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Huddersfield Uncovered

Castle Hill/Victoria Tower

2.4 miles (3.9 km) | 1hr 3min

One of Huddersfield's most iconic landmarks that can be seen from miles around, it's a rewarding trek that delivers breathtaking panoramic views of Town. Ticket prices to enter Victoria Tower currently stand at £1.85 for an adult.

Greenhead Park

0.8 miles (1.3 km) | 21min

Huddersfield's most iconic park, it features two cafés (The Park Café & Café in The Park; which combined have a number of cakes, hot food and drinks on offer!), a miniature railway, a lake and one of the biggest War Memorials you have ever seen!

It's good for running, playing a quick game of footie, a few rounds of tennis and more. You can even sometimes catch the Historia Normannis Society training there. And if you want a quick pint after a hard day's work, then The Junction (located just next to the park) is the place for you!



Gledholt Woods

1.1 miles (1.8 km) | 28min

Just a stone's throw away from Greenhead Park is the Gledholt Woods which provides a secluded and peaceful break from the hustle and bustle of the West Yorkshire town with its lake and large field. This place has a nice, secluded feel if you're after a spot for peace and quiet, despite its proximity to town.



Nab End Tower

2.5 miles (4 km) | 1hr 2min

One of the most intriguing places of this list is Nab End Tower, a folly (essentially status symbols erected by the rich with no real use) constructed with the permission of the landowner, in 1861 reportedly with no architectural plans.

It has been the site of the Longwood Sing since 1873 and was visited by Huddersfield's own Harold Wilson in 1973, for any interested politicians out there!



Tolson Museum/ Ravensknowle Park

1.5 miles (2.4 km) | 35min

This fascinating museum contains many exhibits, among them; the history of the museum, its previous owner and local history. There are even exhibits on transport and taxidermy, known as 'The Bird Room.'

Beaumont Park

2.4 miles (3.9 km) | 59min

On the way to this green space, you will get a great view of the Lockwood Viaduct. Once you enter you can explore a mock-castle, then follow the former Meltham Branch Line trail to the main park where you can experience scenic views of Huddersfield. You'll discover a bandstand, grab some ice cream (from the van that frequents there), and take-in the all-round relaxing atmosphere due to low footfall at this underrated locale



*All time and distance estimates are using Huddersfield Train Station as the starting point

Top 10 independent Huddersfield businesses that YOU should be supporting

Thomas Melia

As people pledge to shop local and support independent businesses, finding them may prove tricky. Whether it's food spots, gift shops or even live music venues, here are 10 of the best independent businesses that you should be supporting in and around Huddersfield town centre - I've found them so you don't have to.

little lotus: This restaurant may be little but the flavours are certainly mighty. There's sushi, hot and cold rice bowls and varying snack pots that can satisfy meat-eaters, veggies and vegans alike. From one veggie to another, take my recommendation, you must try the pumpkin katsu rice bowl, unreal.



Porter Hill Tea Company: Matcha? Check. Earl Grey? Check. Chai? Check. It's always tea time over at Porter Hill, where you can browse their wide selection of loose leaf tea blends and broaden your cuppa knowledge. It's also in Byram Arcade meaning you can shop til you drop over three floors of independent vendors.



Panini Shack: Name two things that were destined to be together - if you said cheese and bread, then let me put you onto your next addiction. Located in Kingsgate, Panini Shack are blessing our tastebuds with their beautiful hot butties. Grab a cake or a pasty but you definitely can't leave without a panini in hand, it's in their name!



Vinyl Tap: Just a stone's throw away from Huddersfield Train Station, this record shop is one of a kind, overflowing with LP's spanning not only decades, but genres and subgenres too. From old soul to modern pop, there's not a lot that this independent music shop doesn't have in its racks, so go on, get digging.



Turntable Coffee and Vinyl: Music fans will be glad to know that their vinyl record shop options aren't limited and this one doubles as a café too. Aptly titled Turntable Coffee and Vinyl there's food for the heart and soul in more ways than one. Make sure to say "Hi" to the cardboard cutout of Taylor Swift in the shopwindow.



Espresso Corner: You can't go wrong if your morning starts with a warm pastry in one hand and iced latte in the other and Espresso Corner have both bases covered. Stuffed croissants, fruit-topped muffins and five latte variants, how can you go wrong? From beetroot to turmeric, Spanish to Chai, do your best to try them all.



