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Showcasing over 70 buildings and open spaces of merit in York

See hidden gems and experience familiar
places through fresh eyes



Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th
October 2023

PROGRAMME

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About

York Unlocked is a Registered Charity inspired by the successful models of Open Doors and Open House events across the UK and Europe. During our annual weekend, we organise the opening of buildings to the public, free of charge, to celebrate the built environment of York.

We aim to educate and inspire discussions on the value of architecture and urban design excellence across all sections of our community, from decision-makers through to young people.



Bishopthorpe Palace
Bishopthorpe



St Marys Tower
Bootham



No.1 Clifton
Bootham

Welcome

York Unlocked 2023

Welcome! This is our second year of York Unlocked in what we hope will be an annual free event in York for residents and visitors interested in architecture, design, heritage and our urban landscape. Our event in 2022 was enjoyed by visitors from all over the country, so “unlocking” for them often means being introduced to some of our magnificent buildings and open spaces. For the rest of us, we get to see familiar places through fresh eyes.

This year we’ve added some “Insider Tours”, plus collaborations with City Cruises York, York Georgian Society, and Friends of York Walls. We welcome back some favourite sites from last year and have added many new buildings and outdoor spaces. Our successful Education Day is also back again on Friday 6th October and will involve schools in visits and numerous activities. Schools interested in participating in 2024 should contact education@york-unlocked.org.uk.

The York Unlocked team curates the opening of interesting buildings and open spaces with the support of building owners. Programme information is accurate at the time of going to print, but sometimes details change due to building works, newly identified safety issues, or change of circumstance.

Please check our website www.york-unlocked.org.uk for updates before making your visit.

York Unlocked is run completely by volunteers and we hope that you enjoy York Unlocked 2023.

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York Walls
Bootham Bar

General information

Admission is free to all buildings including those requiring booking. Participating buildings are grouped by location and listed alphabetically with a brief description including their location, pre-booking details where necessary and opening times.

Please note that each building's opening is controlled by the owner. Some buildings are open all weekend, whilst others are limited to pre-booked ticketed tours only. For pre-booked tours, please arrive on time and have your tickets ready. There are also some locations (marked ) that we encourage you to view from the street, pausing to reflect the history that surrounds us every day.

Volunteer stewards will be stationed in and around our buildings to welcome you. Our volunteer stewards and building owners have volunteered their time to York Unlocked so please act respectfully and direct any queries to the core team. When visiting churches, please be respectful of services during your visit.

Getting around

Most sites are close to each other so it is possible to walk between them.

The City Sightseeing Bus (start Exhibition Square) will also take you near to all key sites, except Bishopthorpe and Holgate. First Bus No. 11 - which you can join at Stonebow, Rougier Street or the Station - goes to Bishopthorpe. Check the Saturday timetable for times.


Bikes can be hired for the weekend.

Go to www.getcycling.org.uk for further information and cycling routes.


Accessibility

Many of our historic buildings are difficult to access with stepped entrances and poorly lit spaces in some areas, please pay attention to any health and safety guidance.




Some of our buildings require special care and attention and are not recommended for people with health issues, walking difficulties (including assisted walking), or for children aged under 6 years old.

These are marked  in the programme but include:

St Mary's Tower, Bootham (steep spiral stairs). Locations on York Bar Walls (steep stone steps, narrow walkways) for example, Monk Bar (narrow steep stone steps)

Buildings marked  have confirmed their disabled access, but we recommend that you consult the websites of specific buildings for more detailed information.

Key

-  Locations have confirmed their disabled access
-  Access is limited
-  Locations to be viewed from the street

How to book tour tickets

Eventbrite bookings open 10am Saturday 9th September and full details of tours (including dates and times) will be on our website from late August.

Tickets are booked very quickly so we recommend you book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Ticketed events remain **FREE** to visitors.

Events across the city

York City Walls Through Fresh Eyes (with Friends of York Walls)

Tour info available on website from September (Book Online)

Think you know York Bar Walls? For York Unlocked, we're offering a chance to take a fresh look; we'll be showing secret (and known) towers and spaces, views from the gardens abutting the walls, and more. Schedule curated by Baz Jones, York Walls Festival director.

Architecture of the Ouse Cruise (with City Cruises York)

Tours Sat & Sun 4pm (Book Online via City Cruises York website)

This 1.5 hour cruise presents key buildings along the historic River Ouse including St. Peter's, Lendal Tower, Barker Tower, All Saints North Street, the Riverside Development area, King and Queen's Staithes, Georgian New Walk, Rowntree Park, Bishopthorpe Palace and more.

