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FOR MUSIC LOVERS.

GET OFF THE INTERNET  
AND OUT OF THE HOUSE,  
OUR GUIDE  
TO HELP YOU DIG  
through the diversity of  
MANCHESTER'S RECORD SHOPS  
from  
THE NORTHERN QUARTER  
TO STOCKPORT.

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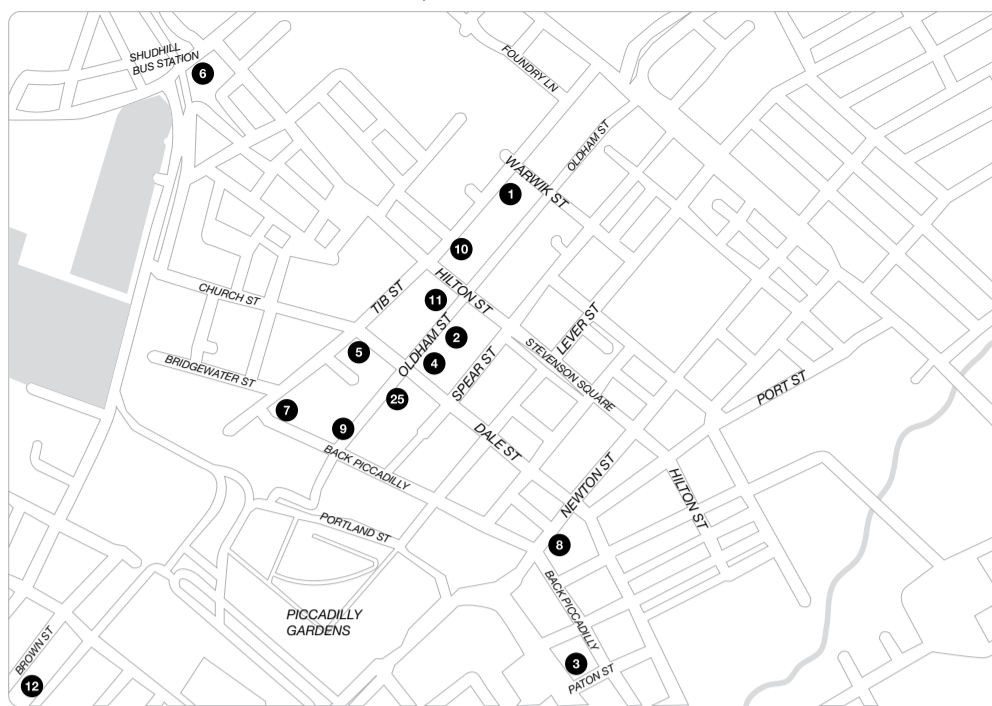
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## NORTHERN QUARTER / CITY CENTRE



