

Fashion Manchester Trail

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- 1 St Ann's Square**
Named after the church given to Manchester by Lady Ann Bland in 1712, who introduced the Assembly, the first real dress-up occasion in Manchester history.
- 2 The Royal Exchange**
Once the home of the world cotton industry for 250 years. At its height the Royal Exchange clothed the world, controlling over 80% of the global trade in finished cotton.
- 3 New Cathedral Street & Marks & Spencer**
Manchester's newest smart street with Selfridges and Harvey Nichols. M & S, came of age when Spencer joined Marks to found a Manchester warehouse in 1897.
- 4 Crazy Face & X Clothes**
13 - 15 Chapel Walks
In 1982 Joe Moss (later manager of The Smiths) opened Crazy Face; Johnny Marr worked in the latter.
- 5 Market St & Underground Market**
The home of Manchester's main High Street fashions and the Arndale Centre. The now closed Underground Market on Brown Street is reputedly where a trader trying to offload flares, persuaded members of the Happy Mondays to buy them.
- 6 Lewis's**
Market Street
Now Primark but Lewis's began life here in 1877.
- 7 Craft Centre**
17 Oak Street
Former fish market turned into crafty paradise. Great for accessories.
- 8 Arc / Oi Polloi / Westworld / Pop Boutique**
Oldham Street
Manchester independent sartorial savvy covering street, designer, underground, retro and the plain quirky.
- 9 Affleck's Palace**
22 years old and a beacon for alternative, indie and retro fashion shopping. Home of the classic 'and on the sixth day God created MANchester' t-shirts.
- 10 Horrocks Crewdson & Co Ltd**
107 Piccadilly (now Alias Rossetti Hotel)
Horrocks launched a ready to wear collection of printed cotton dresses, housecoats and beachwear in 1947.
- 11 Watts Warehouse**
Portland Street, now Britannia Hotel
Established in 1858, it was the largest single occupancy Manchester textile warehouse.
- 12 The Mechanics Institute**
103 Princess Street
In 1851 Mrs Bextor addressed the scornful audience on 'Bloomerism' - the advantages of women wearing trousers.
- 13 Theatre Royal to Flesh**
Charlotte Street junction with Fountain Street
1836 Manchester Music Festival had its party nights on this site. Club nights became fashion setters, e.g. Oasis Club, Twisted Wheel, Rafters, Haçienda and Sankeys Soap.
- 14 Frank Rostron**
39 Princess Street
Shirtmaker extraordinaire, and a stalwart of the Manchester scene since the 60s.
- 15 King Street**
Suave shopping for around 150 years. Marshall opened his first shop in 1834 and was joined by Mr Snelgrove in 1848.
- 16 Edwardia**
55-57 Bridge Street
Now occupied by Starbucks, part of this site formed the late 60s clothes shop of local footballers George Best and Mike Summerbee.
- 17 Kendals**
Deansgate
Originally opened in 1833, close to the present site, as Bazaar. Re-organised in 1836 by Kendal, Milne and Faulkner, arguably the first department store in the world.
- 18 Edwards and Ran**
61 Deansgate and 8 St Ann's Arcade
The oldest continuously operating retailer in Manchester, dating from 1830, still a purveyor of handmade English gents shoes.

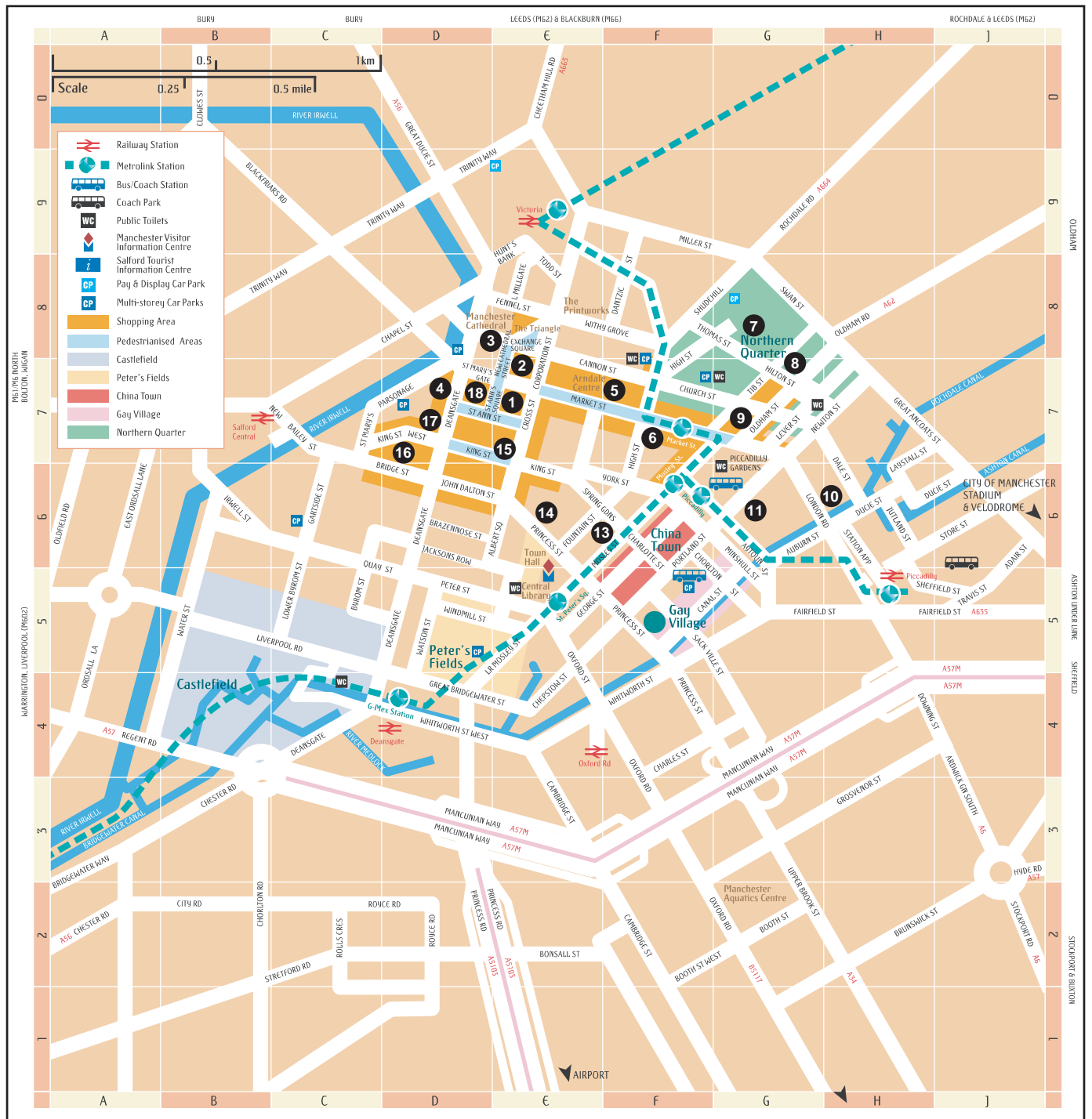
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