

'MON THE HIGH STREET DAY

SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2021

Pocket Guide

#MonTheHighStreet

WHAT IS IT?

High Street Heritage is a project commissioned by Glasgow City Council to further understand the heritage of High Street and create a new strategy for its interpretation, with a celebration of built and cultural heritage at its core. This strategy will support future plans for High Street, and present a set of key recommendations to reinvigorate and retain High Street as a 'historical thread' in the city.

WHO ARE WE?

New Practice is an architecture practice based in the Barras Market. We exist to develop the creative capacity of cities and to connect people with the decision making processes that underpin the urban experience.

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PROGRAMME

11 am	CONVERSATIONAL WALKING TOUR #1 <i>with Dr. Alan Leslie</i> Leaving from Glasgow Cathedral
1 pm	NEVIS ENSEMBLE <i>Street Performance at Glasgow Cross</i>
2 pm	CONVERSATIONAL WALKING TOUR #2 <i>with Dr. Alan Leslie</i> Leaving from Glasgow Cathedral
4 pm	

HIGH STREET HERITAGE HUB

Open to Drop-Ins between
11 am - 4 pm
19 Saltmarket

THOMAS ANNAN PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

by Street Level Photoworks
High Street Heritage Hub

SHOP WINDOW ILLUSTRATIONS

11 am - 4 pm
Various Locations (see map overleaf)

+ SURPRISE POP-UP PERFORMANCES

SALTMARKET

BILLY BILSLAND CYCLES



Billy Bilsland Cycles was established in 1982 by Scottish former professional road racing cyclist William "Billy" Bilsland. Every year hundreds of cycling fans make the pilgrimage to see Robert Millar's 1984 Tour de France King of the Mountains classification winners Polka Dot jersey, which is displayed in the shop.

176 Saltmarket

FISH PLAICE

The Fish Plaice is a wholesale and retail fishmonger located in Glasgow Cross, under the railway bridge on St Andrews Street. The Fish Plaice has been selling its produce to restaurants and the public for over 50 years. Want fresher fish? Buy a boat!



1 St. Andrews Street

BONJOUR



Bonjour is a profit-sharing, workers co-op Queer bar. Opening in August this year, already it has been host to a number of art exhibitions, live gigs and fundraising events. Beside the historic Fish Plaice and beneath the railway bridge, the building was formerly the Lampost Bar, which closed in 2014.

37 Saltmarket

TOLBOOTH

The Tolbooth bar is one of the oldest Irish bars in Glasgow. First opening approximately 115 years ago, it was originally called Coggan's Coat of Arms, and was once the flagship of the Strathalbyn Brewery. The Tolbooth is also the birthplace of the Half & Half!



11 Saltmarket

BLACKFRIARS

GLASGOW BED CENTRE



Glasgow Bed Centre is situated in 61 High Street, formerly the location of the Bow's Emporium, one of the most popular department stores in Glasgow of its time. On Saturday the 23rd, as part of 'Mon The High Street Day, Glasgow Bed Centre are offering 10% off any purchase!

61 High Street

REDNECK'S BARBER SHOP

Redneck's has called High Street home since 2015. They strive to provide consistent, high quality haircuts in a comfortable, laid back environment. Proving popular with locals and those from further afield, over the years they have grown a loyal base of customers and friends alike.



137 High Street

BELL O' THE BRAE

PRINT CLAN STUDIO

Starting out in 2018 in Shawlands, Print Clan moved into their current studio on High Street in Summer 2019, as part of a Meanwhile Space project. Print Clan aims to be a sustainable model for community development, and to engage people of all abilities with the craft of screen printing.



241 High Street

FRIDA & COCO

Frida & Coco is a unique boutique set up in 2020, stocking hand picked items, vintage, pre-loved and designer apparel. The shop is named after two strong historic women - Frida Khalo and Coco Chanel - also the names of owner Louise Lorne's beloved cats!



262 High Street

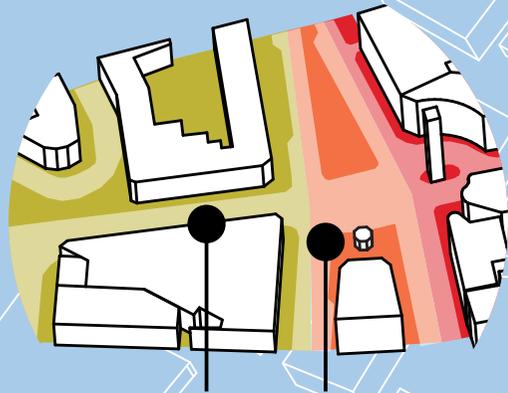
HIGH STREET

High Street is the oldest, and one of the most historically significant, streets in Glasgow. Originally the city's main street in medieval times, it formed a direct north-south artery between Glasgow Cathedral and the River Clyde.

5 ZONES OF HIGH STREET

Though connected by a single road, High Street and Saltmarket is a complex and varied area with a number of different character zones. It can broadly be split into 5 distinct areas: Saltmarket, Mercat Cross, Blackfriars, College Belt, and Bell O' The Brae.

Each has a different atmosphere which is created by its building typologies, commercial activity, architectural styles, density, movement and traffic.



HIGH STREET HERITAGE HUB
19 Saltmarket
(former Ladbrokes)

NEVIS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE SPACE
Mercat Cross

2. MERCAT CROSS

This zone contains the busiest intersection and two key heritage assets: the Tolbooth Steeple, part of the 17th century tolbooth, and a 1930 Mercat Cross replica, which was designed by Edith Burnet Hughes. Today, many of the former warehouses operate as creative venues and studios.

Route for
CONVERSATIONAL WALKING TOUR

Start

5. BELL O' THE BRAE

The Bell O' The Brae was the old name for the stretch of High Street leading up from George Street to Drygate. This area is often identified as the site of the Battle of Bell O' The Brae in 1297. This zone is notable for the curving red sandstone tenements on the hill.

3. BLACKFRIARS

This area acts as the entry from the east into Merchant City. It contains a mixture of small and larger scale commercial units alongside a diverse mix of residential buildings including tenements and student housing blocks. Heritage assets include 61 High Street, at one time the address of the famous Bow's Emporium.



DANCE YOURSELF DIZZY

Cafe Artrez, 91 Saltmarket
Emily Wylde, @emilywylde



DUELLING BOOKSHOPS

Merchant City Cameras, 11 Parnie St
Stevie Newall, @stevienewall



A VICTORIAN STARBUCKS

Glasgow Bed Centre, 61 High St
Pedro Brito, @peddero



HIGH STREET HORROR

Rednecks Barbers, 137 High St
KJ Marquis, @mothersteat



X MARKS THE SPOT

Print Clan Studio, 241 High St
Kate Mary, @katemaryart

1. SALTMARKET

Saltmarket runs from Glasgow Cross to the north bank of the River Clyde. A popular place to live for early 18th Century Glaswegian merchants, it was formerly known as Waulkersgait and was associated with scourers of woollen cloth. Today this area is dominated by small scale independent shop units and tenement flats.

4. COLLEGE BELT

This area is largely a brownfield site, and there are a number of planned developments around High Street Station. The main heritage asset in this area is the former British Linen Company Bank, since the Old College Bar, built in the early 19th century, was demolished in June 2021 following a fire.

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