

198th Anniversary Commemorations of the Weavers Uprising

The Lancashire Weavers Uprising occurred in April 1826. As part of the Uprising, on 27 April 1826, an attack took place on Chorley Mills in Water Street. 80 looms were destroyed and the Riot Act was read. In 2026 the bicentennial anniversary will be marked and commemorated in Chorley and elsewhere.

The 198th anniversary commemorations of the 1826 Weavers Uprising will be held in and around Chatterton Peace Park on the morning of Sunday 28th April 2024. The commemorations are being organised by the Weavers Uprising Bicentennial Committee [WUBC]. There will be music, readings and the laying of a wreath. The musicians performing in the Peace Park include The True Levellers Samba Band; Water Brass Band, Coffrey, Mcgurk and Madge and the Ramshackle Wailers. There will also be readings of testimonies from mill owners and weavers at the time, an account of the murder of James Waddicar by soldiers, and the reading of the names of all the known dead at the Chatterton Massacre. For those who wish to join the Samba band for their march into Chatterton we will be congregating at the top of Chatterton Old lane at 10.30am. The Brass band will start performing at around 10.45am at the Peace Park and the commemoration speeches and music will start just after 11.00am. At around 12.10 the Samba band will lead a procession to the St Phillips Church where there will be pies, drinks and other refreshments. The Ukes of Hazy will then lead a ukulele performance for around 45 minute, playing some joyful music to bring proceedings to an end. There will be St Johns Ambulance in attendance for the commemorations and also a number of stewards. Can we please request that those in attendance do not park in Chatterton itself as there is restricted parking.