John Carr of York (with York Georgian Society)

Tour Sun 11am (Book Online)

Celebrate the anniversary of the birth of John Carr of York (1723-1807) with us and York Georgian Society with a walking tour that encompasses some of his iconic buildings, as well as buildings that pay homage to his architectural style.

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Bishopthorpe Road & York South

1 Bishopthorpe Gardens

(Brunswick Nurseries)

Bishopthorpe

- Tours Sat 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm (Book Online). Toilet not accessible Georgian walled and pleasure garden, created to grow fruit and vegetables for Archbishops' palace. Previously featured hot houses to grow fruit. C20 became flower garden for visitors. Firing range for Home Guard during WW2. Now part of Brunswick Organic Nursery and Craft Workshop.

2 Bishopthorpe Palace

Bishopthorpe

Tours Sat 10am, 11am, 2pm & 3pm

- (Book Online). Toilet not accessible Residence of the Archbishop of York. Originally built 1241 by Archbishop Walter de Grey. C15 Archbishop Rotherham doubled size of the residential quarters and improved kitchens with north wing. Gothic block added 1766-9, designed by John Carr. Gatehouse clock manufactured by W Potts & Sons Ltd 1913. Grade I listed.

3 Cameron Walker Court

Bishopthorpe Road

Sat 10am-2:30pm

- Almshouse created at bequest of Charles Cameron Walker Estate. Opened 1912. 18 homes for residents within a 10 mile radius of York central Post Office.

4 Kentmere House

Scarcroft Hill

Sat & Sun 10am-4pm

- Arts & Crafts house and gallery. House originally built 1898 by Primitive Methodist Chapel Aid Association for Company Secretary. Independent gallery, founded by Ann and David Petherick, since 1991.

5 St Andrew's Church

Bishopthorpe

Sat 10am-4pm

- Church in Bishopthorpe village, then Thorpe St. Andrew. Majority of previous church demolished following Great Flood. Former west front, designed 1768 by Thomas Atkinson, still stands on Chantry Lane - one of three examples of 'Bishopthorpe Gothick.' Present church built 1885-1899 on new site, now opposite Bishopthorpe Palace. Grade II listed.

6 St Chad's Church

Knavesmire

Sat 10am-4pm

- 1920s church. Designed by Walter Brierley, completed 1966 by Francis Johnson following Brierley's death. Statue of Saint Chad, C7 monk, in corbelled brick niche over doorway. 1940 hexagonal memorial pulpit. Grade II listed.

7 St Clement's Church

Scarcroft Road

Opening Times TBC

- Anglican church, built 1872-74. Vestry added 1880. Designed by J B & W Atkinson. Mid C20 choir stalls and screen by Robert 'Mousey' Thompson. 1875 stained glass east window designed by Belgian stained glass painter Jean-Baptiste Capronnier. Grade II listed.

8 Terry's Factory Clock Tower

Bishopthorpe Road

Opening Times TBC

- Clock tower with boiler house for former Terry's chocolate factory. Now residential apartments and Terry's Clock Tower museum. Factory built 1924-1930, designed by J G Davies and L E Wade. Unique 1930s clock with 'Waiting Train' mechanism, powered by electrical impulse from master clock. Restored 2023 by developers HBD and PJ Livesey after 18 years out of service. Grade II listed.

Bishopthorpe Road & York South map



Bootham, Clifton and Museum Gardens map



Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information

Bootham, Clifton and Museum Gardens

8 Bootham

- Bootham
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- C18 house with medieval timber framing. Probably originally built as single dwelling with 10 Bootham. Rear attached to walled ruins of St Mary's Abbey. Janette Ray Booksellers since 2000. Grade II listed.

10 Bootham Bar Cafe (Bean and Gone)

- Bootham
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- Self-contained fortress, built from C11. Redeveloped to create cafe with glass floor revealing parts of Roman legionary fortress defences. Now Bean and Gone. York Design Award winner 2016. Part of the City Walls Ancient Scheduled Monument.

11 Burton Stone

- Clifton
- View From Street
- Medieval stone in front of Burton Stone Inn. 4 cup-like depressions in stone possibly filled with vinegar to disinfect coins paid for food grown in Clifton during plague. Grade II listed.

12 King's Manor

- Exhibition Square
- Tours Sat 10am, 12pm & 2pm (Book Online)
- Medieval manor, originally Abbot's house of St Mary's Abbey. 1539 allocated to the Council of the North following dissolution of the monasteries. Occasional royal residence. C19-C20 school, Anne Lister notable pupil. Now part of University of York. Grade I listed.

