



**Salford CVS**  
making a difference in Salford

# **SALFORD'S** **RADICAL ROOTS**

Exploring the  
history of social  
change and our  
sector's role





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**CIlr Derek Antrobus**  
**SCC Councillor**  
**Salford City Council**





## Derek Antrobus – Salford councillor

Ideology

- Values and beliefs

Activism

- Voluntary organisation

Public service

- State action



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Salford Bible Christians founded by William Cowherd (pictured left) in 1809

- Nature mysticism: belief that all nature was interconnected and contained a spark of God
- Led to respect for all living things and belief in equality

Church became a centre of radical thought and action

- Cowherd preached radical politics
- Pacifism
- Belief in education – school, library, and campaigns
- Belief in public health – food, drink and burials
- Belief in health – diet, medical services, soup kitchen



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Joseph Brotherton (pictured right) became pastor in 1816 On Cowherd's death

Members of Church became politically active:

- Brotherton first MP for Salford under 1832 Reform Act
- William Harvey, Mayor of Salford

Translated ideas into practical action

- Municipal Corporations Act 1835
- Salford Museum and Art Gallery
- Peel Park
- Salford Technical College
- Welfare services
- Capital punishment





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**Chris Dabbs**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Unlimited Potential**







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# Salford radicals





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# Disruptive trends







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# Learning – past to future





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**Ben Turner**  
**Project Manager**  
**Walk the Plank**







WALK THE PLANK

Making incredible spectacle happen. Over 27 years of creating art in the outdoor realm.

**Taking theatre out of buildings and onto the street is an inherently radical and political act**





## Peel Park Fire Garden

The 'healthy lungs' of the City.

Joseph and Martha Brotherton wrote the first vegetarian cook book which has informed a project called Salford City Roots





# Bones of Paine

In 1819 the bones of Thomas Paine were brought to Salford (dug up from their original resting place in New York), only to be refused entry to Manchester as a result of Peterloo ... and then disappeared.



WALK THE PLANK



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# Q&A





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## Key Actions





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# Vote!