Northern Quarter: No, not the hippie-centric area of Manchester that tourists flock to see, instead a music venue that boasts customisable pizzas, regional pints and above all else some cracking local live entertainment. From Reggae nights to indie artists, this is a space for all and if you fancy yourself any good try out their open mic night every Thursday.



Parish and AMPED: Four weddings and a funeral? More like three floors and a coffee-bar-hybrid. Parish is right in the heart of Huddersfield's live music scene providing the town with gigs, tributes, themed nights and a weekly quiz every Monday. And if that wasn't enough they cook some incredible burgers (vegan ones too).



Dong Dong Supermarket: Instant noodle lovers, this shop is for you. With a whole section of the shop dedicated to these quick-fix, flavour-packed, student-staple foods, you'll have fun tasting each and every one. That isn't all Dong Dong is useful for, they have a wide assortment of Asian cuisine and snacks too.



Charity shops: If you didn't notice already, the Huddersfield high streets are packed with a huge number of charity shops and they're pretty useful. Whether it's board games for your flat, spare kitchenware or a chunky knit, you can find practically anything and you'll be supporting your fair share of good causes.





coffee and chords:

Huddersfield's AMPED opens its doors

Huddersfield locals and music lovers alike are buzzing with excitement now that AMPED has opened its doors. It's not just as a new gig venue, but also a bar and café driven by the same team behind live music space and much-adored bar Parish.

AMPED opened in September 2025 in the former BrewDog building on Zetland Street and Parish has plans to make AMPED a mid-sized gig venue that will hold around 200 people; a more flexible option for the Parish team. The design of the building will make it more intimate and will allow for gigs but also exhibits, community functions, conference rooms and a café too.

AMPED was conceived during a difficult time for West Yorkshire live music torchbearers. Earlier in 2025, Parish was forced to vacate its building on Queen Street temporarily when energy debts tied to the heritage property led to a shutdown. During that time, the Parish team operated out of a temporary location on Zetland Street, the former BrewDog site. They then came up with the idea of a venue that is more adaptable, community-driven.

Now, Parish remains in its original space as well as inhabiting the BrewDog space, fittingly re-naming it to the music-inspired AMPED.

The AMPED launch party on 20 September 2025 gave a taste of the inclusive, community-oriented atmosphere behind the venue.

There were numerous performances by the likes of James Leslie, Joey's Knuckle and Gravyboat. Alongside this, Amped hosted DJ sets, and even a quirky art installation, with no set entry fee. Instead, anyone attending this celebration of live music and local businesses were required to make a suggested donation. Since then, AMPED has quickly filled its calendar with various event.

Some of their upcoming events include Simulation Muse + The Runaway Killers, Popscore A Blur Tribute, Keeley and Street Soldier to name a few. In the past, Parish has also hosted annual events like HudLive, a showcase for local talent, confirming its place at the heart of Huddersfield's live music identity.

AMPED arrives at a pivotal moment. Huddersfield no longer has many traditional nightclubs or large venues. The 150-200 capacity space offers room for up-and-coming artists who are tailored towards an intimate setting and a great starting point for any indie bands and acts too. If the early signs are anything to go by, Huddersfield's live scene is poised for a renewal one that gives room for voices just finding their way, while still celebrating the established acts that keep crowds coming back.

PARISH

Emma Eldridge

From Bland to Beautiful:

Are Gorillaz making the comeback they so desperately needed?

British alternative band Gorillaz have started releasing songs from their upcoming album, - The Mountain. Featuring songs like "The Happy Dictator" and "The Manifesto", which have been released in the last month, with the rest of the album set to be released on March release date. The Mountain is their first album since their 2023 pre-decessor, Cracker Island. The album is said to be "a collection of 15 new tracks featuring a stellar list of artists and collaborators."

When Cracker Island dropped, it quickly became Gorillaz most hated album of their career so far. This album contains nine songs with the likes of Bad Bunny, Tame Impala, and Stevie Nicks making up the featured credits and yet it still received criticism from

fans and the wider public too.

Common complaints explained how Cracker Island was bland and dull, as if it had been musically sanitised. I couldn't agree more with the critics of the album; it felt uninspired and much more like a cash grab. If it were released today, I would assume that it was AI-generated.