15 Museum Gardens Lodge

- Museum Street
- Sat 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm
- 1874 lodge designed by George Fowler Jones. Gardens' gates probably manufactured by Walker Foundry. Home to Yorkshire Philosophical Society (founded 1822). Grade II listed. Expert plant/geology tours around Museum Gardens, starting from the Lodge, must be pre-booked.

14 No. 1 Clifton - York

- Clifton
- Opening Times TBC
- Two houses built c.1840 from grey brick with Welsh slate roofs. Public air-raid shelter in basement during WWII for 235 people. Social housing until sold 1988 for hotel refurbishment. Previous laundrette on corner of Bootham also converted to hotel. Now No. 1 by Guesthouse. Grade II listed.

Tip: Spot the miniature steam train.

15 St Mary's Tower

- Marygate
- Sat 10am-1pm & Sun 2pm-4pm
- Part of precinct wall of St. Mary's Abbey. Tower built 1324 by Stephen de Austewyk. Repaired 1644 due to Civil War damage. Circular tower with octagonal two-storey interior. York Singing Academy studio since 1995. Abbey remains grade I listed. Entrance for 6 people at a time.

16 St Olave's Church & Churchyard

- Marygate
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- Earliest church dedicated to St Olaf, patron saint of Norway, founded by Siward, Earl of Northumbria. Built C11, largely rebuilt C15. 1720-21 repaired with materials from St. Mary's Abbey ruin. York sculptor Charles Gurrey carved stone corbels and stops in chancel 2000-1. Grave of York-born artist William Etty. Grade I listed.

Tip: Search for the leg rest for a man's wooden leg in the third pew from the front, on the northside, in the nave.

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17 St Peter's School

- 📍 Clifton
- Tours Sun TBC (Book Online)
- ➔ One of world's oldest schools, founded by St Paulinus of York 627 AD. Guy Fawkes notable previous pupil. 1884 moved to current buildings on land previously owned by Fawkes family. Co-educational at all levels since 1987. Newly built Pascal Building won York Design Award 2019.

Tip: Count the mice in the "Mousey" Thompson classroom.

18 Tempest Anderson Hall

- 📍 Museum Gardens
- Opening Times TBC
- ➔ Theatre style auditorium designed by Edwin Ridsdale Tate. Built 1912 with later alterations. Hall attached to Yorkshire Museum (built 1827-29). Named after explorer and surgeon Tempest Anderson. Grade I listed with Yorkshire Museum and St Mary's Abbey remains.

Tip: The Yorkshire Philosophical Society founded the Yorkshire Museum. Their office in Museum Lodge is unlocked this weekend.



The Star Inn The City
Museum Street



St Peter's School
Clifton

19 The Churchill Hotel

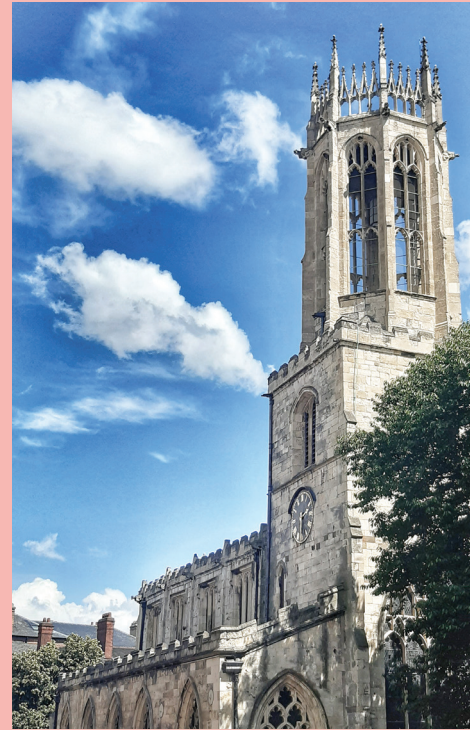
- 📍 Bootham
- Sat & Sun 11am-5pm
- ➔ House built c.1827. Girls school overseen by Misses Inchbold until 1879. 1882 became property of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary for War Department. Government property until 1984. Now luxury hotel. Grade II* listed.

20 The Star Inn The City

- 📍 Museum Street
- Tours Sat & Sun 10am (Book Online) ♿
- ➔ Wheelchair users advised to visit with a friend as a steep ramp/road into main restaurant. Lendal Engine House built 1836 to house pump for city centre water. Later offices. Renovated by CSP Architects into riverside restaurant. Insider tours provided by owner Gem Construction. Grade II listed.

21 Wandesford House

- 📍 Bootham
- Sat & Sun 10am-1pm (restricted numbers) ♿
- ➔ Almshouse built c.1739. 1743 opened as 'Mary Wandesford Old Maids Hospital' following Wandesford endowment in will to create 'a Religious House of Protestant Retirement.' Wandesford portrait bust above entrance. Now home for single Christian women over 50. Grade II* listed.



