

Our visit to Macclesfield Silk Museum and Paradise Mill

Wednesday 5th October, 1.30 pm

Our visit to the Macclesfield Silk Museum and the adjacent Paradise Mill had to be postponed due to the unprecedented heat back in July. So here's a second chance to sign up and join us.

Macclesfield has a fascinating history as the centre of the British silk industry. At one time there were 70 silk mills, the last to close being the Paradise Mill. When it closed in the 1980s it was preserved just as it was and we will see working examples of the Jacquard looms on which the colourful silk fabrics were woven. The adjacent Silk Museum tells the story of the rise and fall of the industry through textiles, costumes and photographs.

Tea and cakes will be served in the Museum's tearoom and the Museum's Silk Shop offers a lovely range of silk scarves, ties, brooches, buttons and cufflinks all made with hand woven silk from Paradise Mill.

Our afternoon will conclude with a short, optional guided heritage walk. The silk industry brought prosperity to the town and endowed it with many interesting buildings deserving to be seen and appreciated.

We will meet for a 1.30 pm start at The Silk Museum on Park Lane, Macclesfield, SK11 6TJ. We recommend the nearby Duke Street long stay car park SK11 6UR (pay and display £2.20 for three hours). Payment on entry to the Museum will be £9.50 and £4.00 for tea. Please note there are some stairs but no lifts in the buildings.

Numbers have to be limited – first come first served! Please email Graham Nicholson at graham@gnicholson.co.uk as soon as possible to book your place.