The songs - dull, the lyrics - meaningless, and the art style lacked any character at all. Everything fun about Gorillaz felt like it had been turned into an Instagram advert. Fans were simply disappointed with the album; it was unoriginal, forgettable and the opposite of the band's legacy.

So, it should be no surprise that I nearly jumped from my chair when I saw the teaser for their new album, The Mountain. From first impressions, you can tell the difference in inspiration.

The artwork and design are detailed and interesting, unlike the harsh and visually unappealing artwork that came with Cracker Island. Albarn and Hewlett are really locked in on this one.

The content we've received so far is nothing short of beautiful, with appealing colours and a soft, fun composition. Another thing that seems to have improved is the plot for this new phase.

This album will follow the band members relocating to Mumbai with the help of fake passports. Co-founders Damon Albarn and Jamie Hewlett have stated that the album's underlying themes are centred on life, death, and the journey between them.

Tracks we've received so far include that spiritual feel, especially with, 'The Manifesto'. The new tracks are dreamlike and dazy, which sounds almost like the tracks from Plastic Beach except with a more hopeful and light tone - extremely exciting.

Many fans seem to have high hopes for this upcoming project, and I think this could well just be the reincarnation of the band after such a disappointing last album.

I have a lot of hope for Damon and Hewlett to revive the band's charm; it seems like they've taken the criticisms from the last album and strived to wow the audience with The Mountain.

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Beyond Wonderland: Misbahuddin Danwer

Why Netflix's Alice in Borderland is a Masterpiece of Survival Thrill

If you thought you knew challenging puzzles and high-stakes survival games, well then think again. Netflix's *Alice in Borderland* takes the adventure genre to a brutal, adrenaline-fueled new level.

While the name may evoke the classic *Alice in Wonderland*, this show has no relation to it. It begins in the bustling heart of Tokyo where a group of three close friends led by the video-game obsessed Arisu are casually chatting. The sudden, inexplicable disappearance of every person on the street leaves them with an immediate, chilling sense of isolation and dread. They are utterly alone, wandering a bizarre and terrifyingly empty version of their own city, and this unsettling quiet is one of the show's most effective early hooks. Curious and shocked, they follow a few clues which take them to a place where few people have gathered and see signs which indicate that a game will soon start. Left with no other choice they

start playing the game and the match of life and death begins.

Close friends who once shared joy turn on each other in a desperate bid to survive. Witnessing the swift, ruthless termination of players who fail a challenge is intensely upsetting, yet absolutely necessary for the show's impact. It's this high-stake, uncompromising brutality that gives every puzzle its unbearable tension. One wrong decision instantly costs a life, ensuring you never look away.

The games themselves are ingenious. They require players to think ahead, consider multiple outcomes, and use ruthless logic. While the smart contestants strategize, the unfortunate ones succumb to panic, facing instant death. For me, the most compelling and darkest element of the series is watching participants become selfish and cruel. Seeing humanity stripped

away, watching people willingly sacrifice others just to survive makes the show profoundly engaging. It turns the series from a simple puzzle adventure into a fascinating, chilling narration of human nature under extreme duress.

Amidst the chaos, the bond between the lead characters offers a crucial anchor. The protagonist, Arisu, who used to spend his days immersed in video games, suddenly finds his complex problem-solving skills vital for survival. He teams up with Usagi, a skilled mountain climber whose physical and gymnastic abilities are essential for escaping danger. Their partnership is the emotional heart of the series. Seeing two people struggle to maintain their morality and selflessness in such a dark world is deeply moving, and their shared goal to save others is a crucial, hopeful counterpoint to the surrounding violence.

As players successfully clear up the games, they are rewarded with short-term passages and taken to a new, higher level. This progression is brilliantly handled, replacing the claustrophobic urban games with a completely new environment—The Beach—which introduces complex social dynamics, new obstacles, and a massive, terrifyingly organized community of players.

This shift keeps the plot fresh and drastically expands the stakes from survival games to a battle for control and order within the Borderland itself.

Alice in Borderland is undeniably a must-watch for fans of adventure and psychological thrillers. The creativity of the scriptwriters and the director is astounding; the games are so ingeniously designed that they genuinely leave you astonished every moment. The tension is palpable, turning viewers into active participants who will find themselves gnashing their teeth and biting their nails in shock and curiosity.

