

BRADFORD: A CITY OF FILM

Bradford: A City of Film is all about experiencing film in new ways, sharing the joy of cinema, and making it accessible across our district. This map highlights your nearest community cinema, local screenings, big cinema events, and the places that tell Bradford’s film story.

As the world’s first UNESCO City of Film, we’re proud of our film heritage – and excited for its future. This title belongs to everyone, inviting you to discover, share and shape Bradford’s film story.



A SNAPSHOT OF BRADFORD’S CINEMA HISTORY

WE Berry Ltd, one of the most important producers of film posters, was based in Bradford from 1888 to 2004. The National Science and Media Museum **16** (free entry) has a substantial collection of posters donated by the firm in its collection.

The first purpose-built cinema – the King’s Hall – opened in 1911. See the locations of other historical cinemas in Bradford on the map, including Unit Four, Arcadian, Malboro, Sangeet and Scala.

Bradford became a hub for South Asian cinema in the 1960s and 1970s, with seven venues showing exclusively Indian films - ahead of its time in the UK.

One of the first cinema shows outside London took place in a music hall known as the People’s Palace - the site where the National Science and Media Museum now stands – in 1896.

The peak of cinema attendance was during the Second World War, when there were 44 cinemas in the district.

The first IMAX cinema in Europe opened in Bradford in 1983 at the National Science and Media Museum.

A SCREEN NEAR YOU

- 1**

Addingham Film Club
LS29 0PD
Addingham Film Club offers a place to enjoy a variety of films amongst friends.
www.facebook.com/addinghamfilmclub?locale=en_GB
- 2**

Bingley Arts Centre
BD16 2LZ
A community-driven film group hosting screenings throughout the year.
www.bingleyartscentre.co.uk/category/film
- 3**

Bradford Movie Makers
BD5 0HU
A community of film enthusiasts - founded in 1932. Featured in the film *A Bunch of Amateurs* (2022).
www.bradfordmoviemakers.com
- 4**

Bradford Playhouse
BD1 5DL
Screening films in Little Germany.
bradfordplayhouse.org.uk
- 5**

Brontë Flicks
Thornton, BD13
Keep up to date on social media for venue and screening information. A brand-new community cinema in the historic village of Thornton.
www.bradfordmoviemakers.com
- 6**

City of Film Echoes
New community cinema celebrating Bradford’s legacy as the first UNESCO City of Film with the first screening at Theatre in the Mill.
www.themillatponden.co.uk
- 7**

Clayton Community Cinema
BD14 6QN
A not-for-profit organisation bringing the experience of cinema to Clayton.
www.claytonvillagehall.org.uk/cinema
- 8**

Haworth Cinema
BD22 8EN
Screenings in the famous Brontë village.
www.haworthcinema.org.uk
- 9**

The Hive Silsden
BD20 0DE
A creative community venue in Silsden with film screenings, workshops and events.
www.thehivesilsden.co.uk
- 10**

Holme Wood Community Cinema
BD4 9HN
New community cinema with first screening at Holme in the Wood Community Arts Café
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573765294949
- 11**

Ilkley Cinema
LS29 8DP
Featuring everything from Hollywood blockbusters to indie gems and one-of-a-kind events.
www.ilkleycinema.co.uk/contact
- 12**

Ilkley Film Society
LS29 8DW
Set up over 50 years ago to screen some of the best films that contemporary world cinema has to offer.
ilkleyfilmsociety.org.uk
- 13**

Ilkley Pool and Lido
LS29 0BZ
Bradford 2025 and Wild Rumpus are transforming Ilkley Lido for a weekend of immersive cinema screenings. Curated with and supported by Film4.
bradford2025.co.uk/programme/open-air-cinema
- 14**

Keighley Picture House
BD21 3SL
A classic cinema in Keighley showing new releases and community films.
keighley.nm-cinemas.co.uk/keighley/now
- 15**

The Light
BD1 1JR
Six screen cinema showing the best new blockbusters and family films.
bradford.thelight.co.uk
- 16**

