

Gaskell Society Conference 2026 - Literary Links

Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley, West Yorkshire Friday 10 – Monday 13 July

We're delighted to be able to welcome you to Ilkley for our 2026 Conference. Craiglands is a grand Victorian hotel, set in beautifully landscaped grounds in a charming spa town on the edge of Brontë Country.

Residential places at our conference have now sold out, but we are able to offer a limited number of places for day-delegates.

We have a diverse line-up of international speakers this year, with a range of perspectives on Elizabeth Gaskell's Literary Links. They'll explore links not only with other writers, but publishers and other disciplines. We have a total of eight speakers - Raffaella Antinucci, Marie-Gaëlle Drouet, Scarlett-Electra LeBlanc, Kate Raine, Ben Moore, Miriam Reynolds, Tracy Stobbe and Hannah Trifunovic.

On Saturday afternoon we will visit the Brotherton Library, the main library of the University of Leeds. After the John Rylands Library in Manchester and the Manchester Central Library, the Brotherton is the third most important repository of Gaskell material, and some of the items will be specially displayed for us.

On the Sunday, we'll visit the house in Thornton where Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne Brontë were born, when their father, the Rev Patrick, was serving as a curate before moving to Haworth. The house has been recently restored, and was opened by HM Queen Camilla in May 2025. Numbers for this outing are subject to availability and may be available for an additional payment of £14, payable on the day.

Day places are priced at £45 per day: we will contact you about payment after we receive your booking.

Please complete the form below - you can type into it, or print it and use a pen

Please save, then email your completed booking form to - gaskellconf26@gmail.com

Alternatively, print and post your completed form to Geraldine Hughes, 19 Marsh Green Road, Elworth, Sandbach, CW11 3BQ, to arrive by 15 May 2026.

Name(s)

Address

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SATURDAY 11 JULY £45, includes talks, coffee, sandwich lunch and Brotherton outing		SUNDAY 12 JULY £45, includes talks, coffee, sandwich lunch and afternoon study session.	
Brotherton Library outing (transport provided) <i>(please tick if you'd like to attend).</i>		Brontë birthplace outing (transport provided). Limited places may be available for £14 <i>(please tick to be added to the standby list).</i>	

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