

# HOLDSWORTH HOUSE

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## HOTEL & RESTAURANT

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Holdsworth House Hotel, Halifax



Henry Moore art, Yorkshire Sculpture Park



Bronte Parsonage Museum, Haworth



The Piece Hall, Halifax (credit Paul White)



Shibden Hall, Halifax

## **PACK A BREAK INTO WEST YORKSHIRE**

### **Top 10 places to go things to see**

West Yorkshire is an area encompassing dramatic scenery, story-telling history, world-renowned art and artists, countless TV appearances and inspiring cultural diversity. For just one corner of the UK's largest county, there's a whole lot you can pack into a luxury short break. Here are our top 10 recommendations for exploring locally or delving further into Yorkshire, using historic Holdsworth House Hotel (pictured above left) as your base.

#### **SMALL SCREEN SCENERY:**

1. Close to Holdsworth House in Halifax is museum **Shibden Hall**, once home to diarist Anne Lister. Visit this 15<sup>th</sup> century, Grade II\* historic house to see where Sally Wainwright's BBC/HBO TV show **Gentleman Jack** was filmed.

2. Filmed partly at Holdsworth House and in Calderdale's countryside, another Sally Wainwright creation was BAFTA-winning ***Last Tango in Halifax*** starring Anne Reid and Sir Derek Jacobi.
3. The award-winning TV show ***Happy Valley*** was filmed in **Hebden Bridge**. The market town near Halifax was known as 'Trouser Town' when factories in the early 1900s hand-made 20,000 pairs of trousers a week. Today it is known for its fantastic independent shops and Happy Valley Pride festival. It topped a list of the 'Best Places in the UK' in March 2018 and is a bus ride/car trip from the hotel. From here you can also explore the National Trust's Hardcastle Craggs and Gibson Mill.
4. Just a 30-mile drive and you're in the **Yorkshire Dales** where Channel Four's ***All Creatures Great and Small*** was filmed. Incredible scenery including Fountain's Abbey can be easily accessed on a day trip.
5. Close to Halifax, you can discover film locations for ***The Railway Children*** at Oxenhope or for CBBC's ***Hank Zipzer*** and Channel Four's ***Ackley Bridge*** – both a stone's throw from Holdsworth House Hotel.

#### LITERARY HEROES:

6. The Bronte Sisters' home in **Haworth** is 25 minutes from Holdsworth House. Today, the Bronte Parsonage Museum displays works by the literary giants and their personal artefacts. Plus, it's close to windswept moors for hours of footpath walks.
7. Visit for a **Ted Hughes** tour beginning in Mytholmroyd, birthplace and childhood home of the Poet Laureate. Stop by Lumb Bank, once Ted's home and now a creative writing school. Next, head to Heptonstall, home to Hughes' parents and final resting place of iconic poet and author **Sylvia Plath**.
8. 19<sup>th</sup> century Halifax diarist **Anne Lister** had her story told in the BBC show *Gentleman Jack*. Her five-million-word diaries are housed in Halifax Library where some are on display. Adjacent to the library is the incredible **Piece Hall** with its 66,000 square foot Italian-style piazza and 300 stone colonnades. Visit for its independent shops (including a brilliant book shop), popular events, bars and galleries or simply to see this jaw-dropping architectural delight.

#### WORLD-RENOWNED ART AND ARTISTS

9. Tour the **Yorkshire Sculpture Triangle**, comprising the county's leading art venues. Take in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park for numerous Henry Moore pieces and the world's most current artists and sculptors. Visit the Hepworth Gallery in Wakefield for the life and works of Barbara Hepworth. Complete the tour at Leeds Art Gallery and the Henry Moore Institute. Each accessible by car from Halifax in around 30 minutes.

10. Salt's Mill shopping and gallery venue in Saltaire near Bradford reveals the fascinating utopian dream of Sir Titus Salt and you can view many original **David Hockney** works too.

A stay at dog friendly Holdsworth House also opens up opportunities to discover the history and architecture of Halifax, once known as 'Toffee Town' for its production of Mackintosh toffee. The hotel is located on the Calderdale Way – a 50-mile walking circuit around the beautiful hills, moors and valleys of Calderdale. Discover Wainhouse tower the world's tallest folly, Halifax's listed borough market, national children's museum Eureka! and the Bankfield and Duke of Wellington Regimental Museum.

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Holdsworth House is a Jacobean manor dating from 1633. Now a four-star luxury hotel with 36 bedrooms and suites, an award-winning restaurant and three acres of landscaped gardens. Free parking onsite. Rooms from £130 including breakfast based on two adults sharing.

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