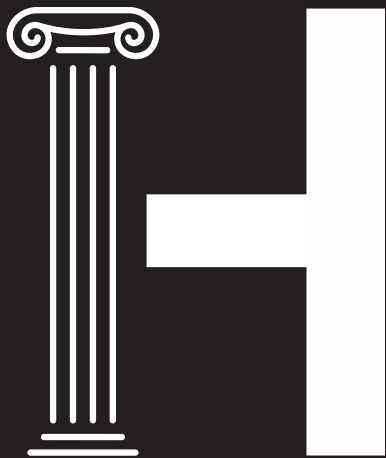




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19 September – 31 January

HORROCKSES FASHIONS

Everyday Glamour
and the Art of British
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Gallery One



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Horrockses Fashions

Everyday Glamour & the Art of British Ready-to-Wear

Marking the 80th anniversary of the launch of Horrockses Fashions, this exhibition explores how the Lancashire-based company fused couture sensibilities with high quality printed cottons to create dresses that were at once accessible, stylish and unmistakably modern.

Horrockses quickly became synonymous with effortless elegance. Its dresses were worn by women from all walks of life, from mill workers to members of the royal family.

Central to Horrockses' success was their pioneering approach to textile design. The company collaborated with leading contemporary artists to create distinctive fabrics that elevated ready-to-wear fashion into a form of wearable art.

Drawing on the world's largest museum collection of Horrockses dresses, this exhibition reveals the creativity, craftsmanship and cultural significance behind one of Britain's most beloved post war fashion labels.

Special Events

Horrockses Afternoon Tea |
Monthly | £25 per person

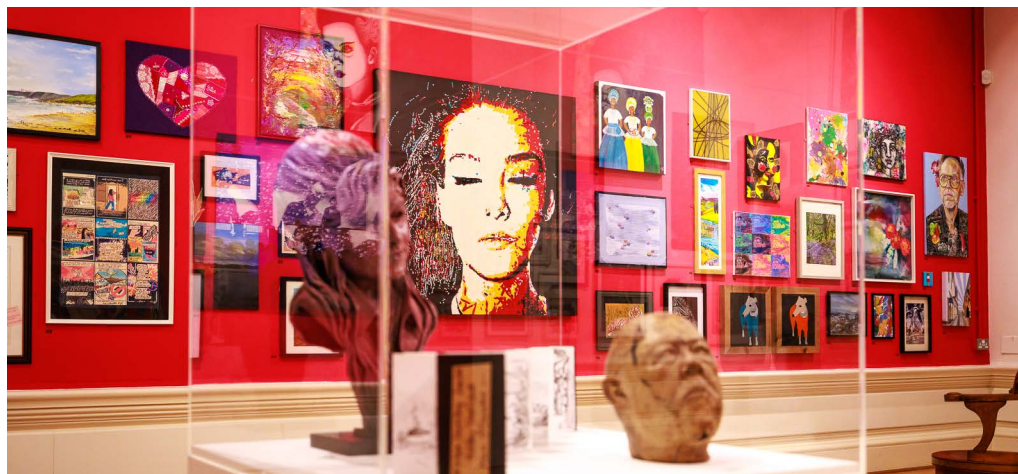
**In Conversation: Scott Schiavone
& Amber Butchart** | Thu, 15
October | £20 per person

Paper Dress Making Workshop |
Sat, 14 November | £5 per person

Book your tickets online at
theharris.org.uk/whats-on.

Buy the book

The exhibition is supported by a new publication titled *Everyday Glamour: Horrockses Fashions from Royalty to Ready-to-Wear*, edited by The Harris' Decorative Art Curator, Scott Schiavone. Order your copy online at theharris.org.uk/the-harris-shop, or visit the Horrockses pop-up shop, located in Gallery One.



Harris Open 2027

Celebrating Preston's creativity

The popular open submission exhibition returns for 2027, inviting Preston based artists to showcase their work in a celebration of local talent.

We accept all entries (unless offensive or inappropriate), making the exhibition a true reflection of Preston's diverse creativity. Entry forms will be available from January 2027. Visit theharris.org.uk for full details.

Each artist or group may submit one artwork in any medium or style including drawing, painting, print, photography, sculpture, digital art, film, sound, fashion, illustration, experimental practice, traditional forms, sketchbooks, zines, and works in progress.

