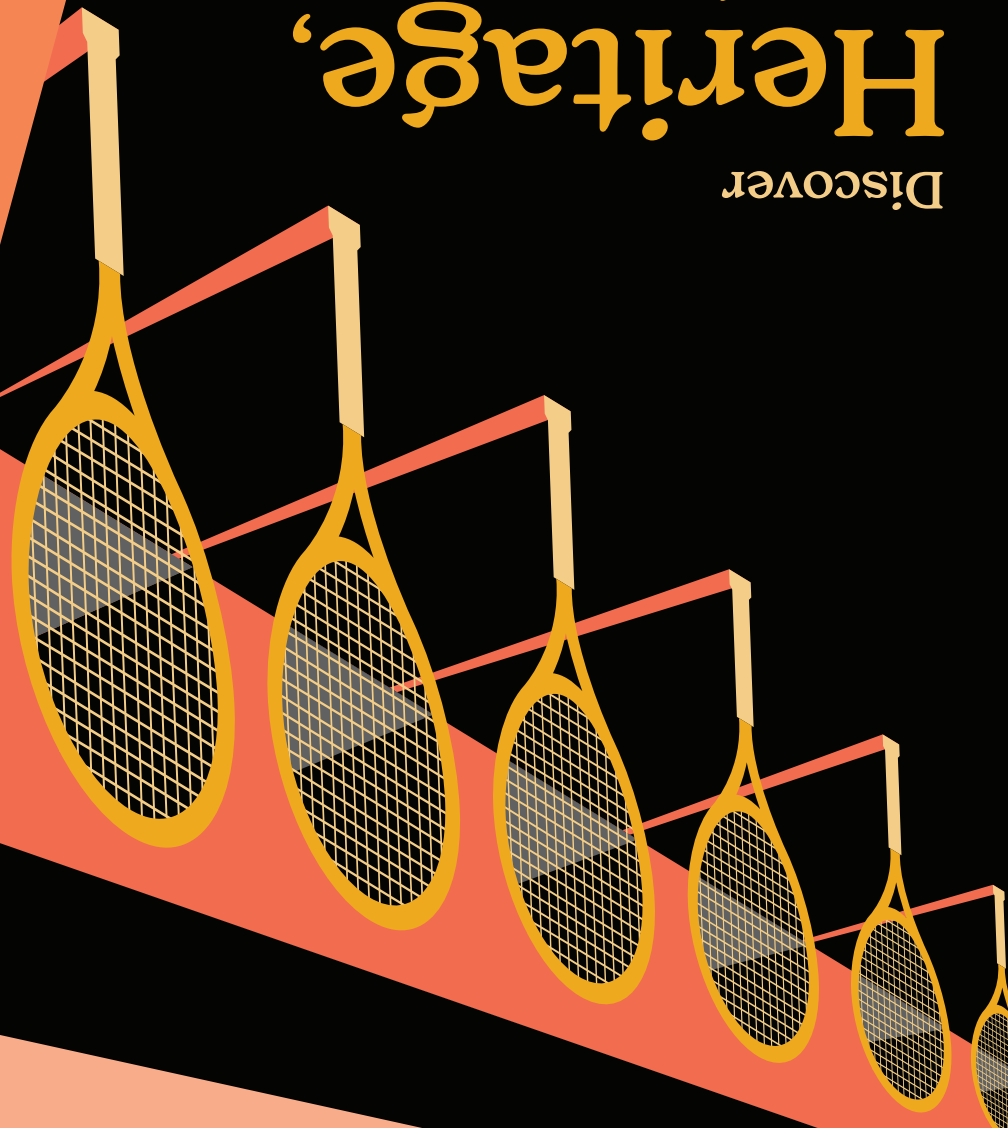


Discover Heritage, Culture & Creativity in Stockport



**Fred Put Stockport On The Map,
So We Decided To Put Him On This One.**

Did you know?

Our Lad, Fred Perry



Tennis pro and fashion icon, Frederick John Perry (18 May 1909 – 2 February 1995) hailed from the glorious town of Stockport. Born in Portwood he rose to the top of his game thanks to some Northern grit and impressive right arm. Fred spent most of his career dominating the court, winning Wimbledon in 1934, 1935 and 1936. That's just how we do it up here.