All Saints, Pavement
Pavement

Castlegate & Walmgate

22 All Saints, Pavement

- 📍 Pavement
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. Church only ♿
- ➔ Medieval church on site of C10 Norse Christian church. Mentioned in Domesday Book. Rebuilt C14. Octagonal lantern tower. Partially demolished 1782. Restored 1835-1837. 1887 installation of stained glass by Charles Kempe. 2015 installation of Afghanistan Memorial Window, designed by Helen Whittaker (Barley Studios). Grade I listed.

23 Brew York

- 📍 Walmgate
- Sat & Sun 12pm onwards ♿
- ➔ 10 barrel craft brewery, tap room, and extensive brew hall. Founded 2016. One of two warehouses, previously Victorian maltings building. Yard overlooks River Foss. Awarded Within the Walls Pub of the Year 2018.

24 Castlegate House

- 📍 Castlegate
- Sun 11am-3pm ♿
- ➔ Georgian townhouse designed by John Carr c.1763 for Peter Johnson, Recorder of York. Later occupied by the Quaker Girls School (The Mount School York). Now Masonic Lodge. Temple added 1920, designed by architects Ward and Leckenby. Grade I listed.

25 Fishergate Postern Tower

- 📍 Piccadilly
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm ♿
- ➔ Tower built c.1502. Replaced earlier tower. Small medieval gateway into city. Now last remaining pointed archway. Inhabited C19. Grade I listed.

26 Friargate Quaker Meeting House

- 📍 Friargate
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm ♿
- ➔ Quaker Meeting House first built 1674. Previously Clifford Street Meeting House, accommodated up to 1200 people. Clifford Street façade remains. Current meeting house design by Leeds architect Denis Mason Jones 1981. Reused 1817 cast-iron columns from gallery of large meeting house in front porch.



Brew York
Walmgate

Castlegate & Walmgate map



Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information

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27 Lady Peckett's Yard

- 📍 Fossgate
View From Street 📍
- ➔ Originally medieval alley. Snicket provided link between Pavement and Merchant Adventurers' Hall - York Guildhall in post-mediaeval period. Courtyard provided access to rear of Herbert House. Named after Alice, wife of 1701-2 Lord Mayor John Peckett.

28 Pope's Head Alley

- 📍 Peter Lane-High Ousegate
View From Street 📍
- ➔ York's narrowest snickelway (portmanteau of snicket, ginnel and alleyway). 2 ft 7 in (79 cm) wide. Links High Ousegate to Peter Lane.

TIP: Find the southern entrance between Lakeland and Byron.

29 SPARK

- 📍 Piccadilly
Sat & Sun 12pm onwards 📍
- ➔ Outdoor community space. Upcycled shipping containers over two levels. Home to local food, drink, retail and social enterprise start-ups. Opened 2018.

30 St Denys Church

- 📍 St Denys Road
Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- ➔ One of two medieval churches remaining on Walmgate. Site of Saxon church and possible Roman temple. Remodelled since C14. Spire removed after Civil War cannon damage, C18 lightning strike, and subsistence after King's fishpool drained and sewer built C18. Grade I listed.

31 St George's Church

- 📍 Peel Street
Sat 10:40am-4pm & Sun 11:30am-4pm 📍
- ➔ Church designed by Charles & Joseph Hanson. Built 1849-1850. Caen stone altar and Rood Screen - fine wood Flemish carving - over sacristy door. Gravestone of C18 highwayman Dick Turpin in churchyard opposite.

32 The Phoenix Inn

- 📍 George Street
Sat & Sun 12pm onwards 📍
- ➔ Late C18 public house. Refitted 1897 with designs by Tadcaster architects, Bromet and Thorman. Last surviving pub inside city walls to serve cattle market held in Fishergate Bar until 1827. Reopened 2009 following restoration. 2023 York CAMRA Pub of the Year. Grade II listed.

33 Walmgate Bar

- 📍 Walmgate
Sat 10am-4pm & Sun 12pm-4pm 📍
- ➔ Self-contained fortress, built from C12. Most complete of four mediaeval fortified gateways into the city. Retains barbican, portcullis and inner doors. Residential building until 1957. Awarded York Design Award 2016. Now Gatehouse Coffee. Part of the City Walls Ancient Scheduled Monument.



SPARK
Piccadilly



City Centre

48 Coney Street

- 📍 Coney Street
- Tour TBC (Book Online)
- ➡ Shop dated 1907 with late C20 alteration and shopfront. Design by Boots the Chemist's in-house architect Michael Vyne Treleaven. Mock timber frame style. 1921 combined with No.30. Previously TK Maxx. Insider tours provided by North Star. Grade II listed.