All artworks must be hand delivered to Gallery One, situated on The Harris' second floor during one of the following hand-in sessions:

Sat, 6 February | 10am – 4pm

Wed, 10 February | 10am – 4pm

Thurs, 11 February | 4pm – 8.30pm

Full details of how to prepare your submission for hand delivery will be available from January 2027.

Bring your creativity, share your work, and be inspired - everyone's welcome.



27 Feb - 3 May



Gallery One



Free



Alternative Kids 1980

Photographs by Sam Hill

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Toxteth**
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In the autumn of 1980, Sam Hill photographed young people in Preston town centre during his final year at art college. John Davies, his photography lecturer, organised an exhibition to show the photographs at The Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool, February 1981.

During 2026, 46 years later through social media, he has managed to find over 40 of the people from the original photographs.

The 1980 and 2026 photographs will be displayed side by side in this new exhibition at The Harris.

"Meeting so many of these people again has been an enriching experience, finding out where life has taken them, people who have worked hard for a living, musicians, artists and writers. A few are no longer with us, we will remember them with their families at the exhibition".



17 Oct - 10 Jan



Gallery Two



Free



Feeding Chair

An interactive artwork about public breastfeeding

A collaborative installation, developed by In Certain Places at the University of Lancashire, featuring artwork by Jade de Montserrat.



30 Sept - 4 April



First Floor Balcony



Free

**In
Certain
Places**



South Asian Togetherness

A new display, co-curated with the Sahara Project in Preston

Featuring the stunning community artwork, *Free to be Me* Anarkali dress, made by 25 ladies at Sahara. It's a celebration of culture, fashion, food and language.



18 Nov - Nov 2027



First Floor Balcony



Free



Protest

The Preston WSPU and the fight for the vote

This exhibition brings together forgotten stories from the archives and into the heart of Preston. Their stories have waited long enough, come and meet them.



23 Jan - 11 April



Gallery Two

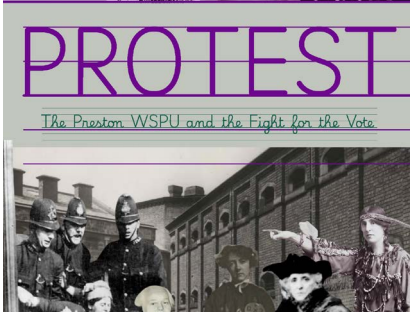


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Thursday Lates

The Harris After Dark

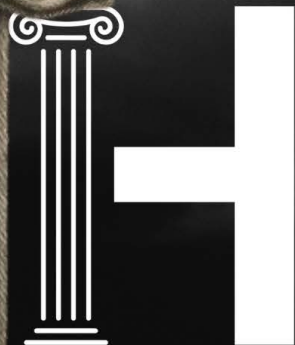
Visit The Harris after dark for some very special late night events for ages 16+. With a soundtrack provided by our Vinyl Revival night, there will be tours, creative workshops and more on the following themes...

29 October | The Harris After Dark: Spooky Special

26 November | The Harris After Dark: Lancashire Eve

10 December | The Harris After Dark: Christmas

Head over to **theharris.org.uk/whats-on**, or scan the QR code, to find out more.



10.30am - 12.30pm



Feed Events

5, 8, 12 & 14 October in The Studio
Free, booking required

A series of creative workshops for mothers, parents and carers caring for babies and young children.

11am - 1pm



Culture on Canvas with Shailan Wynter

Sat, 3 October in The Studio
Free, drop-in

A colourful, hands on painting workshop for ages 14-19, inspired by Black History Month.

1pm - 3pm

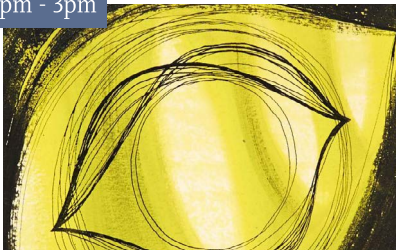


Community Roots @ The Harris

7 & 19 October in The Studio
Free, booking required

The Harris and Community Roots have joined forces to offer free health and wellbeing sessions for adults.

