



SHROPSHIRE ART SOCIETY

Shropshire Art Society Gallery Day Trip to Liverpool

Saturday 31st January 2026

Overview

A day trip to Merseyside is planned for Saturday 31st January 2026, to visit the Lady Lever Art Gallery in Port Sunlight in the morning and the **Turner: Always Contemporary** Exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool city centre in the afternoon.

The exhibition celebrates the 250th anniversary of JMW Turner by presenting his work alongside modern and contemporary artists influenced by him. Featuring National Museums Liverpool's collection of Turner's oil paintings, works on paper and prints, as well as significant loans, **Turner: Always Contemporary** explores themes such as travel, landscape, and experimentation. By linking Turner's ideas to current issues—including climate change, immigration, tourism and the role of the artist—the exhibition offers fresh insights into his lasting relevance, with works by artists such as Claude Monet, Ethel Walker and Bridget Riley shown alongside his own.

The visit is self-guided. Coach travel will start from the Abbey Foregate Car Park, Shrewsbury, leaving at 08:30 prompt and picking up at Oswestry on the way. We plan to depart from Liverpool at 16:30, returning to Abbey Foregate by approximately 18:30, and the coach has a toilet on board.

Members may book for themselves and guests using the attached form. For any questions, please email: galleritripscoordinator@gmail.com

Itinerary

- 08:30 – Depart from Abbey Foregate Car Park, Shrewsbury
- 09:00 – Pick-up at Oswestry, Mile End Service Station
- 10:30 – Drop-off at Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight
- Free time to visit the gallery, explore Port Sunlight village, and have coffee
- 12:00 – Depart Port Sunlight
- 12:30 – Drop-off at Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool (William Brown Street)
- Free time to visit the gallery, lunch, and explore the surrounding museum quarter
- 14:30 – Group admission to the **Turner: Always Contemporary** Exhibition
- 16:30 – Depart Liverpool (coach pick-up point near Walker Art Gallery)
- 18:00 – Drop-off at Oswestry, Mile End Service Station
- 18:30 – Drop-off at Abbey Foregate Car Park, Shrewsbury
- Please note: due to the route, we are unable to pick up at Wellington for this trip.

Activities

Lady Lever Art Gallery and Port Sunlight (morning):

Located in the garden village of Port Sunlight, the Lady Lever Art Gallery houses one of the UK's finest collections of fine and decorative art. Highlights include outstanding Pre-Raphaelite paintings, 18th- and 19th-century British art, an important collection of English furniture, world-renowned Wedgwood Jasperware, and Chinese ceramics.

Port Sunlight itself is a model village created by soap manufacturer and philanthropist William Hesketh Lever for his workers. It features tree-lined boulevards, distinctive early 20th-century architecture, formal gardens and a picturesque central square, making it a very pleasant area for walking and sketching.

Walker Art Gallery and Liverpool museum quarter (afternoon):

Often described as the 'National Gallery of the North', the Walker Art Gallery holds one of the largest art collections in England outside London. Its collections span over 600 years, from Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque works to Victorian and Pre-Raphaelite paintings, sculpture, decorative arts and modern and contemporary pieces.

The Walker is situated on William Brown Street in Liverpool's historic St George's Quarter, close to World Museum, Liverpool Central Library and St George's Hall. There will be time to explore the gallery, draw, or take in some of the neighbouring cultural attractions, as well as enjoy a break in the gallery café.

Coffee / Lunch

- Lady Lever Art Gallery Café – on the lower ground floor next to the shop, serving hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, light lunches, cakes and snacks.
- Walker Art Gallery Café – on the ground floor, offering hot and cold drinks, light lunches and cakes.

Cost

£34 per person, including return coach transport, donation for the Lady Lever Art Gallery, entrance to the **Turner: Always Contemporary** Exhibition, and a gratuity for the driver. There are 48 places available and bookings will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The trip will go ahead subject to sufficient interest. You will be informed if the trip is cancelled.

Please complete the attached Booking Form and return with full payment, no later than 4th January 2026:

- If you have paid by BACS transfer or PayPal via the Society's website and wish to email the form rather than post it, please scan and email to: gallerytripscoordinator@gmail.com
- Otherwise, return by post to: The Gallery Trips Coordinator, Pool House, Ball Lane, Maesbury, SY10 8AT

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Booking Form

I / We would like to join the Saturday Gallery Trip to the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight and the **Turner: Always Contemporary** Exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool on 31st January 2026 and require _____ (number) places on the coach at £34.00 per person.

Please list names of all those joining the trip:

1.....

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☐ I / We would like to be picked up/dropped off in Oswestry Mile End Services.

(Please tick if applicable.)

Address of person booking:

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Email: Mobile number.....

Our preferred payment method is Bank Transfer (BACS).

The Shropshire Art Society bank account details are:

Account number: 19183906 • Sort code: 09 01 54 • Santander.

Or please visit our website <https://www.shropshireartsociety.org.uk/payments/> for details on how to pay the Society using PayPal. If you feel you cannot use either of these means of payment, please contact our Treasurer, Sarah Kowenicki, on treasurer@shropshireartsociety.org.uk or 07817 130620.

Tick ONE:

- ☐ I have paid £..... via BACS, using the reference code LT2026
- ☐ I have paid £..... via PayPal via the Payments page on the Society's website using the payment code LT2026
- ☐ I have spoken to our Treasurer and arranged a payment by cheque

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Note: You must be a member of the Shropshire Art Society to use this form – thank you!