

AUTUMN/WINTER PROGRAMME 2025

Ilkley Manor House is open every weekend between 11am and 4pm.

Entrance to the House, the heritage display, exhibitions, and family fun activities are all FREE.

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EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

Connections

The Ilkley Open Art Exhibition 2025 returns to Ilkley Manor House this autumn in partnership with Ilkley Arts.

With over 200 submissions from artists across the country, more than 60 artists have been selected to exhibit their work. Come and enjoy a fantastic range of creative pieces, from oils to embroidery, ceramics to photography, and much more.

6 Sept–12 Oct

Lifted

friendship – community – support
A display of 12 photographs featuring the clients and volunteers of Ilkley & District Good Neighbours by Charlie Swinbourne.

until 21 Sept

OUR TURN

Ilkley Manor House will be partnering with OUR TURN: Bradford Visual Arts Festival - an ambitious new festival created by Bradford-based artists, showcasing artworks across the district.

1–16 Nov

Inspiring Ilkley

As part of Bradford UK City of Culture 2025 the 'Inspiring Ilkley' textile exhibition depicts aspects of Ilkley that make our town so special.

27 Sept–16 Nov

Fran's Life Drawing Group

The artists return to exhibit new work, including life studies, sculpture, still-life, landscapes, and interpretive art.

There will be original artworks available for sale.

18–26 Oct

Christmas Makers' Fair

Once again, the House will be decked beautifully for the festive season and filled with stalls selling handmade gifts and goodies. There will be makers, independent businesses, and Solar Gallery artists selling Christmas ornaments, cards, and presents, along with unique artisanal pieces! Shop 'til you drop and then relax in the warmth with a glass of mulled wine, soaking up the good vibes.

22–23 Nov

£1 admission, free for under 16s

Small Works at The Solar Gallery

The Solar Gallery is home to around 30 local artists, featuring painters, printmakers, photographers, metalworkers, sculptors, ceramicists, textile artists, and more! This season, the artists will create a variety of pieces on the theme 'Small Works', inspiring a wide range of subjects.

18 Oct–16 Nov

COFFEE MORNINGS

The Folly: Making a House a Home

Since starting in 2020, Heritage Development Officer Caitlin Greenwood has seen the organisation grow. Hear about the trials and tribulations of working in an old building.

10:15am, 26 Sept

Denton Reserve: A purposeful rethink

Committing to the bold ambition to 'rethink everything', Denton Reserve combines landscape restoration with sustainable food production, circular design and a deep respect for craft.

10:15am, 31 Oct

Please note that all coffee mornings take place in person at Ilkley Manor House.

WALKS AND TALKS

Local History Hub

The Hub stores information and hosts talks through the year. Learn more at civicsociety.ilkley.org.

Last Sat of the month

Keeping Track

An illustrated talk by Friends of Ilkley Rail Station celebrating 160 years of rail in Ilkley.

6pm, 21 August

Old Castle to Manor House

Alex Cockshott leads a tour around the House, talking about its history and the people who perhaps lived here.

2–3pm, 15 Nov

Heritage Open Days

To celebrate this year's theme of *Architecture*, Alex Cockshott will lead guided tours of the House, telling its story and highlighting key architectural features. Tours take place at **2pm** on **14 Sept** and **10:30am** on **20 Sept**.

On **20 Sept** at **2pm**, John Cockshott will lead an hour's tour of the Roman fort, answering questions about Roman life in Ilkley and our collection of artefacts. All HODs events are FREE, but visitors must book **tours** online via ilkleymanorhouse.org or in person at the House.

13–14 & 20–21 Sept

Sarah McQuaid

Sarah McQuaid's lush, chocolatey voice and engaging personality combine with genre-spanning music, shaped by her eclectic background across Spain, America, Ireland and England.

7:30pm, 12 Sept

Samuel Moore

Award-winning flamenco guitarist Samuel Moore transports you to the heart of Spain. Whether you're a fan or seeking a unique cultural experience, the evening will be unforgettable!

7:30pm, 10 Oct

Demian Dorelli

Join us for an intimate solo piano performance from pianist & composer Demian Dorelli. He will be playing pieces inspired by Nick Drake & David Hockney.

7:30pm, 14 Nov

Live events may incur a charge. For all booking information, please visit our website.

FAMILY FUN

There's plenty for children to do at Ilkley Manor House. They can raid the **dressing-up box**, get creative at the **drawing table**, spot **hidden animals**, or meet our resident Roman soldier, **Marcus Antonius**. If the weather is nice, play with **chalks** and **traditional toys** in the courtyard. When the House is closed on weekdays, download a **puzzle trail** from our website or try an **augmented reality trail** on the Discover Ilkley app.

FREE events every second Saturday of the month, 2–3:30pm

13–14 Sept

HODs: Architecture. Make a cardboard model of the House.

20–21 Sept & 11 Oct

Make a Roman fort.

8 Nov

Become a Roman soldier and make a shield.

13 Dec

Join us for festive fun and make jolly crafts!



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