The series is available for streaming on Netflix and has an overall three seasons. With an IMDb rating of 7.8/10, I wholeheartedly believe the show is rated fairly. Though for its sheer originality and intensity, I would personally score an 8.5/10. It is a thrilling, dark, and utterly compelling series that demands your attention from the first empty street to the final card.



Weirdest, wildest, and most wonderful world animals

Sophie Rostron

This feature is a new addition to the T'Hud magazine, starring weird and wonderful members of the Animal Kingdom you've (probably) never heard of before.

We hope this works not just as a way to introduce you to new, exciting animals, but also to increase awareness for endangered species - and not just the furry ones.

Because- let's admit it - our planet is at a pretty rough point right now - and increasing publicity for the plights of endangered species can never go amiss.
We hope you enjoy!

How Does It Work?

Both the animal's common and scientific/Latin name will go at the top of each section. This will be followed with where the species can be found in the world, in their natural habitat.

Then, the species' IUCN status can be found. See the top right for all the info you'll need on IUCN categories!

Finally, there will be a 'UK Holdings' section. This refers to any public (and at least somewhat ethical/reputable) zoological collections in the UK (or nearby, if there are none in the UK) where you can see the animal species in question.

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Relevant Charities/Organisations:
Gharials- The Gharial Conservation Alliance (GCA), The Gharial Local And Global Foundation
Vaquitas- The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, The Porpoise Conservation Society

1 Indian Gharial (Gavialis gangeticus)

Found in: Asia, in parts of India & Nepal

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered

UK Holdings: None in the UK. Closest holdings include *Biotropica* (Val-de-Reuil, France) and *Pari Dalza* (Brugellette, Belgium)

This bizarre, but wonderful, crocodilian's (and they are more closely related to crocodiles than alligators) incredibly thin mouth aids them in catching fish - their main food source. Unfortunately, however, there are only around 650 adults left in the wild, mostly due to habitat destruction from activities such as sandmining and agriculture.



2 Common Potoo (Nyctibius griseus)

Found in: Nicaragua, Argentina, Uruguay

IUCN Status: Least Concern (but decreasing)

UK Holdings: None in the UK. A single known current holding - Parque das Aves; Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

The Common Potoo belongs to a group of nocturnal, insect-eating birds known as nightjars, which look a lot like owls, but are, in fact, more closely related to Hummingbirds.

Their large eyes, as you might expect, help them to see in the dark. When they are closed, however, these birds blend in so much to tree bark that they look almost indistinguishable from tree branches.



3 Vaquita (Phocoena sinus)

Found in: The Northern region of the Gulf of California, Mexico

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered

UK Holdings: None in the UK, or anywhere else in the world.

The Vaquita is a species of porpoise- dolphin-like animals with shorter, more rounded bodies and faces. This beautiful animal is also the smallest species of any known dolphin, porpoise or whale alive today. But they are also one of the most endangered species on the planet. A single group consisting of around 12 adults are the only known Vaquitas remaining.



Top 20 songs

That got us through the term

2025

1 All My Friends - LCD Soundsystem

Undeniably, the only song I would listen to on my way to the first two weeks of early morning lectures. The song holds that perfect amount of energy in the instrumental and balances out nicely with almost agonising lyrics, just what I needed as I dragged myself to class.

2 Pepper - Butthole Surfers

Pepper was my go-to song for walking to the pub alone at 10 pm; I'd play it on full volume as car headlights would fly past me. Gritty yet suave, this track made me feel cool before I'd make a fool out of myself, 3 beers in.

3 Burning Blue - Mariah the Scientist

Sharing her name with a legendary artist who crops up every Christmas, Ms. Scientist similarly writes catchy hooks and lyrical earworms. The heart-pounding drums crossed with Mariah's emotive delivery make this the perfect karaoke track. Safe to say I've definitely sang this hit a fair few times driving along the M62.

4 Folded - Kehlani

This song is finer than any wine, silkier than any chocolate and crispier than any winter air. Dramatic strings, intonated guitar plucks and Kehlani's admirable vocal talent make 'Folded' a modern classic. The R&B act also has a tattoo of musical icon, Lauryn Hill, which automatically gives them brownie points from me.

5 Spike Island - Pulp

Who doesn't love a comeback? Returning almost completely alone after a placement year is a daunting task, but with those upbeat bass riffs, Jarvis is reminding me "This time I'll get it right."