35 Assembly Rooms

- 📍 Blake Street
- Sat & Sun 10-4pm + Roof Tours (Book Online) ♿
- ➡ Georgian assembly rooms. Designed 1730 by Palladian architect Richard Boyle, 3rd Earl of Burlington. Building completed 1732. Earliest neo-classical building outside Italy, based on Egyptian Hall design. Refronted and portico added by JP Pritchley 1828. Now ASK Italian. Grade I listed. Smoking room open 10am-11:30am each day.

36 City Screen Picturehouse

- 📍 Coney Street ♿
- ➡ Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- Former Evening Press and Yorkshire Herald offices. Arts Council funded redevelopment, architects Panter Hudspith. Cinema, bar and restaurant complex opened January 2000.

37 Coney Street Riverside Development

- 📍 Coney Street
- ➡ Tour Sat 2pm (Book Online)
- Garden tour, only accessible through Coney Street shops. Part of Helmsley Group regeneration project to rejuvenate historic lanes and passageways linking Coney Street to River Ouse. Development proposal includes 250,000 sq ft of mixed-use spaces. Plans available to view at 29-31 Coney Street as part of StreetLife project.

35 De Grey House

- 📍 St Leonard's Place
- Tours Sat 2pm-4pm ♿ Book Online).
- ➡ Ground floor only
- Home of lawyer William Blanchard, designed by railway architect G.T. Andrews and partner P.F. Robinson. Completed 1835, following 1830 City Corporation proposal led to street development. 1906 George Newey wall clock moved to building front in 2011. Grade II* listed.

39 Holy Trinity

- 📍 Goodramgate
- Sat & Sun 11am-3pm ♿
- ➡ Medieval church, predominantly C15. Features rare C17-18 box pews and only hagioscope window in York. Location Anne Lister and Ann Walker sealed union 1834. Grade I listed.

Tip: Spot Priest John Walker, immortalised as the kneeling figure in red, in the stained glass.

40 Jackson House: Quacks & PICA

- 📍 Grape Lane
- Opening Times TBC ♿
- Wheelchair access to ground floor.
- ➡ Artist-led studios in C18 printworks. Remains Quacks The Printer. PICA Studios founded 2017. Home to illustrators, printmakers, potters and textile artists.



City Screen Picturehouse
Coney Street

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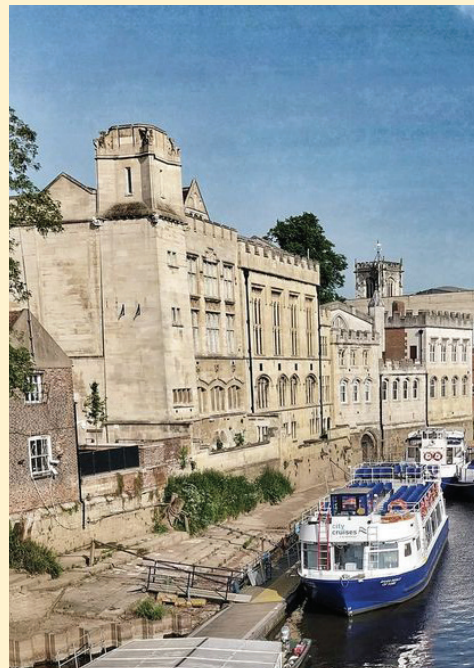
41 Minster Refectory

- 📍 Deangate
- Tours Sat & Sun 9am (Book Online) &
- ➔ Previously York Minster School. 1833 originally built for St Peter's School. Now restaurant. First solar tiles on York listed building. Part of York Minster Neighbourhood Plan. Insider tours provided by owner Gem Construction. Grade II listed building.

42 Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow

- 📍 Shambles
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm 🕒
- ➔ Possible former home of Margaret Clitherow and husband John Clitherow. Margaret ran Catholic school and hosted secret masses at home under reign of Queen Elizabeth I. 1586 martyred, later canonised, for harbouring Catholic priests. Now shrine to St Margaret Clitherow, Pearl of York.

Tip: Visit the Bar Convent for more about Margaret Clitherow.



The Guildhall
Coney Street

43 St Helen's Church

- 📍 St Helen's Square, St Helen's Square
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm OOO
- ➔ 1235 earliest written record of church. Guild church of glaziers and stainers. Partially demolished 1551. Rare example of church reinstated after Reformation with 1553-4 Act to authorise rebuilding. 1857 reconstruction by WH Dykes. 1875 restoration by W Atkinson. Two C17 bells. Graveyard paved to create St Helen's Square 1732. Grade II* listed.

