

Weston Park Museum, Sheffield

The Weston Park Museum is, one mile west of the centre of Sheffield, England, lying beside Weston Park and surrounded by the University of Sheffield. It is managed by the Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust.

The building, neo-Classical and in the Ionic order, was completed in 1868, and extended twice since. Some of the extension works were funded by donations from local businessman J. G. Graves. The front part of the building was the city museum, while the rear was the art gallery. The art gallery is a Grade II* listed building.

The Weston Park Museum was named the Sheffield City Museum and Mappin Art Gallery until 2006. It opened in 1875, and housed Sheffield's archaeology, natural history, decorative art and social history collections.

The Mappin Art Gallery had a small section given over to a rotating exhibition of the city's collection, but the majority of its galleries contained a contemporary mixture of commissions and touring exhibitions.

The building closed in March 2003 for complete renovation. The £17.3 million re-development was partly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Sheffield City Council and Objective 1 for South Yorkshire, and the building reopened on October 2006 as Weston Park Museum, with the City Museum collection re-displayed, while Harold Cantor Gallery will stage changing exhibitions up to four times per year.

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