6 Memories - Public Image Ltd.

As we dance ourselves warm in these winter months, Memories is a song that never fails to get me in the mood for a good boogie. Infused with the attitude and characteristics of UK Punk in the late 70s, its bouncy bassline, warbled vocals, and cathartic lyricism make this song (and many others by PiL) a dancey Pre-Drinks Playlist must-have.

7 Satanic Rites of Drugula - Electric Wizards

Clocking in at a measly 6 minutes in length, Drugula is the perfect introduction to the Doom Metal genre. Beautifully melodic while still supporting a signature Sludginess, it's no surprise that these Wizards have played such a part in defining the Doom genre, earning them the title of the Gods of Doom.

8 The Importance of Being Idle - Oasis

With lyrics as relevant now as they were 20 years ago, I've been leaving the flat every morning to the distortion of Oasis' electric guitars, as they both drag me back down to earth and push me on through the first term of the final stretch.

9 Femininomenon - Chappell Roan:

A gorgeous blend of 2000s-esque, upbeat girly-pop and fun, catchy lyrics, this opening song for Chappell Roan's album, 'The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess' perfectly encapsulates what I've always imagined (and wanted) a pop song by, and for, queer women to sound like: playful, jazzy and bold! And you don't need to fit the above category to enjoy it- the energetic pace and feel to this song would get anyone dancing!

10 Super Graphic Ultra Modern Girl - Chappell Roan:

What can I say? Chappell Roan has me hooked. It's more upbeat, ridiculously catchy girly-pop that doesn't shy away from overtly queer lyrics, something that is still hard to find- especially for queer women. Again, however, it's 'Super Graphic Ultra Modern' rhythm and empowering, blatant lyrics, on wanting to find a partner who matches your own unique vibe, is something anybody can appreciate!

Top 20

Songs

11 Die with a smile by lady- Lady Gaga & Bruno Mars

This song is for those who are into retro-style music and want to live in the present. If you're already into either artist, this song may not belong on the dance floor but I'm sure you'd love this song on a rainy day or any day.

Love story - Taylor Swift

12 In celebration of her engagement. A song from the late 2000s. If you love literature and romance, you'll love this song! It's one of Taylor's biggest hits. This is a song you'll find yourself singing to the chorus on any celebration or even in your car.

13 The Knocks - Classic feat. Powers

Knocks turned Classic so catchy; anyone can instantly fall into its vibe. The song is a perfect blend of 80's Pop and modern Daft punk and dance floor ready beats. This song is a brilliant addition to Music playlist at a lively beach on a perfect sunny day.

14 Charli XCX - Apple

This song feels energetic, cheerful, positive, and has superb Club music. This song actually holds deep meaning where Charli has expressed her past life emotions but the way she has conveyed her thoughts is really interesting and the song has become fan favorite and topped charts.

15 I Told You Things - Gracie Abrams

This beautifully emotional track captures the raw vulnerability within her, her delicate vocals along with the poetic lyrics and minimalist production creates this intimate atmosphere that feels very personal. Every verse resonates showing the true relatability to love, loss and heartbreak



16 Voodoo Doll - 5 Seconds of Summer

Pop punk and emotion are perfectly combined in this upset, catchy song. It is difficult to forget due to its catchy melody, vocals and lyrics. The song highlights the bands younger self and talent while generating this intensity and longing

17 Flagpole Sitta by Harvey Danger

Known primarily for being used in the hit sitcom The Peep Show (2003-2015). It captures the early 2000s puerile degeneracy of the main cast, while also making for a sick tune! It's definitely one for a night time ride in the car with the lads, ladettes and lads*

18 (Is This The Way To) Amarillo by Tony Christy

A cosy classic. A feel good tune that never fails to raise my spirits and which was responsible for crashing the Ministry of Defence's intranet due to how many times a popular parody version was accessed back in 2005, that's how you know it's a certified banger! But be careful not to watch the version of the song on Tony Christie's official channel, lest you be jumpscared

19 Grain In Ear (곡진) - Mang Chung*

A beautiful Chinese song blending traditional instruments with modern electronic elements. It explores themes of longing, fate, and missed timing. This amazing tune creates a powerful and memorable listening experience.

20 Golden- KPop Demon Hunters*

An energetic, upbeat track featured in KPop Demon Hunters. Its strong vocals create an adventurous, cinematic feel, and its empowering message celebrates confidence, teamwork, and inner strength.