

ILKLEY MANOR HOUSE

Art Gallery & Museum

Castle Yard, Church Street, Ilkley LS29 9DT

The Manor House Gallery and Museum can be found through the archway by the pedestrian lights in Church Street (A65) next to the Parish Church

The Manor House is open on Saturdays and Sundays 11am - 4pm (except Christmas/February) <http://www.ilkeleymanorhouse.org/>

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The Manor House

Wander through an unimposing archway in Church Street close by All Saints Church and you will discover Ilkley's most treasured building: The Manor House. Although it has undergone many alterations since the 13th century when it was first built it remains an attractive and wonderful place to house interesting ancient artefacts, changing exhibitions presenting some of the best of northern artists work and is the hub of a range of cultural activities.

The Manor House Collection

The Manor House is an attractive Art Gallery and Museum situated in the pretty former Spa Town of Ilkley, benefiting from a picturesque riverside location. It offers the visitor exciting glimpses into the past and insight into the work of some of the best artists and crafts people in the locality. The 'SolarWing' contains displays that illustrate the history of Ilkley from Prehistoric times through the Roman era to the Victorian period when Ilkley was an important Spa resort. The displays used to include local finds of Prehistoric material, some Roman artefacts recovered from the fort and neighbouring vicus and some Victorian items. It still contains a few

significant large Roman stone artefacts. On the first floor there are two galleries for exhibitions.

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Roman Fort of Olicana

The Manor House is one of the oldest buildings in Ilkley and stands in the Roman Fort of Olicana, which was abandoned about 400 AD. Although the fort fell into ruins it occupied an important site that also became the focus of Medieval Ilkley and it is to this period of history that the earliest parts of the Manor House have been dated. Situated in the grounds to the north of the Manor House is a small section of ruined walling that was once part of the Western defensive wall of the Roman Fort Olicana. In order to identify the position of the fort, four plaques have been put up to mark the approximate positions of the gateways into the fort.

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Educational Services

Adult and school groups who would like information about education visits should contact John Cockshott as detailed above.

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Summer Walks on Roman & Victorian Ilkley.

Consult the display boards outside the Manor House or contact John Cockshott.

- Friends of the Manor House

See website for more info on our events and how to join.

