

Opening Times

The Folly is open from Easter to the end of October
Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday
and Bank Holiday Mondays
10.30am - 4.30pm

Small admission charge for adults
Children, 16 and under, free

Limited disabled access

Lavatory accessible for wheelchairs

Party visits by appointment

For bookings please telephone 015242
51388 (Hon. Curator) or 01729 822361

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www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly



North Craven Building Preservation Trust, (registered Charity no. 505438), was formed in 1976. It seeks to rescue, repair and restore buildings of architectural and historical importance which are at risk. It owns several properties in Settle including the hall and south ranges of The Folly, restored during 2000-2001

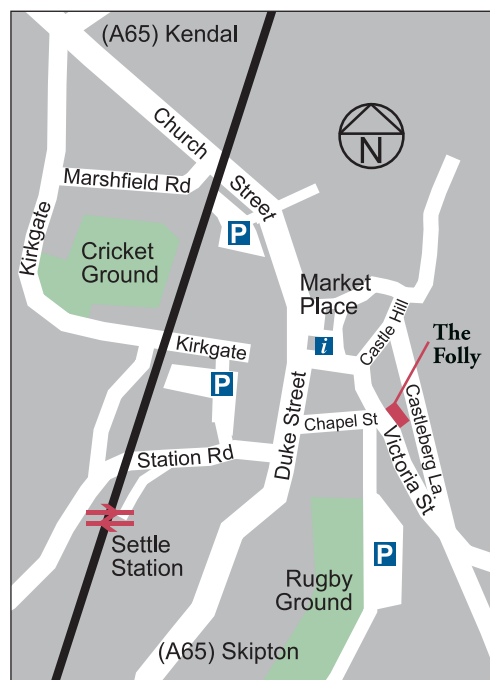
The Trust gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Heritage Trust for the North West and the financial support of a range of other organisations and individuals in the restoration and ongoing development of the house



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Location

The Folly is about three minutes from the town centre at the foot of Victoria Street. Car parking is available close by in Greenfoot Car Park

Bus services stop in the Market Place

There are regular daytime rail services to Settle along the famous Settle-Carlisle Line

THE FOLLY

SETTLE • NORTH YORKSHIRE

An impressive Grade I listed 17th Century house close to the centre of Settle in the heart of the Craven Dales

MUSEUM OF NORTH CRAVEN LIFE

For further information about **The Folly Project**, please contact:

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NORTH CRAVEN BUILDING
PRESERVATION TRUST

- Listed Grade I in recognition of its outstanding architectural importance
- Fascinating and enigmatic history
- Hall and south ranges restored by North Craven Building Preservation Trust as part of a phased rescue and development project
- Houses the **Museum of North Craven Life**
- Venue for art exhibitions



Inglenook fireplace in the Main Hall

Some visitor comments:

‘An extremely special, impressive place’

‘Delighted to find what is being done with this superb building’

‘A fine piece of building conservation’

‘Wonderful building and excellent exhibitions’

‘First class display of exhibits – very professionally done’



The Folly c.1900

The Folly was built in 1679 by Richard Preston, a wealthy merchant. His new house, originally named Tanner Hall, formed the centrepiece of his estate in Settle. It stands by the old main road into the town and was undoubtedly built to make an impact

Following Richard Preston’s death in 1695, the house passed to his daughter. She sold it in 1703 to another local family, the Dawsons. Since that time the building has rarely been used as a family home, which possibly led to it becoming known as The Folly



The distinctive mullion windows stretching the whole length of the ground floor

Exhibitions:

- The story of North Craven through its landscape and people
- The unfolding history of The Folly
- Changing displays of local and topical interest



Oil painting of Settle Market Place from the west c.1838



The fine oak staircase with ‘barley-sugar’ twisted balusters



Part of ‘The Story of North Craven’ exhibition