

Enjoy a visit to

PENDLE HERITAGE CENTRE

in Barrowford at the heart of
Lancashire's Hill Country



OPEN DAILY 10-5

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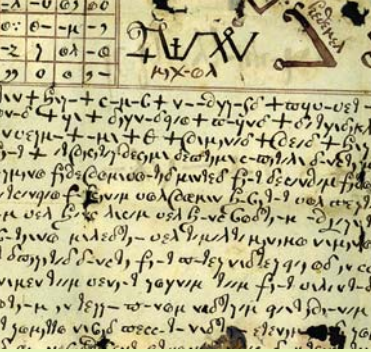
Situated beside an ancient crossing of Pendle Water, this group of attractive Listed Grade II farm buildings and walled garden, only a mile from the M65, offers the ideal day out for the whole family, and the perfect base from which to explore the Pendle area either on foot or by car.



Park Hill and Barn c1900 when both buildings were limewashed.



The Hearth setting in the Museum.



A Witches Charm.



Installation and restoration of railings at the front of Park Hill.

Discover the origins of the ancient farmhouse known as Park Hill, which has been carefully restored using traditional building skills to provide visitors with a vivid insight of how this historic house has developed and been adapted from the 1400s to the present day, showing the architectural styles of each period.

The main exhibitions are in the old part of the house which still evokes the atmosphere of the 17th century.



Roger Nowell, the Examining Magistrate at the Witches Trials



The 18th century Georgian extension.

The Museum

'A remarkable restoration, packed with interest and detail Excellent' visitor comments

New exhibitions include:

- the story of a Lancashire farmhouse. Dating from the 15th century, Park Hill was a working farm for most of its existence. Use the inter-active computer to see how Park Hill grew from the first timber framed building to the house you see today.
- the story of the notorious Pendle Witches which resulted in their famous trial in 1612.
- the history of the Bannister family, who settled at Park Hill in the 1400s, and the Swinglehursts who occupied part of the house from the late 18th century and built the Georgian extension.



Sir Roger Bannister





HRH The Prince of Wales in the Garden Museum on his visit to Pendle Heritage Centre, 24 October 2003.

A Fine Garden with Brick Walls

The Garden at the rear of Park Hill was developed at the same time as the Georgian extension, and was constructed with high brick-lined walls to create a micro climate to help with the cultivation of plants. The Trust has restored the garden to its original late 18th century design and it contains plants which were common in that period. Our research was greatly aided by the surviving diaries of Elizabeth Shackleton (née Parker), who describes the making of her walled garden at nearby Pasture House, Barrowford in 1775.

A new exhibition in the original potting sheds looks at how gardeners in the Lancashire Pennines coped with the harsh, damp climate. A video records the garden through the seasons. Part of the Trust's Collection of early garden implements is on display.





The Cruck frames being erected at Park Hill



The Cruck Frame Barn from Bluebell Wood.

The Cruck Frame Barn

This splendid 15th century Cruck Frame Barn originally stood near Towneley Hall in Burnley. Under threat from demolition in the 1980's it

was rescued and re-erected at Park Hill to illustrate an example of early building construction. The massive 'Cruck' frames which support the roof date back to the 1400's. The Cruck Barn is reached through the Walled Garden.





Park Hill Barn and Pendle Arts Gallery.

The Pendle Arts Gallery

The Art Gallery is housed in the Park Hill Barn which was restored by the Trust and for which it received a Civic Trust Award. There is a regular changing exhibition of work by professional artists and crafts-persons, including a popular Christmas Show.

Conference Centre

The Conference Centre in the Barn is the perfect venue for meetings and conferences. It is fully equipped with presentational aids and can seat up to 70 people. Full catering can be provided throughout the day. For bookings telephone: 01282 661704 (9 - 5 weekdays only)

The Parlour Shop and Tourist Information Centre

The Parlour Shop has a wide selection of local books, maps unusual cards, souvenirs, gifts and a food section.

The TIC staff will help you get the most out of your visit to this beautiful and little known area including ideas for walks, places to visit and overnight accommodation.

Telephone: 01282 661701 (10 - 5 daily)

Garden Tea Room

The Tea Room overlooks the 18th C. Walled Garden and is open from 10am for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. It specialises in home-cooking and Lancashire dishes. Vegetarian options are always available.



The Garden Tea Room.



The old Pack-horse Bridge in Higherford.



Higherford Mill acquired by the Trust in 1999.

Make a day of your visit

Take advantage of the many walks or 'trails' which include the Pendle Way, the Tacklers' Trail, Water Power Trail, and the Witches Trail. Or, just wander at your own pace, along the riverside path through the Conservation Area up into Higherford with its early cotton mill, ancient Pack-horse Bridge built c.1550 and interesting cottages such as the Fold. The Mill, built in 1824, was originally waterpowered, and the remains of the water sluices are still clearly visible at the rear. The Mill was saved from demolition by the Trust and is currently being restored as an Arts Centre with purpose built studios for artists and craftpersons. If you are interested in renting a studio, please contact the Trust on 01282 661738. During the restoration work the Mill is open to visitors by appointment only.

Heritage Trust for the North West is a registered Building Preservation Trust and was established in 1978 as a charity and company limited by guarantee (no. 508300). The Trust seeks to find new appropriate uses for historic buildings at risk and encourages good design and craftsmanship. It has retained some of the buildings it has restored deriving rental income from them. Others are open to the public forming a network of historic places to visit. Pendle Heritage Centre, established in 1977 is one of the Trust's flagship projects, attracting over 100,000 visitors per annum.



The Fold, Higherford: This 16th century farmhouse has been converted into 4 cottages. From an original drawing by Kit Smith.

How to find us



The Centre is 1 mile from Junction 13 of the M65 and is signposted.

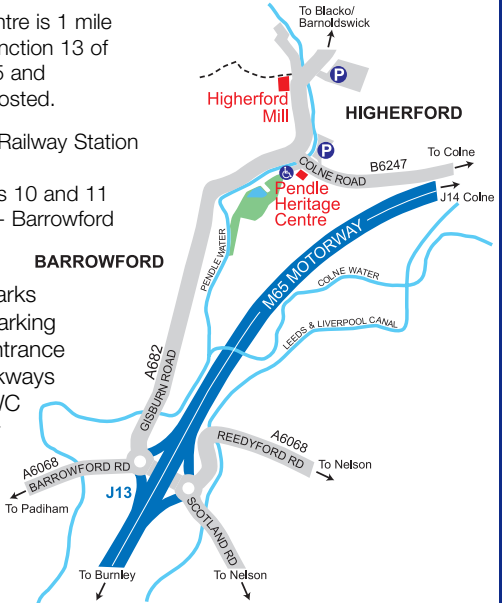


Nelson Railway Station



Bus no's 10 and 11 Nelson - Barrowford

- Two Car Parks
- Disabled parking close to entrance
- Paved walkways
- Disabled WC
- Wheelchair
- Lift



Opening Times

Pendle Heritage Centre is OPEN DAILY (except Christmas Day) from 10-5
 Museum and Gallery OPEN 11-4
 Higherford Mill OPEN by appointment



Admission

Small charge to Museum and Walled Garden
 Groups welcome by arrangement

Pendle Heritage Centre

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