

## Key Tourism Assets and Events

### Assets

- **Astley Hall and Coach House**

The Grade I listed historic house also includes art galleries and a range of activities and events. It welcomes 16,000 visitors a year. Includes outdoor events, ten exhibitions a year and family arts activities.

- **Hoghton Tower**

16<sup>th</sup> Century historic house with seasonal opening. Events and activities run by Hoghton Tower Trust. Includes Farmers Market, Classical music concerts and classic car shows.

- **Camelot Theme Park**

Theme Park with rides, live shows and stalls for families. Seasonal opening.

- **Park Hall**

Hotel, conference and event venue. Includes medieval banquets and cabarets.

### **Shaw Hill Golf Course and Country Club**

A 18 hole par 72 championship golf course set in 192 acres of mature parkland. Also boasting a fine dining restaurant and a fully equipped Leisure Club offering Spa Days and Breaks.

### **Duxbury Park**

A 18 hole Championship Golf Course that has been laid out around the historic grounds of the Duxbury estate. The 180 acres of rolling Lancashire countryside provides a challenge for both Amateur and Professional golfers alike.

- **Preston Mormon Temple**

Has regular visits from overseas visitors and runs annual open days and family history events.

- **Chorley FC**

Welcomes between 30 – 1000 away supporters to the ground each week during the football season.

### **Heritage Trail**

A step by step guide around the Town Centre, highlighting significant historic monuments that can still be seen in the town today. It is just under one and a quarter miles and takes approximately one hour to complete.

- **Rivington, Anglezarke & Pike**

The West Pennine Moors are a large draw for walkers and day trippers.

- **Cedar Farm**  
A converted farm that includes a cafe, restaurant, retail stores, artist studios and pet corner in Mawdesley.
- **Chorley Little Theatre**  
This 235 seater theatre presents weekly shows featuring theatre, comedy and live music. Entirely voluntarily run and have undergone extensive refurbishment and development over the last two years.
- **Chorley Markets**  
Market days provide affordable food, clothing and household items and draw in visitors from the surrounding towns and villages to shop.
- **Botany Bay**  
A shopping attraction featuring craft, antique and gift stalls alongside a cafe and children's play area.
- **Delta Force Paint Ball**  
Paintballing activity centre based in Coppull.
- **Anderton Centre**  
Outdoor activities centre in Anderton.
- **Go Ape**  
Outdoor activity centre based in Rivington.

#### **Nine Conservation Areas**

Places of special architectural or historic interest that deserve to receive careful protection

#### **Canal Walks**

The Leeds Liverpool Canal runs right through the Borough and has provides an attractive route for narrow boats, walkers and cyclists that is rich in wildlife.

#### **Yarrow Valley Country Park**

A 700-acre facility, run by Chorley Council and including a visitor centre and newly installed play area.

#### **Cuerden Valley Park**

The park has approximately 650 acres of parkland, woodland, meadows, a lake, ponds and gardens maintained to a high standard. They boast an excellent education programme and undertake conservation work.

## Events

- **Big Drum Day**  
August  
An outdoor drumming and dance festival featuring a programme of local and regional performing groups. It takes place in the walled garden and attracts in the region of 2,000 people.
- **Nutcrack Night**  
October  
A new annual family arts event featuring live music, promenade theatre, workshops, food and drink utilising the Astley Park site. It is expected to attract 2,000 people, largely from outside the borough.
- **Picnic In The Park**  
May/June  
An outdoor family event attracting around 3,000 people. Largely these people are Chorley based but it does welcome a small percentage of tourists too.
- **Day of Dance**  
June  
A morris dancing festival held in the town centre streets.
- **Derian House's Winter Sparkle**  
November  
A Christmas themed event including ice skating, reindeers, Father Christmas and food stalls in the walled garden. Attracts in the region of 2,500 people.
- **Outdoor Theatre**  
August  
A small scale outdoor theatre event within the walled garden that attracts visitors from the surrounding towns and villages.