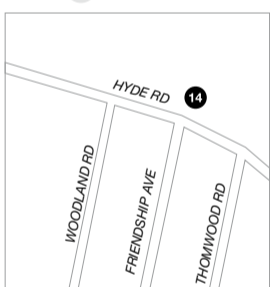
- 1 BEATIN' RHYTHM**  
108 Tib St, Manchester, M4 1LA  
10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat + 11.00-16.00 Sun.  
T. 0161 834 7783  
www.beatinrhythm.com  
A genuine legend amongst the Northwest's record buying public. Soul with a hole just doesn't get any better. Around 100,000 vinyls in stock covering Rock 'N' Roll, Pop, Soul, Northern Soul, Funk, Psych, Country, Rhythm & Blues etc. Plus all the best in CD re-issues. Specialists in Northern, Crossover & Deep Soul.
- 2 CAFÉ POP BOUTIQUE**  
34-36 Oldham St, Manchester, M1 1JN  
10.30-18.00 Mon-Sat + 11.00-17.00 Sun.  
T. 0161 236 5797  
Not strictly a record shop but sneak downstairs past the vintage clothes and you'll find a good selection of cheap 2nd hand 45's stacked up next to the 60's sideboard's. Soul, 60's + 70's Pop plus other pre-loved delights.
- 3 CLAMPDOWN RECORDS**  
9-11 Paton St, Manchester, M1 2BA  
10.00-17.30 Mon-Sun.  
T. 0161 237 5832  
www.clampdownrecords.com  
First shop you'll hit if your train comes into Piccadilly Station. Great little record shop with friendly staff who are more than willing to take a wish list and pull most of it from their extensive warehouse stock. Good cross genre collection of 45's focusing on Funk, Soul, Indie + Rock. 12's, Compilation Albums and Cd's. Conveniently wedged between an Adult shop and a Barbars.
- 4 VINYL EXCHANGE**  
18 Oldham St, Manchester, M1 1JN  
10.00-18.00 Mon-Sat + 12.00-17.00 Sun.  
T. 0161 228 1122  
www.vinylexchange.co.uk  
"With 20 years experience, we are the northwest's biggest and best shop for buying and selling rare and 2nd hand CD's, vinyl, DVD's, rarities and collectables in every genre of music." Spread over two floors in the heart of Oldham St stocking Rock, Indie, Metal, Punk, Alternative, Experimental, Industrial, Psychedelic, Soundtracks. They also have a large team downstairs who specialise in Hip hop, House, Techno, Electronica, Rave, Jungle, R'n'B, Disco, Soul, Funk and Reggae. Buys and sells collections of Cd's, Vinyl or DVD's.
- 5 VAGABOND VINTAGE AND VINYL**  
Top Floor, Afflecks Palace, 52 Church St, Manchester, M4 1PW  
Small section of records stashed in suitcases just to give weight to the name. A couple of other stalls in Afflecks have piles of records which makes it worth a look. Vagabond is on the top floor just round the corner from the café which is a plus.
- 6 SMITHFIELD EXCHANGE**  
4 Shudehill, Manchester, M4  
T. 0161 833 4609  
A tucked away kind of place both in location and layout, with well organised and well sifted through Rock, Pop and 2nd hand Soul 12's. Lots of Rare/Collectable Madonna hung on the wall. Books, DVD's and collectables.

### 13 WOWIE ZOWIE



107 Manchester Rd, Chorlton, Gtr Manchester, M21 9GA  
Mon 13.00-19.00, Tues-Fri 11.00-19.00, Sat 11.00-18.00, Sun 11.00-17.00  
T. 0161 860 6470  
www.wowiezowie-online.com  
"Fabulous vintage things from the 20th century and beyond..." Enough records at the back of this vintage furniture shop to make it worth the trip. Browse through Soul 7's, Jazzman and Fatcity comp's, some Knuatrock, Psychedelia, and Folk. Chat to the lovely couple who run this place and maybe buy that 60's print for the wall while you're at it, then get lunch from Unicorn just over the road.

### 14 DISCOVERY RECORDS AND BOOKS



782 Hyde Rd, Gorton, Gtr Manchester, M18 7JD  
T. 0161 231 7001  
A way out from the city and the familiar diggin' territory of Oldham street, an odd little place with loose opening times Discovery is still well worth the journey. Possible to turn up real gems in amongst the packed racks. Infamous for the second floor 'gentleman's club'.

- 7 PREMIER FAIRS**  
www.premierfairs.co.uk  
5 Hilton St, Manchester City Centre, M4 1LP.  
10.00-17.00 Mon-Fri + 09.30-17.00 Sat. Closed Sun.  
T. 0161 651 6393  
www.vinylrevivalmanchester.com  
Established in 1997, "we are the first to admit that we like to blow Manchester's trumpet and a good percentage of the shop is dedicated to local bands from the 60's to present day. We have a vast range of vinyl, cd's, t shirts and posters related to this city's great musical heritage." Also a great selection of Punk, Reggae, Soul, Rock, Hip Hop, Electro, House and 50's and 60's. Don't ask how much the smiths poster on the wall is cause its SO rare that its not for sale!
- 8 EMPIRE EXCHANGE**  
1 Newton St, Manchester, M1 1HW  
0900-1700 Mon-Sat + 1300-1800 Sun  
T. 0161 236 4445  
www.empire-uk.com  
Straight off the train and straight in here... should be your first stop on any 'trip Diggin' Manchester. Whatever you collect you'll find it here. Country, Rock, Pop, Gospel, Jazz, Big Band, Funk, Hip Hop, Soul, Show Tunes, Soundtracks, Comedy, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's. 45's + 12's, Box sets. Magazines. Memorabilia. Home made UFO VHS and rumoured to be visited by Debbie Harry when Blondie play town. Need we say more.

