

Liverpool landmark Galkoff's Jewish butcher shop to be preserved

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Galkoff's Jewish butcher shop Pembroke Place, Liverpool, and the current hoarding outside Museum of Liverpool

A Liverpool landmark, Galkoff's Jewish butcher shop in Pembroke Place, is to be preserved and redisplayed at the Museum of Liverpool with a £291,300 National Lottery grant.

The project, a partnership between the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and the Museum of Liverpool will see the historic tiles removed and conserved, and an archaeological dig and research carried out to understand more about the lives, business and homes of the people of Pembroke Place and surrounding area.

The famous green tiled frontage of P. Galkoff's kosher butcher shop, which was originally a house, sits a few doors away from the last surviving example of Liverpool's court housing in the city (back-to-back houses standing around courtyards that were a prevalent type of working class home in mid-19th century Liverpool).

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An iconic building fronted with highly decorative green tiles, the business opened around 1908, and the amazing tiles were added in 1933. The project focusses on an unusual example of Jewish heritage currently at risk, and aims to build up a better picture of what made this such a vibrant community from the 18th century onwards. From roller skating Victorians to grizzly murders and the site of a former zoo, preliminary research indicates the area is rich in stories.

Thanks to the support of HLF and funding made possible by National Lottery players, work by LSTM and the Museum of Liverpool can now go ahead to preserve this will iconic legacy of Liverpool's Jewish history.

The culmination of this work will be the recreation of the frontage of Galkoff's, returned to its original finery, at the Museum of Liverpool, as part of an exhibition which will reveal the Secret Life of Pembroke Place, due to open in October 2018.

Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West said: "We are delighted to be able to award National Lottery funding to conserve Galkoff's Jewish butcher shop in Liverpool and we look forward to finding out more about the stories of the people who lived in and around Pembroke Place as they are brought to life as part of this fascinating project."



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