

**Thirteen STOCKPORT – EDGELEY AND ART GALLERY.**

This short walk takes in the shopping street of Edgeley Township, some great buildings and the very fine war memorial art gallery.

Take the train to Manchester Victoria and from there a tram to Manchester Piccadilly Station. From here there are many trains that stop at Stockport.

*Option:- turn right as you get off the tram and on Fairfield Street use the lift on the left to the link bridge lounge.*

Alight at Stockport. This is ‘Stockport Edgeley’ station.

At the bottom of the platform steps turn left and go up the station approach road.

At the top turn left up to the roundabout.

At the roundabout turn right onto Castle Street. This is the township of Edgeley with its smaller shops etc.

*On your left you will see the Alexander Park football ground.*

At the far end on the right (corner of Grenville Street) is the Royal Oak.

*Joseph Holt’s beers – there is a tiny attractive beer yard.*

Retrace your steps along Castle Street.

At the roundabout go to your right and cross the road towards the impressive brick church of Our Lady and the Apostles.

*To the left is the attractive half timbered No 35 and then the Armoury Pub. (Robinson’s beers).*

Across from this pub is the interesting ‘Stockport Volunteers Armoury’. If you look behind this you will see that it is fortified with strong walls and small corner lookout towers.

Proceed right along Greek Street.

*Notice on your right above the buildings the clerestory roof of the church.*

At the far end of Greek Street on the right hand corner is The War Memorial Art Gallery.

*No admission charge.*

Enter the building and opposite is the chapel like memorial to fallen members of the armed forces.

*I estimated 2100+ names for the First World War.*

The two galleries display some fine local artistic talent.

From the end of Greek Street turn left down the main road (Wellington Road).  
*Notice the old road sign pointing to Carlisle!*

The road goes between two impressive buildings.  
On the right is the Stockport Town Hall.  
*A wedding cake confection dating from 1907.*  
On the left is Stockport Infirmary building.  
*Classic Doric Style dating from 1832.*

About 150 yards beyond the infirmary turn left through the modern Grand Central development.  
*The name is nothing to do with the railway. This area was goods and coal staites of the London and North Western Railway.*

This brings you to the other entrance to Stockport Edgeley Station.

CLASSIFICATION: EASY, SHORT  
SHOPS, ART GALLERY, ARCHITECTURE, PUB.  
RAIL FARE – category one

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