Sweat? Don't Fret.

Fred wasn't just a tennis legend. In the 1940s, he made his entrance into the world of sportswear when he joined forces with footballer Tibby Wegner to make the first sweatband. From here, he was unstoppable and soon landed on the creation of white knitted cotton polos. Sound familiar?



A Winner's Wreath



Everyone who's anyone has bopped about in an iconic Fred Perry polo at least once in their life. Every shirt is donned with the same logo; a laurel wreath. The emblem is a nod to the original symbol of Wimbledon, honouring the brand's tennis legacy.

The Polo of the People

Since the launch of the first polo shirt in the 1950s, plenty of subcultures have adopted Fred Perry as a fashion statement. From the mods, to the skinheads, to the punks, Fred Perry has found its way into the wardrobes of British youth through the decades. Even now, if you walk into one of our pubs, the Fred Perry brand is definitely just as loved as it was back then.



Heritage Site



A site that's part of Stockport's unique and rich history.

Culture Spot



A place of recognition through film, TV, music (etc.) that has shaped the town's culture.

Hollywood of the North



A place where a filming of a famous TV show or movie has taken place.

Green Space



A place to enjoy, relax, eat and walk.

Street Art



A place to enjoy Stockport's fantastic artwork.



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Heritage Sites

1 Stockport Story
Information point and museum. Stockport's museum with over 10,000 years of the town's history waiting inside.

2 Staircase House
Historic building with the earliest remaining parts of this house dating back to 1460, featuring a 17th century staircase.

3 St Mary's Church / Heritage Centre
Grade 1 listed building. The chancel originates from before 1334. The nave and 125ft bell tower were rebuilt in 1814. More info available inside about the heritage and history of Stockport.

5 Stockport Dungeon
This is the building at the top of Mealhouse Brow and was where the Court Leet was held from the 15th until the late 18th century. Here, the business of the town was conducted by the burgesses. There is also a cell that was used as the town's 'lock-up' below ground. Prisoners were held in the Dungeon waiting for the Court Leet or to be transferred to Chester or Lancaster Assizes, only if their crime was too serious to be tried in the Court Leet.

6 Robinsons Brewery Visitors Centre & Shire Horses
The stables are kept within the town centre. Horses used to be integral to the day-to-day operations of the brewery. In World War 1, all of the horses were dispatched to fulfil war duties, but otherwise they have been part of the brewery's history for over 100 years.

7 Crowther Street
This street was famously painted by L.S. Lowry in 1930 which can be seen at Stockport Art Gallery. Street's slang name was 'Bombers Brow', meaning Bailiffs Brow.

8 The Dust Hole / Hare & Hounds
Infamous for its ale house of ill repute. Both of which were pulled down in the 1880s. Rostron Brow itself was called Rosen Brow after farmer Ralph Rosen who was born on the bottom of this brow.

9 Winter's Clock
Londoner and clock repairer, Jacob Winter set up a jewellers in 1890. In 1989, he became one of the first people to introduce electricity into his building in Stockport. Made in 1903, he built the clock to advertise his business. The soldier and sailor ring the quarters, and Father Time rings the hour. The mechanical figurines move with the chimes.

10 The White Lion Pub
First began operating in the 14th century. As well as selling alcohol, this pub has operated as a meeting place, coroner's court, auction house, post house and job centre. In 1831, a 'Wife Sale' took place when William Clayton sold his wife for five shillings (25p) to J. Booth. The mock Tudor building was rebuilt in 1904.

11 Underbank Hall
Currently housing Natwest Bank, Underbank Hall is a townhouse built in the late 15th century. Formerly the town house of the Arderne family of Bradbury until 1823. The house then became the offices for the banking firm of Christy Lloyd & Co. and its successors.

12 Air Raid Shelter
Experience life as it was in 'blackout' during wartime Britain in the Air Raid Shelter museum. Shelters accommodate 6,500 people nightly. Network of tunnels carved out of the soft red sandstone and almost a mile long.

13 Hat Works Museum
Grade II listed Victorian building, the Hat Museum will walk through the history of Stockport's most renowned trade and how it shaped the development of the town itself.

14 Viaduct
Stockport viaduct is one of the world's largest brick structures. It used an estimated 11 million bricks in its initial construction. The viaduct was widened from 1887-1889 when an estimated further 10-12 million bricks were used.

