

HIGH PRAISE FOR STOCKPORT VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

Stockport's visitor attractions received a glowing report in a recent 'mystery shop' by VAQUAS (Visitor Quality Assurance Service) who are regulated by Visit Britain.

Rosettes were re-awarded to The Air Raid Shelters, Bramall Hall, Chadkirk Chapel, Hat Works, Staircase House and Stockport Story Museum for offering an exemplary service and experience.

The Air Raid Shelters were highlighted as providing visitors with an excellent experience that is both educational and great fun. Bramall Hall was complimented for its splendid interior, range of things to enjoy and the helpful and well-informed staff.

About the Hat Works, the assessor said: "It is huge fun – but at a serious level – it successfully records and preserves a local industry that has now entirely departed."

Staircase House and Stockport Story were both highly commended, the assessor commented that "Stockport is extremely fortunate in having two such excellent attractions in the Historic Market Quarter, and with the Tourist Information Centre sharing the site, it is a real resource. It is good to see so much emphasis on feedback and the provision of much education –linked materials works very well indeed."

The assessor concluded that: "Chadkirk provides a delightful escape from the busy world. Stockport is most fortunate to have so lovely a site within its portfolio. The volunteers and friends are to be congratulated on their efforts."

Norman Hudson, Service Director for Regeneration and Leisure, said: "We are delighted that Stockport attractions have again been highly commended by VAQUAS. The assessors' comments are a source of real encouragement and a deserved pat on the back to the teams who run these venues. This glowing report will hopefully entice more locals and visitors to the borough to enjoy some of the best cultural attractions in the North West."

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