

St George's Museum, Walkley

On the edge of the Rivelin Valley



Interior of St George's
Museum, Walkley

The St George's Museum in Walkley was founded in Sheffield in 1875 by the Victorian philanthropist and philosopher, John Ruskin.

The building is on Bole Hill Road and commands extensive views of the Rivelin and Loxley Valleys, which reminded Ruskin of Alpine scenery. It is now privately owned and has been converted to apartments.

Ruskin's aim was to provide local metal and craft workers with inspiring access to arts and nature, so the museum was packed with an eclectic collection of paintings, sculptures, natural history and geological specimens. The collection out-grew the space and was moved to Meersbrook in 1890, and subsequently to the city centre. The Ruskin Gallery (now in the Millennium Gallery) is still an important resource for Sheffield.

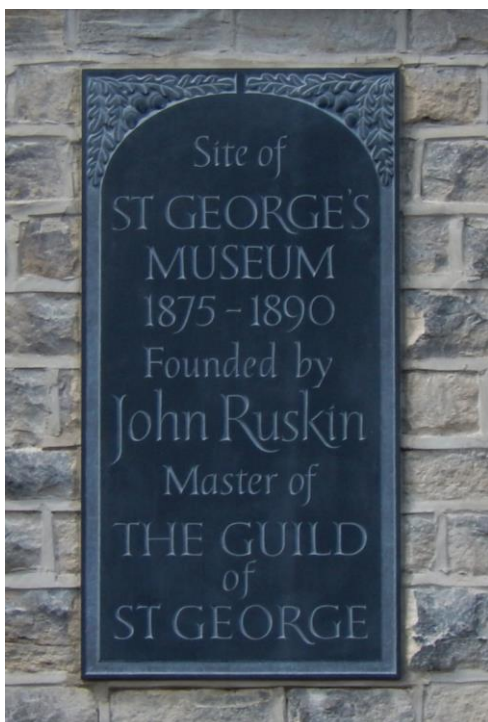
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John Ruskin (1819–1900)

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View from Bole Hills towards Stannington and Rivelin Valley. Sheffield City Council, Libraries Archives and Information:
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Plaque installed on Ruskin House, Walkley in 2015 to celebrate the foundation of St George's Museum.

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