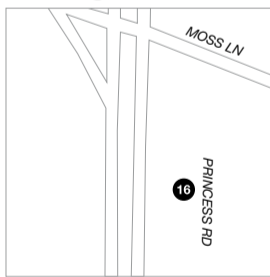
- 9 OXFAM**  
8-10 Oldham St  
Manchester City Centre, M1 1JQ.  
10.00-18.00 Mon-Sat + 12.00-17.00 Sun  
T. 0161 763 4964  
Thoroughly gone through selection of cheap well organised vinyl where you can, if you look hard enough still find a bargain.

### 15 KING BEE RECORDS



519 Wilbraham Rd, Chorlton, Greater Manchester, M21 0UF.  
10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat.  
T. 0161 860 4762  
www.kingbeerecords.co.uk  
One of our top 5 favourite ways to spend a Saturday afternoon, its packed with punters, the football's on the radio, so bring a fist full of fivers, your best banter and some knee pads for those low down dusty crates. We love the real old school record store feel and how most genres have both a cheap and a collectors section. Huge selection of 2nd hand records and CD's. Specialise in Soul, Reggae, Indie, Punk, Jazz, Blues, Sixties, Rock Etc on 7", 12" and LP's.

### 16 ONE DROP RECORDS



39 Princess Rd, Moss Side, Gtr Manchester, M14 4TE  
10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat.  
Run by Hussla Ghetto Heart Soundssystem man Tappa Benz, One Drop specialise in Dancehall, Bashment, Gospel, Calypso and Roots reggae. Not a huge amount of vinyl, but loads of CD's and if Reggae is your thing you need to check it out.

- 10 VINYL REVIVAL**  
5 Hilton St, Manchester City Centre, M4 1LP.  
10.00-17.00 Mon-Fri + 09.30-17.00 Sat. Closed Sun.  
T. 0161 651 6393  
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- 11 PICCADILLY RECORDS**  
53 Oldham St, Manchester City Centre, M1 1JR.  
10.00-18.00 Mon-Sat + 12.00-17.00 Sun  
T. 0161 839 8008  
www.piccadillyrecords.com  
"As much a Manchester institution as a pint of Halls or Chippy n' Gravy!" say Recordshopcity.com. One for the serious vinyl collectors, couldn't really be located anywhere else but on the central stretch of Oldham Street. The sheer range of genres might be baffling but just dive on in.... Also runs a great regularly updated website with top picks and best of the months new releases and limited vinyl runs are a speciality.

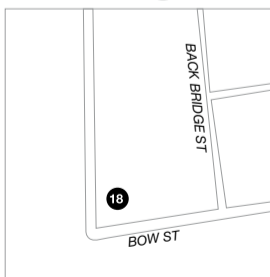
- 12 FOPP**  
19 Brown St, Manchester M2 1DA  
10.00-18.30 Mon-Sat + 10.30-17.00 Sun  
T. 0161 830 7630  
So you all know the deal with Fopp, chain store selling new release vinyl and Cd's. Nearly went under but saved by HMV. Nice bright shop, friendly staff, well arranged racks.

### 17 DOUBLE FOUR RECORDS



45 Lower Hillgate, Stockport, SK1  
09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat  
T. 0161 477 1335  
Diggin Manchester: So can you tell us what you sell?  
Double Four: Everything.

### 18 X RECORDS



44 Bridge St, Bolton, BL1 2EG  
10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat  
T. 01204 5524 018  
www.xrecords.co.uk  
Has in stock a massive selection on all formats with one of the largest choices of back catalogue deleted vinyl on 7", 12" & LP's. Rock, Pop, Indie, Soundtrack, Punk/New Wave, Country, Funk, Soul, Dance, Blues, Easy Listening, Reggae, Acid Jazz, World, 50's + 60's, Northern Soul and Hip-hop plus more KISS merch than you knew existed and all only 20 minutes from Manchester Oxford Road by train.