44 St Martin-Le-Grand

- 📍 Coney Street
- Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm &
- ➔ Parish church rebuilt and altered over successive centuries. Bombed WW2 in 'Baedeker raids.' Extensively restored 1960s, rehallowed as chapel of peace and reconciliation. East window now depicts burning of church. 1967 organ gift from people of Germany. Iconic double-sided clock at entrance. Originally installed 1668. 1856 bracket and current clock face. 'Little Admiral' added 1779. Grade II* listed.

45 The Guildhall

- 📍 Coney Street
- Sat 7th. General Access 10 - 4pm
- ➔ Council Chambers will require booking. Seat of York civic governance since C13. Current hall built 1449-1459. Two-story Atkinson block added 1808-10. Full Council meetings still held in council chambers. Damaged by bombing during WW2. Re-opened after restoration in June 1960 by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Restoration and redevelopment project completed April 2022. Operated by York Science Park with workspaces, conferences, events and café. Grade I, II* & II listed buildings.

46 York Explore Library & Archives

- 📍 Library Square, Museum Street
- Sat 10am-4pm & Sun 11am-4pm
- ➔ Arts and crafts library designed by York architect Walter Brierley 1927. Grade II listed.

Tip: Join York Explore's special Sunday event to view an archive exhibit of architects and engineers plans of York which document some fascinating changes and developments in York's built environment.



York Explore Library
Museum Street



Assembly Rooms
Blake Street

47 York Lodge No. 236

- 📍 Duncombe Place
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- ➔ Oldest purpose-built Masonic Hall in York. Built 1862-63, altered 1866, C20 extension. Designed by J Barton-Wilson and John Edwin Gates. Grade II listed.

48 York Medical Society (23 Stonegate)

- 📍 Stonegate
- Sun 10am-3pm + Tours Sun 11am & 1pm (Book Online) &
- ➔ House with walled garden. C16 building with later additions and restoration. Home of physician and surgeon Tempest Anderson (1846-1913). Occupied by York Medical Society (founded 1832) since 1915. Grade II* listed. Disability access can be arranged.

Tip: Access house off Stonegate between Toast and Molly Browns.

49 York Oratory (St Wilfrid's) & Garden

- 📍 Duncombe Place
- Church: Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- ➔ Garden: Sat 2pm-4pm &
- Catholic church completed 1864, on the site of old chapel. Designed by York architect George Goldie. Cathedral of Diocese of Beverley for first 13 years. Features sculpture, stained glass and paintings. Grade II listed.

50 York Theatre Royal Foyer

- 📍 St Leonard's Place
- Sat 10am-4pm &
- ➔ Theatre glass-surrounded foyer, designed by architect Patrick Gwynne 1967. First use of poured concrete as architectural feature in UK. Rib-arch vaulting design. 36 circular roof lights on ceiling, some automatically open when temperature too hot, closing with rain. Grade II listed.

Holgate (see map on page 19)

51 Holgate Windmill

- 📍 Windmill Rise
- 🕒 Opening Times TBC 📄
- ➡ Yorkshire's oldest working windmill. Built 1770 by George Waud in then hamlet of Holgate. 1939 bought by York Corporation before falling into disrepair. 2001 Holgate Windmill Preservation Society formed. Installed 35ft windmill blades during restoration. Grade II listed.

52 The Fox

- 📍 Holgate Road
- 🕒 Opening Times TBC ♿
- ➡ Purpose-built Victorian pub. Built 1878, restored 1985 and 2014. Core customer base originally came from nearby Carriagework, hence current railway-themed decor by Ossett Brewery. Grade II listed.



Garforth House
Micklegate

Micklegate, Bishophill & Railway

53 All Saints' Church & Anchorhold

- 📍 North Street
- 🕒 Sat 10-4pm + Anchorhold Tours TBC (Book Online) ♿
- ➡ Medieval parish church, built from C12 to C15. Roman column suggests reused materials. Ten mediaeval stained glass windows, including 'Corporal Acts of Mercy' and 'Pricke of Conscience.' Anchorhold cell inhabited early C15 by visionary anchorite (religious recluse) Emma Raughton. Reconstructed early C20, with chancel screen designed by Edwin Ridsdale Tate. Grade I listed.

Tip: Spot a man wearing mediaeval spectacles in the stained glass window.