15 Stockport Town Hall
Stockport Town Hall, also known as 'The Wedding Cake' due to its tiered white stone facade, was built between 1904 and 1908 in the English Baroque style. Designed by Sir Alfred Brumwell Thomas, it was opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1908.

For more info on our Heritage spots, head to stockportheritagetrust.co.uk.

Culture Spot

1 Sinking Ship
Used to be situated in Royal Oak Yard, The Swinging Sinking Ship opened in 1966. Jimi Hendrix played there in 1967.

2 Strawberry Studios
Some of the most well-known music in the UK was recorded between 1967 and 1993, notably Joy Division.

3 The Chestergate Pub
Iconic karaoke venue cherished by locals and loved by tourists.

4 The Plaza
Opened in October 1932 a cinema and theatre, showing Laurel & Hardy films. Offered a welcome escape to the locals and transported them into a world of cinema, jazz, and entertainment. Later became a bingo hall, concert venue, and is now a beloved part of Stockport's culture. Famously, some filming for Peaky Blinders season five took place here.

3 Yanks @ Market Place
Made in 1979, the film starring Richard Gere has multiple filming locations but our favourite is that of the scene in Stockport Market Place. If you're into films about soldiers, it's one to watch.

5 The Garrick Theatre
Opened in 1901, it's the oldest 'little theatre' in the UK run by volunteers.

6 Stockport Central Library
Built roughly 1913 in Edwardian Baroque style. Stockport Library holds an extensive collection of original and unique archival materials. Our archives record over 500 years of Stockport's History.

To learn more about music in Stockport, head to stockportmusicstory.co.uk.

Hollywood of the North

1 Peaky Blinders @ The Plaza
Season 5 of Peaky Blinders hit our screens with a feature from one of our most treasured venues; The Plaza.

2 Life on Mars @ Stopford House
This gritty crime drama was filmed in a few spots across Stockport, most notably in Stopford House.

4 The Stranger @ Little Underbanks
The Stranger features Stockport considerably. Filming took place over multiple days in multiple locations including the Market Place and a chase scene down Little Underbank. The drama stars actor Richard Armitage, known for his appearance in Lord of the Rings, and Siobhan Finneran from Benidorm.

5 Daddy Issues @ Little Underbank & War Memorial
The BBC series "Daddy Issues" was primarily filmed in Stockport. Specific locations within Stockport used for filming include Sleepy Parrot Studios (transformed into a hairdressers) and St. Mark's Church in Bredbury. The town has been praised as a great place to film due to its unique architecture and culture.

6 The House of Guinness @ Underbanks
Yes, scenes for the Netflix series "The House of Guinness" were filmed in Stockport. The town's Underbank area was transformed to represent 19th-century Dublin, including the conversion of a pub into a pub named "The Oak". The series, according to Manchester Evening News, filmed in Stockport, follows the story of the Guinness family.

Green Space

1 The Viranda
Perfect lunch spot to enjoy the greenery in the middle of your shop. Created in collaboration with Totally Stockport.

2 The Landing CIC
Urban garden. Facilitating wellbeing, knowledge, and confidence within and beyond food and farming systems. Location on the rooftop of Merseyway Shopping Centre Car Park.

3 Viaduct Park
Two-acre park. Stunning green space that looks over the viaduct and offers the perfect spot for lunch, relaxing or playtime for the kids. The cycle bridge offers a brilliant trail to follow to see the Viaduct view.

4 Suffragette Square
This green space is named to honour the women who fought bravely for gender equality.

5 St. Peter's Square
Beautiful picnic spot and green space, second largest area in town.

6 Stockport Exchange
Stockport Exchange is an award-winning scheme presenting an unparalleled opportunity for businesses to become part of a positively booming, newly transformed work and leisure district. This ultra-modern office space offers exceptional daylight, amenity and connectivity for businesses to thrive.

Street Art

1 Mural (Ethan Lemon)
Painted during the Stockport Paint Jam event in September 2024.

2 Mural (All Weather Artists)
Large bird painting near the Bohemian Arts Club entrance.

3 Blossoms Poster
"Who would call their album Gary?"

9 Underbanks Mural (Qubek)
Features fish and flowers and represents the Tin Brook that runs below. From Stockport, learnt his trade doing illegal graffiti and now he's paid to professionally paint the town.

