

Site Features

There are several facilities available on the Leodis site, designed to help the viewer find exactly what they are looking for. **Guided Tours** can be taken around certain areas in Leeds. These are a collection of photographs brought together with more detailed text to give an impression of how an area used to be. 'Tours' can be taken around the inns and yards of Briggate, Leeds Bridge to North Street, Coronation and Silver Jubilee celebrations, and Temple Newsam House.

A spin-off site, called **Leodis Collections** (www.leodiscollections.net) is also available; here, you can view a range of curated photos for a number of collections or themes. The collections are Arcades, Parks, Public Houses, Cinemas and Shopping and these will continue to grow. Most of the photos have been added to a map for the first time.

Users of the site are able to add **comments** (pending approval by a moderator) to images. These comments, together with the detailed photo descriptions, can provide a valuable insight into areas and aspects of Leeds not otherwise covered in the standard historical writing on the city.

Ordering photographs

Many of the photographs on the Leodis website are available to order. The majority of photographs, being copyright of the Library Service, along with others we have been allowed to sell in this way, are available to order as photographic copies of the originals. Images can also be licensed for reproduction (contact us for further details). Standard charges:

- 10" x 8" = £8.00
- 12" x 9" = £11.00
- 16" x 12" = £13.00

Note that some images are not for sale. This is where the copyright holder has allowed us to make available the photograph on the Leodis website but will not allow copies of the photographs to be sold.

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Above:

*Interior view of the City Art Gallery
during the International Photographic
Exhibition in 1891. Copyright: Art Gallery*

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About Leodis

Leodis is an online photographic archive containing over 59,000 images of Leeds, old and new. It is managed by Leeds Library and Information Service.

The Local and Family History Library has a huge collection of photographs relating to the city. Before the Leodis site was set up, these were only accessible by visiting the library and searching card indexes. The Library Service was keen to promote the Collections and make them more easily accessible for a wider audience. The Council Internet team initially added some photographs to the Leeds City Council site to gauge demand. The high level of interest led to the creation of the Leodis site.

A grant was obtained from the New Opportunities Fund (now the Big Lottery) to fund the project for two years. The Library Service managed the project, which aimed to make available 40,000 images of Leeds. The main collections from the Local and Family History Library have been added to the site as well as local collections held in branch libraries such as Morley, Rawdon, Rothwell and Horsforth. Local partners – the Leeds Civic Trust, the Thoresby Society, Leeds Museums and Galleries and the West Yorkshire Archive Service – have also provided material from their photographic collections.

The largest collection of photographs on the site is the City Engineers' collection. These were photographs taken for the City Council from around 1890 to the 1960s, of areas of municipal concern such as pre-“slum” clearance or road alterations. These were taken as working records for the engineers at the time, but provide a great record of changes to the city. This collection of photographs has been physically split between Libraries and Archives, but through Leodis the collection has now been digitally reunited.

Many other collections are now part of the Leodis site, which continues to be one of the most invaluable resources available to those interested in the local and family history of Leeds. New images are added all the time and we welcome further donations.



Typical example of the many thousands of images showing Leeds 'as it was'. Above is Back Portland Crescent, the current site of Civic Hall, 1913 (Leodis ID: 9811)



Leodis is also home to many images revealing Leeds and its people during moments of great history. This photograph shows revelers at the Town Hall on VJ Day, 1945 (Leodis ID: 2004129_69785708)