54 Bar Convent

- 📍 Sat & Sun 10am-4pm + Behind-the-scenes Hidden Chapel Construction Tours TBC (Book Online) ♿
- ➡ Convent founded 1686 when Catholicism was illegal. Oldest living convent in England. Concealed chapel, new building façade, and parlour built mid-C18 by Thomas Atkinson. Glass roof over entrance designed 1844 by railway architect G.T. Andrews. Once girls school, now convent, guest house, cafe, and heritage centre with exhibition display on C17 hiding hole. Grade I listed.

55 Barker Tower (Perky Peacock)

- 📍 Station Road
- 🕒 Sat & Sun 10am-4pm 📄
- ➡ C14 tower controlling river traffic at boundary of medieval city centre with Lendal Tower. Leased to ferrymen until Lendal Bridge, built 1863, removed need for ferry across river. Briefly C19 mortuary. Now The Perky Peacock cafe. Part of the City Walls Ancient Scheduled Monument.

56 Garforth House

- 📍 54 Micklegate
- 🕒 Tours Sat 10am, 11am, 2pm & 3pm
Tours Sun 10am & 11am (Book Online) 📄
- ➡ Georgian townhouse built for Edmund and Elizabeth Garforth. Likely designed by John Carr, 1757, with unusual 'H' shape. St Margaret's School from 1912. Later offices. Now residential. Grade I listed.


Micklegate, Bishophill & Railway map



57 **Middletons**

- 📍 Skeldergate
- Tours Sat & Sun TBC (Book Online)
- ➡ *Luxury hotel across 6 buildings. Includes C18 Sheriff of York residence (No.56 Skeldergate), sawmill (Cromwell House), hospital (Lady Anne House), C17 townhouse (Chaplin House) owned by Hans Hess, former York City Art Gallery director, Sir Joseph Terry Cottages and Organ Factory event space. Grade II and Grade II* listed.*

58 **North Eastern Railway Company War Memorial**

- 📍 Station Rise
- View From Street 
- ➡ *WW1 memorial commemorating 2,236 North Eastern Railway employees. Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Unveiled 1924. Originally site of York Station coal depot and carriage sidings. Grade II* listed.*




Garforth House
Micklegate



Bar Convent
Blossom Street

59 **St Martin-cum-Gregory (Stained Glass Centre)**

- 📍 Micklegate
- Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. Toilet not accessible. 
- ➡ *Former parish church with C11 origins dedicated to St. Martin. Rebuilt in C14. Merged with parish of St Gregory 1585. The Stained Glass Centre since 2008, offering demonstrations and family-friendly activities. Grade I listed.*

Tip: Discover works by C18 stained glass artist William Peckitt and his wife Mary, including William's memorial window to two of their daughters.



Garforth House
Micklegate

60 **St Mary's Bishophill Junior**

- 📍 Bishophill Junior
- Sat 1pm-4pm & Sun 11am-4pm
- ➡ (with some restricted areas)
- Built mainly C12 and C13. C10 west tower, constructed with Roman stone, oldest ecclesiastical structure in York. Repaired, reroofed and embattled 1411. Stations of the Cross by local artist, Fiona Kahn FitzGerald. Grade I listed.*

61 **The Ackhorne**

- 📍 St Martin's Lane
- Sat & Sun From 12pm
- ➡ *C18 pub. Recorded as The Acorn 1834. Early C20 interior including wooden panelling and stained glass windows.*




The Grand
Station Rise

62 **The Golden Ball**

- 📍 Bishophill Senior
- Sat & Sun From 12pm
- York's first community co-operative pub.*
- ➡ *First newspaper mentions 1773. Extended 1883. Acquired by John Smith's of Tadcaster 1902. Remodelled 1929 by in-house architect, Bertram Wilson. Inter-war scheme still largely complete. Grade II listed.*

The Grand, York

- 63 **Station Rise**
- 📍 Tours Sat & Sun 10am & 1pm (Book Online) 
- ➡ *Built 1906 for North Eastern Railway Company. Designed by William Bell and Horace Field. Described as 'Palace of Business.' 2010 York's first 5-star hotel opened. Grade II* listed.*

North East



York St John University, Chapel
Lord Mayor's Walk

34 Bedern Hall

- Bartle Garth
Sun 10am-4pm &
- ➔ Medieval dining hall built c.1399. Originally College of the Vicars Choral refectory. Incorporated into private house mid-C17, later divided into tenements. C20 alterations when owned by bakery. Restoration began 1979. Grade II* listed.

35 Central Methodist Church

- St Saviourgate
Sat 10am-4pm &
- ➔ Wesleyan Methodist chapel, designed by Leeds architect James Simpson. Built 1840 with ancillary buildings added late C19. Purpose built as Centenary Chapel for 1500 people to celebrate centenary of Methodism. Front elevation grand ionic portico. Retains historic box pews. Grade II* listed.