10 Shop Small, Love Local (Emily Flanagan)
Painted in the empty window arches underneath St Petersgate bridge, the artwork represents the Underbanks' long history of thriving independent businesses.

5 Sarah Harding The Christie Mural (Değgy)
Painted by a local artist from Glossop. The Sarah Harding Breast Cancer Appeal aims to identify new ways to predict the risk of young women getting breast cancer.

12 Jimi Hendrix Mural (Otto Shade)
Commemorating the gig Jimi played at the Sinking Ship Club on Royal Oaks Yard.

13 Green Legged Beetle Mural (Paintsmiths)
Next to the Underbank Hall heritage site.

14 Bottle Cap Mural (Plasticshed)
The UK's largest recycled bottle cap mural, features more than 80,000 bottle caps and 891 kg of plastic. Built as a community with plastic bottle caps donated by the people of Stockport.

15 Wheel Trim Shady (Nick Entwistle)
Created by Nick Entwistle, the piece is made of wheel trims found on the road (or anywhere else) and painted by Stockport locals to make an art installation on the wall.

8 Mural (Paintsmiths)
Garden Tiger Moth painting chosen to raise awareness of the endangered species. Painted in the same colours as Robinsons brewery. "The barley plant, which is used to brew beer, can only grow because of the work of moths who pollinate plants and flowers through the night."

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Mural to honour the band as their debut album, Unknown Pleasures, was recorded at Stockport's Strawberry Studios in 1979.

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16 JOY (Cherry Chung)
In the centre of Viaduct park made entirely from willow trees. The piece is called 'Weaving Words' and was created by Cherry Chung in collaboration with IndieBloom.

17 Heron (Katie Scott)
Heron mural to represent the bird that sits on the river. Artwork can be found on the side of Stok.

18 Wildlife Mural (Qubek)
Represents the artwork that the artist grew up seeing as a child.

19 BHS Relief
Five concrete relief panels depicting local people, events and symbols. Joyce Pallot (1912-2004) and Henry Collins (1910-1994).

1 Coopers Brow
Top of Coopers Brow steps, selection of artwork, murals and Blossoms band album poster.

2 La Boca to La Stocka
Street Art hotspot for filming, beginning on Hopes Car and leading towards the top of Canal Street.

3 Royal Oak Yard
Near the Qubek artwork and Sinking Ship / Jimi Hendrix culture site.

4 Winter's Clock
Great for filming as an interesting 360 view of artwork, St. Mary's, Robinsons and Underbanks.

5 Chestergate
Opposite Stockroom on the corner. Tree and bench and lamppost.

6 The Plaza Steps
Stunning steps that light up at night. Great for photography or filming.

7 On top of the Interchange
Perfect spot for taking photos and filming with the Viaduct in the background. Also, get to enjoy a view of Stockport Pyramid, Europe's biggest curry house now open.

8 Bridge St. Brow
At the brow of the hill with the lamppost in the background.

9 The Mile
Optimal content spot with St. Mary's Church in the background.

10 St. Petersgate Bridge
Overlooking Underbanks, Winter's Clock, Robinsons Brewery and St. Mary's Church.

Can you find these Local Legends?

1 Turner Steps (Dutton Steps)
Known as the Devil Steps. Story of a church warden's daughter who snuck out to a dance and met the Devil on the steps on the way home. The daughter had a cross sewn into her dress which made the Devil recoil and stamp his foot, leaving what seemed to be a hoofprint in the steps.

2 Queen's Head
Stockport's oldest pub which allegedly also has the smallest gents' toilet in Europe.

3 The White Lion Pub
Allegedly, a "Wife Sale" took place at The White Lion in 1831, during which a man called William Clayton sold his wife for 5 shillings (this equates to roughly £151).

4 The Man Who Rode a Cow
In 1784, the then Prime Minister, William Pitt, introduced a tax on horses that weren't being used in trade or agriculture. Anyone riding a horse would have to pay 10 shillings. In protest, a local man called Jonathan Thatcher rode to Stockport market on a cow.

5 "The Wedding Cake"
Stockport Town Hall is known by its nickname "The Wedding Cake" due to its striking Edwardian Baroque style and tiered white stone façade.