2pm - 3pm

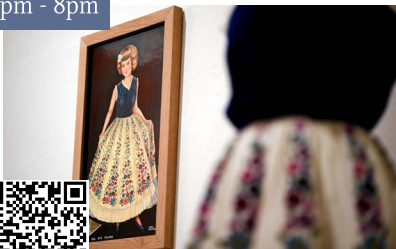


Conversational Workshop

Wed, 14 October in Special Collections
Free, drop-in

Join our Fine Art Curator for a rare opportunity to see our collection of over forty Alastair Morton drawings.

6pm - 8pm



Artist Networking: Hosted by The Birley

Thurs, 22 October in The Art Gallery
Free, drop-in

An opportunity for creatives based in Preston to chat, share ideas and make connections.



← Scan to book

Oct Top Picks

2pm



Roll of Honour Talk

Sat, 7 November on the Ground Floor
Free, drop-in

Join renowned local historian John Garlington for an illustrated talk about Preston's Municipal Roll of Honour.

11am - 1pm

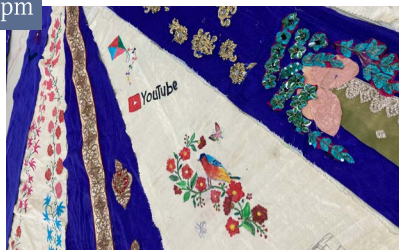


Creative Workshop: Natalia Beodwski

Sat, 7 November in No.9
Free, drop-in

A workshop for ages 14-19 exploring the historical process of handpoke tattoos with artist Natalia Beodwski.

1pm



Opening Event: South Asian Togetherness

Wed, 18 November on First Floor Balcony
Free, drop-in

Join us as we unveil our latest community case, co-curated with women at the Sahara Project in Preston.

Various times



Creative Chemistry

28 & 29 November in The Studio
Free, booking required

Come and join the Royal Society of Chemistry for free science activities, it's fun for all the family!

2pm - 3pm



Harris Highlights: Preston Suffragettes

Sun, 29 November in Discover Preston
Free, booking required

Personal insights into our collection, researched and shared by our wonderful volunteers.



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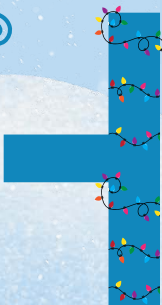
Nov Top Picks

Christmas at The Harris

Step into the magic of the festive season at The Harris this December. Beautifully decorated for winter, The Harris will be filled with creative workshops, family activities and festive entertainment throughout December.

Get crafty with adult making sessions, join our popular Horace's Merry Chris-Moose crafts, create handmade decorations at our Junior Craft Club, and design your own festive greetings in our Christmas card workshops. Little ones can enjoy themed Christmas storytimes every Sunday, while families can settle in for a selection of festive film screenings.

Looking for a unique venue for your Christmas event? Contact our team to explore the opportunities, visit theharris.org.uk/venue-hire for more information.



2pm - 3pm



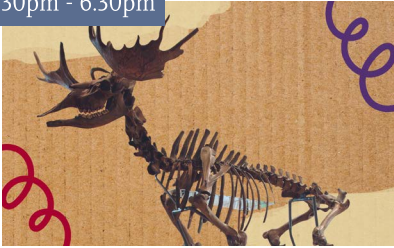
History Conversational Workshop

Wed, 13 January in Special Collections

Free, drop-in

On the second Wednesday of the month, get closer to our collection with one of our curators.

5.30pm - 6.30pm



Junior Craft Club

Every Thursday in Discover Preston

Free, drop-in

Drop-in and have a go at one of our craft activities. Take inspiration from the items around you, including Horace the Elk!

11am - 12.30pm



Fascinator and Hat Workshop

Sat, 16 January in The Studio

£15, booking required

Join us for a 'make do and mend' hat and fascinator remodelling workshop from Karen Harvey of Reinvintaged.

6.30pm



Film Screening: Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Thurs, 21 January in The Reading Room

£3, booking required

A humorously heartwarming story of a London cleaner who sets out to buy a Christian Dior dress.

2.30pm



Storytime Sessions

Every Sunday in The Family Library

Free, drop-in

Join us every Sunday afternoon for a delightful reading of a new book.