### 21 DECO



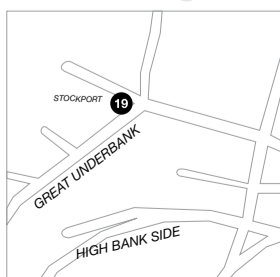
9 Egerton Crescent, Withington, Gtr Manchester, M20 4PN  
10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat  
T. 0161 448 8469  
www.decorecords.webs.com  
Conveniently signed off Wilmslow Rd. Closed in 2005 but now reopened as a nice little shop that you could happily spend an hour or two in. Feels warm, cosy and smelt of good coffee when we visited. Good listening posts, stocks 2nd hand Rock, Pop, Jazz, Soul and Reggae 12's plus loads of Cd's. Owned and run by Ray a lovely bloke you'll find reading a book with his feet up.

### 22 SIFTERS RECORDS.



177 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Gtr Manchester, M20 6FJ  
09.30-17.30 but closed Sun + Wed  
T. 0161 445 8697  
Name checked by the Gallagher brothers in their song Shaker/Maker "Mr Sifter sold me songs when I was just sixteen...". In business for 34 years and run by the affable Peter Howard (Mr Sifter) all that time. 2nd hand vinyl covering mostly Rock, Pop, Indie and Soul taking up 80% of the floor space with some Cd's, DVD's and even some tapes. Great place to talk the talk while sifting through the racks plus its only two minutes from Burnage Station.

### 19 WAH WAH



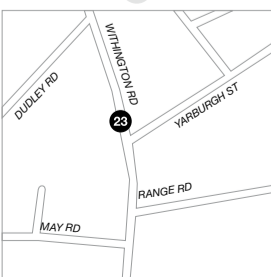
28 Underbank, Stockport, SK1 1JT  
10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat  
T. 0161 429 9800  
www.wahwahrecords.co.uk  
Worth the trip down Kingsway to Stockport just to chat to Chris the knowledgeable owner of this 60's inspired record shop. Good selection of albums, 12's and 7's covering Jazz, Blues, Classical, Rock, Rock 'N' Roll, Pop, Folk, Country, Psychedelia, Prog, Glam Rock, Funk, Soul, Motown, Disco, Reggae, Ska, Punk, New Wave, Metal, Synth Pop, Dance, Electronica, Indie and more....

### 20 ROCKS OFF MUSIC



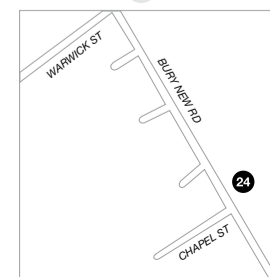
65 Drake St, Rochdale, OL16 1SB.  
10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat  
T. 01706 521818  
Rochdale, not only the site of the former studios where seminal Manchester band Joy Division recorded Love Will Tear Us Apart but it has a pretty nice little record store too. Rocks Off stocks both new and 2nd hand vinyl, Cd's and DVD's.

### 23 RECORD SHACK



115 Withington Rd, Whalley Range, Gtr Manchester, M16  
Sporadic opening times.  
We can't possibly describe this place better than our friends at Recordshopcity.co.uk..... "It sells records and it really is a shack! This is a place of myth and legend and to even offer opening times would be ridiculous. It opens when the guy wants to and stays open as long as he likes, and good on him. When I have been in everything seems to turn sepia and I emerge two hours later with a carrier bag of old dusty 70's and no real idea why I have them. Two square feet of floor space to stand in with the remaining 60 square feet taken up with box after sagging box and sack after bulging sack of vinyl."

### 24 ENDLESS MUSIC.



418 Bury New Rd, Prestwich, Gtr Manchester M25 1BD  
09.00-17.00 Mon-Sat  
T. 0161 772 0312  
www.endlessmusic.co.uk  
Established for over 10 years and claims to be the Northwest's leading seller of vinyl records, music, TV and Film memorabilia. How ever long you've set aside wont be long enough to get to the records in here. Endless is packed with 10,000+ LP's, 10,000+ 12's, 35,000+ 7's and a real love for the records they sell which range through Rock, Pop, Soul, Soundtracks, Spoken word, Jazz, Northern, Disco and TV/Film rarities.