

Steeped in history and surrounded by picturesque views, Macclesfield is a former mill town with a rich heritage and an ever growing cultural, creative and community scene.

HERITAGE & CULTURE

Pick up a (or search online for) Macc Art Trail leaflet.
We have two tiny galleries, one in a phone box and one literally downsized into a doll's house, alongside some amazing street art, including perhaps most famously one of local hero lan Curtis by artist Akse.

Visit Paradise Mill to see how Macclesfield became the Silk capital of England and recognised as the final destination of the Silk Road that starts 5000 miles away in China. Fun fact, you can also see here examples of the Macclesfield Stripe, first used on deckchairs which were invented right here in Macclesfield.

You will see lots of signs, businesses and our football team proclaiming us to be the Silktown, but we're also known as Treacle Town because allegedly once upon a time a cart spilt its entire load of treacle on Hibel Road hill. This gave its name to the Treacle Market, which takes place in the town centre the last Sunday of every month, with music, food and craft stalls aplenty.

BEER

Macclesfield has a huge beer heritage. At one stage it had over 200 pubs and 6 breweries.

The town's current four main breweries Bollington, RedWillow, Storm and Wincle have won countless awards between them, the best place to try them is at the pubs, bars and tap rooms numbered on the map. Hope you enjoy ticking them off!

SPORT

Macclesfield FC were the subject of a recent BBC documentary after they managed to rise from the ashes of Macclesfield Town who were forced to wind up in 2020.

The phoenix club, under the stewardship of local businessman Rob Smethurst and former Welsh international Robbie Savage achieved back to back promotions in front of over 3000 Maxonians.

Macclesfield Rugby Union club were founded in 1874, they play their home games at Priory Park also home to the famous annual Macclesfield Beer Festival.

MUSIC

From the Godfather of British Blues John Mayall, through post-punk legends Joy Division and New Order, to afro-calypso band Cassia redefining the indie genre, Macclesfield has played a huge part in the evolution of British music.

We've regular Party in the Pews shindigs at unique venue Christ Church, and MaccFest annually. Larger festivals nearby include Bluedot at Jodrell Bank, Y Not, and Rewind.

However you can always find a gig at one of the venues around the town. Take a look at listings at MASH and The Nag's Head amongst many others.