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Jan Top Picks

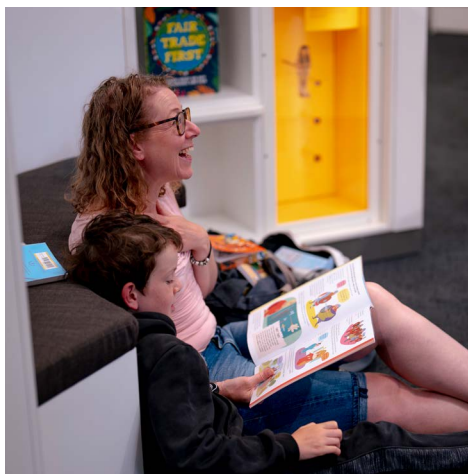


The Library

Step into a world of stories, knowledge, and discovery. Whether you're looking for your next great read, a quiet corner to relax, or a place to explore rare texts, our library spaces are perfect for you.

You'll find books woven throughout the museum and our galleries. As you wander around our exhibitions, you'll notice carefully chosen books connected to the objects and artworks on display.

Come and explore a new kind of library, where books live and breathe with art and history. We can't wait to see you.



The Family Library

Explore a magical space full of colourful picture books, entertaining stories, and fun activities to spark imaginations.

Our Family Library space is home to our Baby Bounce & Rhyme sessions. Join us every Wednesday at 10.30am and 2.30pm and take part in a lively sing-song, it's a great way for babies and toddlers to develop their language skills!

Or why not join one of our reading schemes? The Lancashire Reading Trail takes you through an enchanted Lancashire, where you can collect special cards along the way. For children aged 2 to 5, we have the Little Steps reading scheme. Meet friendly jungle animals who will help you learn about new topics with recommended reading and exciting activities.

Become a Member

It's easy to borrow our books, and free! Come along to the library and we'll set up your library card. You can then borrow books and audiobooks.



The Cafe

Whether you're grabbing a quick coffee, catching up over lunch, or soaking in the atmosphere after a gallery visit, the Harris Cafe is where you can refuel and refresh. Every sip of coffee or nibble of a sandwich helps support The Harris.

Calling all Harris Friends, Students and Volunteers! Enjoy a discount on your meal, just show your ID at the counter.



The Shop

Discover unique gifts, locally made treasures, and art-inspired finds, all carefully chosen to reflect the beauty of The Harris. Every purchase helps support our collections, exhibitions, and community programmes.



Weddings

Looking for a venue with character, beauty, and heart? Right in the centre of Preston, The Harris offers stunning, one-of-a-kind spaces perfect for everything from meetings to memorable celebrations.



Looking Back: A Year Since Reopening

It's officially been one year since we reopened! It's been a fantastic year at The Harris, and we've packed a lot into it. From exhibitions and events to award nominations and celebrations, here are just a few of our highlights...

We've welcomed some fantastic exhibitions, including *Wallace & Gromit in a Case at The Museum*, the long-awaited return of *The Harris Open*, and, most recently, *The World of Martin Brown: Horrible Histories and Other Dazzling Drawings*.

Across the building, we've hosted many brilliant events and workshops, issued out thousands of library books, and served just as many delicious coffees!

A huge thank you to everyone who has visited, exhibited, volunteered, become a Friend of The Harris, attended an event, held a meeting, celebrated with us, funded, or simply spent some time exploring The Harris over the past year.



Join the Friends



Join the Friends of The Harris and become an essential part of our vibrant cultural hub. Discover enriching experiences and exclusive benefits, including a 10% discount in the cafe, shop and on ticketed events, invites to Harris events, monthly meet-ups and more! Call **01772 905421** or visit theharris.org.uk/friends to join.

Volunteer with us



Are you over 16? Looking to gain skills and experience in the arts sector? Wanting to get involved with the community? Sounds like you'd be a great Harris Volunteer! We encourage all ages and abilities to get involved with us. Find out more and sign up at harris.volunteermakers.org.

The Harris Museum & Library

Monday | 9am - 5pm

Tuesday | 9am - 5pm

Wednesday | 9am - 5pm

Thursday | 9am - 9pm

Friday | 9am - 5pm

Saturday | 9am - 5pm

Sunday | 11am - 4pm



You'll be able to come into The Harris
until 30 minutes before we close

The Harris Cafe

Monday to Friday | 10am - 4pm

Saturday | 9.30am - 4pm

Sunday | 11am - 3.30pm

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