

Fourteen STOCKPORT – OLD MARKETS.

Two old market halls and an absolute treat on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays when there is an extensive street market too. Stockport Old Town is full of interesting old buildings. Visit once and you're bound to come again.

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 right. Go left down the station approach road.

Cross Wellington Road, go left and then right at the library.

Walk along St Petersgate. On your right is the Prudential Building. On the left is The Parish Church of St Peter.

Dating from 1768 the church is open 11.00 – 14.00 on Tuesdays and Fridays, and between 11.00 and 13.00 on Saturdays.

Continue along St Petersgate.

The St Peter's Square Tavern sells Black Sheep beer.

On the right is St Peter's Chambers. Then there is the Calvert's Court.

Wetherspoon.

Continue onto and across the bridge. *Notice Little Undergate running underneath.*

You are now in the old market area at the centre of the old town. *Do have a good look round. Shops, stalls cafes, public houses - there are two Robinson's and one Sam Smiths.*

On your left is the produce hall. *Do go in for a look and a shop. There is a café at balcony level as well.*

On the right is the old iron and glass market hall.

This is a great asset and survival. Yes in the 1970s they did want to demolish it.

Beyond the market hall and on the left is the large church of St Mary's in the Market with its graveyard and across the road is the Pack Horse.

You can now retrace your steps along St Petersgate and to the station with your shopping.

However you may wish to explore Undergate or the Chestergate Shopping area down the left of the Butcher's Arms. Other trips in this series cover more of the town.

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SHOPS, MARKETS, ARCHITECTURE, PUBS, CAFES.
RAIL FARE – category one

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