National Science and Media Museum
BD1 1NQ
Yorkshire’s largest independent cinema including IMAX and Cinerama.
www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/cinema
- 17**

Ponden Picture House
BD22 0HP
A new community cinema based in a historic mill setting.
www.themillatponden.co.uk
- 18**

Saltaire Community Cinema
New community film nights popping up in Saltaire with the first screening at the Caroline Street Social Club.
www.instagram.com/saltairecommunitycinema
- 19**

South Square Arts Centre
BD13 3LD
Gallery, café and cinema events in Thornton.
southsquarecentre.co.uk
- 20**

Stockroom Cinema
BD21 3PF
Arts hub hosting events, workshops and creative spaces.
keighleycreative.org/projects/the-stockroom
- 21**

Thornton Community Cinema
BD13 3HW
Screenings held on the first Sunday of every month, except December and January.
www.thorntoncommunitycentre.org.uk/sunday-cinema
- 22**

Thornton Viaduct
BD13 3SY
Bradford 2025 open-air cinema event under the stars, with the iconic viaduct as the backdrop.
bradford2025.co.uk/programme/open-air-cinema
- 23**

University of Bradford Film Society
BD7 1DP
Student-run screenings on campus.
bradford.native.fm/group/4051/film-club-bsc

DID YOU KNOW BRADFORD HAS BEEN AN ICONIC BACKDROP FOR MANY WELL-KNOWN FILMS?

From sweeping railway views to Gothic cemeteries and city streets, Bradford has long been a star of the silver screen.

Follow the clapperboard icons on the map to explore filming locations across the district:

- CITY CENTRE**

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City Hall:
Official Secrets (2019), *Bank of Dave* (2023), *Blow Dry* (2001), *East is East* (1999)

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Little Germany:
The Six Triple Eight (2024), *Downton Abbey* (2019), *Commando 3* (2019), *Testament of Youth* (2014), *Peaky Blinders* (2026)

17

Midland Hotel:
L.A. Without a Map (1998)

1

Alhambra Theatre:
The Dresser (1983), *Testimony* (1988)

24

Undercliffe Cemetery:
Billy Liar (1963)

21

Peel Park:
The Selfish Giant (2013)

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Bradford Movie Makers:
A Bunch of Amateurs (2022)

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Bradford Playhouse:
Funny Cow (2018)

13

Ivigate: *Room at the Top* (1959)

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Bradford Cathedral Grounds:
Ali & Ava (2021)

3

City streets:
My Son the Fanatic (1998)

14

Jacob’s Well: *The Local* (in production)
- RURAL TOURS**

Keighley & Worth Valley (Keighley, Oakworth, Haworth, Oxenhope)

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Keighley & Worth Valley Railway:
The Railway Children (1972), *Fairytale: A True Story* (1997), *Swallows and Amazons* (2016), *Yanks* (1979)

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East Riddlesden Hall:
Wuthering Heights (1992)

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Oakworth Station:
Brideshead Revisited (2008)

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Nab Water:
God’s Own Country (2017)

11

Haworth and Brontë Parsonage:
To Walk Invisible (2015), *Emily* (2022), *Like Minds* (2006), *Wild Child* (2008), *Mister Mummy* (2022)

Ilkley & Wharfedale

12

Ilkley:
Miss You Already (2015), *Calendar Girls* (2003), *A Private Function* (1984), *The Dark Crystal* (1982)
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- URBAN TOURS**

South / South West Bradford

6

Buttershaw Estate:
Rita, Sue and Bob Too (1987), *The Arbor* (2010)

22

Richard Dunn Sports Centre:
28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (2026)

7

Cannon Mills: *The Duke* (2020)

20

Odsal Stadium:
The King’s Speech (2010), *Gold* (2018)

10

former Central Police Station:
Damned United (2009)

Manningham, Shipley and Saltaire

8

Lister Park:
Flesh and Flamingos (in production), *Monty Python’s The Meaning of Life* (1983)

25

Saltaire:
The Railway Children Return (2022), *The Ceremony* (2024), *The Choral* (2025)

Visit the **Filmed in Yorkshire** website filmedinyorkshire.co.uk to find out more.

