I’ve made my mark

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Date 11th to the 13th of March 2016
Location Preston Old Post Office, Birley Street, Preston

Part of the BOB North Event

A multi-element exhibition exploring the issues surrounding empty buildings and spaces in and around Preston — with the aim to raise awareness and encourage an open and frank discussion about the problems in adapting buildings in the city, to provoke engagement and to capture the thoughts and comments that it generated.

The event was open to all — with the specific intent of engaging Prestonians in reflecting on the issues that Preston is currently facing.
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