Tip: Be sure to view the church from the gallery which is not normally open.

36 Ice House

- Monkgate
View From Street
- ➔ Georgian ice house. Domed building to store ice collected in winter, built c.1800. Tunnel vaulted passageway leads to subterranean ice chamber, set into rampart of City Wall. Restored 1970s. Grade II listed.

Tip: Accessed behind Keystones Pub.



Central Methodist Church
Aldwark & Hungate



Peasholme House
St Saviours Place

37 Merchant Taylors' Hall

- Aldwark
Sunday 10am-4pm &
- ➔ Medieval guildhall built 1415. Small Hall added late C15. Stained glass windows in Small Hall by York glass painter Henry Gyles. Great Hall used as theatre C18. Later National School for Girls 1813-1823. Grade I listed.

38 Monk Bar

- Goodramgate
Sat & Sun 10am-4pm
- ➔ Self-contained fortress tower with city's only working portcullis. Dates from early C14. Tallest and most ornate of four gateways into York. Top story added late C15. Prison from 1577. Associated barbican demolished 1825. Part of the City Walls Ancient Scheduled Monument.

39 Peasholme House

- St Saviours Place
Tours TBC (Book Online)
- ➔ Georgian townhouse. 1752 built for carpenter Robert Heworth, likely designed by Harewood House architect John Carr. Let as school 1872-1884. Restored 1975. Now language school. Grade II* listed.



St Saviourgate Masonic Lodge
St Saviourgate

70 River Foss Cable Bridge

- Foss Islands Road
➔ View From Street
- ➔ Pedestrian cable bridge. Built 1931 by Monk Bridge Engineering Company as private bridge for power station workers. Unused since 1976 after power station and cooling tower demolition. Current York Civic Trust heritage restoration project - more info: www.yorkcivictrust.co.uk/river-foss-cable-bridge

71 St Anthony's Garden

- Peasholme Green
Sat & Sunday 10am-4pm &
- ➔ Sensory garden hidden by York Walls. Design, based on heraldic patterns, by Annette Parkes and Bishop Burton College students. York Design Award winner 2009.



York St John University, Creative Centre
Lord Mayor's Walk

cont...

72 St Anthony's Hall

Peasholme Green

Sun 10am-4pm

Lift access to first floor

- Medieval guildhall of St Martin built 1446-53. Named after previous chapel on site. Rumour Henry VIII banqueted here during York stay. Gaol for Royalist prisoners during English Civil War, then House of Correction until 1730. Blue Coat School 1705-1946. Later Borthwick Institute of Historic Research. Now home to Trinity Church. Lift access to first floor. Grade I listed.

Tip: Search for the carved bosses decorating intersections of the ribbed ceiling such as a green man, a hart or stag, and a woman with mediaeval headdress.

72 St Saviourgate Masonic Hall

St Saviourgate

Sat & Sun 10am-4pm

- Built 1845 for Mechanics Institute. Designed by architect family J. B. and W. Atkinson. Masonic lodge since 1883. Grade II listed.

74 Theatre 41

Monkgate

Sun 10am-2pm

- Theatre space, previously York Trinity Methodist church hall and offices. Founded by youth theatre director, producer, musical composer, and playwright John Cooper for community to meet, rehearse and perform.

75 Unitarian Chapel

St. Saviourgate

Sat 10am-4pm & Sun 12am-4pm (excluding concert times)

- Presbyterian chapel, built 1692, for group previously meeting in homes of Lady Hewley and others. Unusual cruciform shape. C19 refitted by architect George Fowler Jones. Grade II* listed. Visitors are welcome to join Sunday worship service 11am-12pm.

Tip. Enjoy a concert on Saturday evening (details available <https://latemusic.org/>)

76 York St John University

Lord Mayor's Walk

Sat 10am-4pm

→ **Quadrangle**

University founded as college in 1841. Original campus built around quadrangle (no entry to building). Enter from Lord Mayor's Walk.

→ **Chapel**

Chapel of St John the Evangelist, built 1967. Designed by architect George Gaze Pace as brutalist chapel in reinforced concrete. Stained glass includes 'The Water of Life' by Cathy Nutkins (1990 graduate) in right-hand transept. Peace garden features sapling gifted from city of Hiroshima, Japan. Grade II listed.

→ **Creative Centre. Atrium**

Low-energy building designed by Tate & Co, opened 2022. 3,000m2 flexible learning space. View the triple height atrium designed as a "living room" for students where stairs double up as seating. Substantial timber frame. Theatre is not open to visitors.

Tip: Look out for the carefully framed views of the Minster.



York St John University, Creative Centre
Lord Mayor's Walk

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