OPEN-AIR CINEMA

Bradford 2025 and Wild Rumpus are teaming up for a series of not-to-be-missed outdoor cinema experiences at Ilkley Lido and Thornton Viaduct.

Witness the two iconic landmarks as you’ve never seen them before – and then catch open-air screenings of *Everybody’s Talking About Jamie*, *Sexy Beast* and *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

Each event takes place for one night only, and tickets are limited! See bradford2025.co.uk/programme/open-air-cinema for more details and to book tickets.

FILM FESTIVALS

From the spectacular *Widescreen Weekend*, which celebrates epic formats and classic cinema, to the bold and thought-provoking *Bradford Queer Film Festival*, Bradford’s film culture is rich and diverse. The *BradfordIFF* brings global stories to local screens, and in 2025, Bradford will be one of just 11 regional venues hosting special screenings for the prestigious *London Film Festival*.

Search online for the festivals above for more information.

BRADFORD: A City of Film map

Bradford became the world’s first UNESCO City of Film in 2009, bestowing international recognition on Bradford as a world centre for film. Being a part of the international UNESCO Creative Cities Network means that our city can:

- continue to develop film education opportunities across schools and communities in Bradford.
 - develop further collaborations through the UNESCO Creative Cities Network to celebrate culture, creativity and life through the moving image.
 - continue to support professional film and TV production in the region through the Bradford Film Office.

If you would like to find out more about Bradford’s UNESCO City of Film status visit www.bradford-city-of-film.com

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BRADFORD:

A City of Film map

FILMING LOCATIONS

1. Alhambra Theatre
2. Bradford Cathedral Grounds
3. Bradford City Hall
4. Bradford Movie Makers
5. Bradford Playhouse
6. Buttershaw Estate
7. Cannon Mills
8. Lister Park
9. East Riddlesden Hall
10. former Central Police Station
11. Haworth
12. Ilkley Moor
13. Ivegate
14. Jacob's Well
15. Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
16. Little Germany
17. Midland Hotel
18. Nab Water
19. Oakworth Station
20. Odsal Stadium
21. Peel Park
22. Richard Dunn Sports Centre
23. Saltaire
24. Undercliffe Cemetery

CURRENT SCREENING LOCATIONS

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BRADFORD'S HISTORICAL CINEMAS

1. ABC Keighley
2. Arcadian Cinema
3. Bingley Hippodrome
4. Birch Lane Cinema
5. Cannon Bradford
6. Carlton Cinema
7. Coliseum Cinema
8. Coronet Cinema
9. Cosy Cinema
10. Coventry Hall Picture House
11. Eccleshill Picture House
12. Electric Palace
13. Elite Cinema
14. Elysian Cinema
15. Empress Picture House
16. Essoldo Cinema
17. Essoldo Ilkley
18. Gaumont / Odeon
19. Gaumont Shipley
20. Glenroyal Cinema
21. Grand Picture House
22. Grange Picture House
23. Greengates Cinema
24. Ideal Cinema
25. Idle Picture House
26. King's Hall Picture Theatre
27. Kozey Picture Hall
28. Low Moor Picture Place
29. Lyceum Cinema
30. Marlboro / Liberty Cinema
31. Myrtle Cinema
32. New Empire Super Cinema
33. Odeon (Manchester Road)
34. Olympic Picture Theatre
35. Oriental Cinema
36. Oxford Cinema
37. Pavilion de Luxe Cinema
38. Penthouse Cine Club
39. Picture Palace
40. Picturedrome / Astra Cinema
41. Plaza Cinema
42. Regal Cinema
43. Roxy Cinema
44. Sangeet Cinema
45. Savoy Cinema
46. Scala Cinema
47. Shipley Picture House
48. Star Cinema
49. Tennyson Cinema
50. The Rialto Cinema
51. Tivoli Cinema
52. Towers Hall Cinema
53. Unit Four / Shipley Flicks
54. Victoria Palace Cinema
55. Western Talkie Theatre



This map features historical cinemas - some now demolished or repurposed - so location markers are approximate.

Flip the map over to find out more.