

01 The Central Library

This large circular structure was built in 1934. It was designed by architect, E. Vincent Harris. The 90 foot high building was based on the Pantheon, in Rome, and towers over Manchester's St Peter's Square.



02 Midland Hotel

The hotel is in the Southern half of St. Peter's Square in the middle of Manchester city centre. The hotel was built between 1898-1903 and designed by Charles Trubshaw. The Midland has a rich history, playing host to the first meeting between Mr Rolls and Mr Royce that led to the creation of the world famous car.



03 The Metro

Trams have been used in Manchester for over a century and the present Metrolink system is the best yet. Trams are an effective, clean way to get to and from work or just to go out for a day. They are likely to play a major role in tomorrow's Manchester as they did in the city of yesterday.



04 Bridgewater Hall

The concert hall was officially opened by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the 4 December 1996. The building received an award from the Royal Institute of British Architects in November 1998. It is mainly used for classical concerts and allows Manchester, once the cradle of the Industrial Revolution, to show its love of the art of music.



05 Hilton Hotel

Built in 2006, and also known as the Beetham tower, this building has 48 floors. The Hilton has two addresses on Deansgate: number 301 for the apartments and 303 for the hotel.



06 Manchester Town Hall

Manchester's town hall was built in 1887 to celebrate the town becoming a city in 1853. The building was designed by Alfred Waterhouse and is lavishly decorated with mosaics of bees, a symbol of Manchester's industry. A statue of Julius Agricola watches over Albert square from the main entrance of this iconic building. Agricola was the Roman governor of Britain and builder of the fort at Mamucium (Roman Manchester).



07 Piccadilly Gardens

This is Manchester's largest inner-city open green space. Over the years it has been regenerated several times to create an area where people of all ages can relax.



08 Affleck's Palace

Affleck's Palace is a five story building that houses around 50 stalls in a market type environment. It has become know as a place where new designers work with punk, goth and retro designs.

Over the past 25 years, many generations of people have shopped here, making it a landmark in Manchester. Earlier this year, Affleck's was sentenced to be closed down but by the will of the public majority it has remained open as one of the city's famous markets.



09 The Arndale Centre

After the 1996 IRA bomb, the old Arndale was left practically in ruins. Over the past 11 years the building has been completely re-furbished and is now home to hundreds of traditional high street shops.



10 Post Box

This post box is 100 years old. Despite standing just 5 metres from where the IRA bomb exploded in 1996, it survived almost without a scratch. The letters remained safely inside and were delivered 11 days later. The post box became a symbol of defiance for the people of the city.



11 The Manchester Wheel

The Manchester Wheel was first opened in the winter of 2004 as a temporary attraction and returned by popular demand in the winter of 2005-2006. The 60 metre high observation wheel is now a permanent feature of Exchange Square and is lit by 51,000 light bulbs.



12 Shambles Square

The present day Shambles Square is in its third location, having been moved twice. The Oyster Bar is undoubtedly the oldest surviving pub in Manchester.



13 Urbis

Standing next to Victoria station, Urbis has quickly become a recognised landmark on Manchester's skyline. This imposing glass structure is an exhibition space dedicated to city life, contemporary art, music and many other things.



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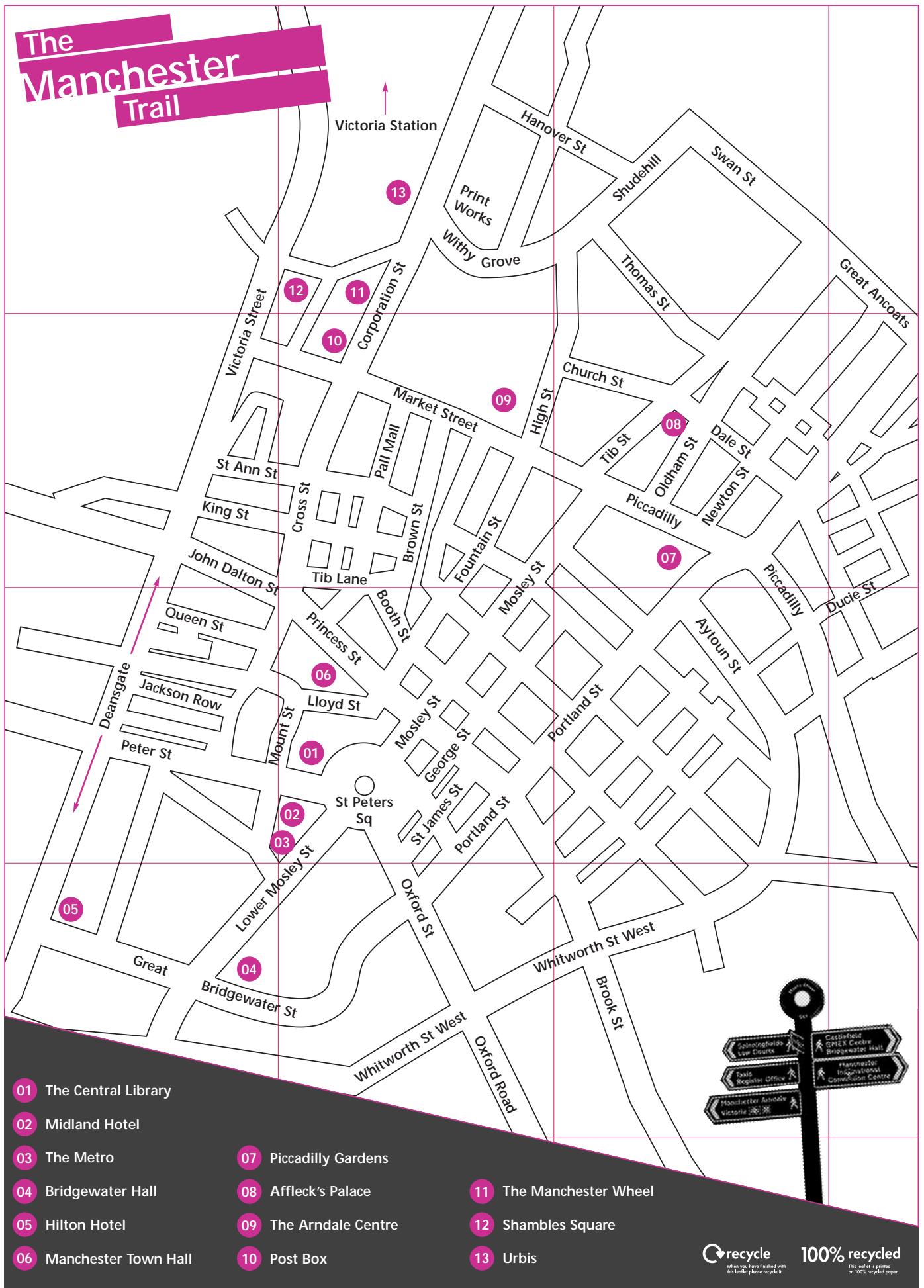
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