

A joyful experience

I was staying in a hotel just next to the museum and thought I would pass an hour or so there. It's a wonderful place, the machinery impressive, the volunteers enthusiastic and in many cases with first hand experience of working with it. I thought I knew a lot about the industrial revolution but still learned a lot. Just what a museum should be. I only hope they get funding to have everything working and of course to open every day.

Date of experience: February 2020

Heart of our Industrial Heritage

Even on a sunny day I would go out of my way to see such wonderful exhibits. So much to see of interest and a must for any young person who shows an inclination for a career in engineering.

Comprising 3 floors, the basement and ground floor are fully operational (spinning wheel in use) but the top floor for early manufacture was closed being in the process of rearrangement which will feature some very special and rare items used in the wool business such as Hargreaves' spinning jenny. A room in a weavers cottage will be added and this should all be ready in 2020 so I shall be coming back to Halifax.

A water wheel driving a fulling mill is to be seen (temporarily out of use for planned maintenance) and plans to install a boiler to power some of the engines are well advanced. They are very determined to have some action on view.

I found all the volunteer staff extremely helpful even to the extent of showing me painting of interest which were tucked away and which I could easily have missed.

Industrial history fascinating Early history of industrial England - fascinating to see big engines, weaving looms, printing

and the Quality Street History. Would be great for schools Highly recommend - lose yourself the the past

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Fantastic find in Halifax

Not been in Halifax for a year or two and saw this on trip advisor and thought this would fill a few hours before the panto. A great place to look back at our industrial and social past - it's manned by very friendly, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable volunteers. I'll definitely be back and would recommend anyone to pop in and support this local venture when they are passing through.

Date of experience: January 2020

Enthusiastic volunteers
Only open on Saturdays, it was staffed by very enthusiastic volunteers. With exhibits ranging from heavy engineering to sock making. Via toffee wrapping, this shows the variety of local industries, historic and current. The fresh coffee and homemade cake was very welcome at the end of our visit, though we were tempted by the ploughman's lunch. An excellent gift shop too!

Date of experience: August 2019

Well worth a visit
This was the highlight of the few days we spent in Halifax. The museum is run by volunteers who are unbelievably knowledgeable and obviously enjoy passing on this knowledge in a friendly and jovial manner. We will certainly be having another visit as there is so much to take in.